

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Shore, Steve Cummings, Dave Besselman, Abby Pyle, Wilson Lysle

GUESTS PRESENT: Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Kim Venzie, Officer Jebiz Anderson, Lieutenant D'Ambrosio, Guy Swift

After an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting was called to order by President Shore at 6:00 p.m.

RESIDENT REQUEST

LIEUTENANT D'AMBROSIO – AVONDALE STATE POLICE

Lieutenant D'Ambrosio gave the following report on incidents from June 1st to current: There were 46 total incidents in the Borough. 11 of the incidents were crashes with only one serious injury. One was a DUI crash and 4 hit and run crashes. There were 3 criminal instances; two burglaries and a PFA violation. The rest are minor; disturbances, noise complaints, and alarms. We have been seeing a lot of car break-in's in other municipalities most of the time it is cars that were unlocked. Also, phone scams are becoming a problem and mostly targeting the elderly.

GUY SWIFT – AVONDALE FIRE COMPANY

Guy Swift gave the following report on the first 6 months of 2016: There were 13 fire calls in Avondale Borough out of 241 and 38 EMS calls out of 623. Payroll is down about \$4,700 since this time last year. We had two FEMA grants awarded to the Fire Company for around \$68,000.00. Each ambulance will be equipped with a Power Load System which is a new regulation from the health department. This equipment will lift the stretcher to save back injuries. The remainder of the grant is for a second Lucas CPR device; this device automatically does CPR. The fund drive did go out for EMS and as of 8/10/2016 we collected \$53,000 which is about 10% return.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from July 26, 2016, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Rick Davis was absent from this meeting. Council reviewed his report and they had no questions.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

No one attended this meeting to give a report. The report was received today.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

EICHELBERGERS, INC. - WELL TESTING

Test pumping will begin in September. The two new wells will be tested for iron and manganese. It is anticipated to take three to four weeks for the results.

MS4 PROGRAM

The Borough's permit does not expire until March 2018. A new application is not due until September 2017; 6 months in advance of expiration. There are three pilot programs that are proposed within the Christina Watersheds and Avondale Borough is within one of the selected areas. The program will evaluate, design and implement measures towards reducing pollutants entering the streams. The Borough should be getting information on the program.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

STOUT UPDATE

Ms. Venzie said Scott Moran said he would handle taking care of the code enforcement on the property by filing citations with District Court, posting the property, etc. Scott has not done any of this. President Shore said this is a safety issue that needs to be resolved and the people should not be living there.

GREASE TRAP ORDINANCE

Kim will draft an ordinance for Council's review and have it ready for Council's approval to advertise at the September meeting.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve to advertise the proposed Snow Emergency Routes Ordinance, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to August 16, 2016, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ZONING HEARING - 325 CHURCH STREET

There will be a Zoning Hearing on August 24, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The Applicant is Cornerstone Quality Builders asking for zoning relief to construct a single family dwelling.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, September 13, 2016 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 20, 2016 @6:00 p.m.
- There will be an Executive Session after this meeting to discuss possible litigation on the Wilkinson Project.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m., 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary