

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
August 18, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Dottie Howell, Sandy Masten, Glenn Diehl, Dennis O'Neil, Fred Walton, Sherry Seace, James Seace, Jared Seace, Lieutenant Rich D'Ambrosio-Avondale State Police, Bill Webb

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

RESIDENT AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

LIEUTENANT RICH D'AMBROSIO – AVONDALE STATE POLICE

In the last 90 days they handled 91 calls: 19 criminal incidents, 8 assaults, 2 criminal mischiefs, 6 thefts, a few minor drug offenses, and other minor incidents. There were 4 minor vehicle crashes with no reportable injuries. In May and June we really hit the State Street Bridge hard. Joining Avondale troopers were troopers from the Lancaster Barracks. We handed out a significant amount of citations for overweight's.

There was one vehicle broken into in the Borough. In London Grove Township there was a development that had 16 or 17 vehicles broken into and not one of these vehicles was locked. Lieutenant D'Ambrosio said he can't stress enough how important it is to lock your vehicle.

JARED SEACE – Eagle Scout Project

Jared said that Council already approved him to re-build the wall at the memorial with an estimated project cost of \$300.00. Jared asked Council if they will be willing to make a donation for his project. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve \$250.00 for the project, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

JAMES SEACE – Eagle Scout Project

James said he is here to return \$100.36 that was not used from the donation the Borough donated toward his Eagle Scout Project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the minutes from July 21, 2015, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton gave the following report:

Generally speaking the plant is running very well. The ammonia levels have been up and down and we may have to do a couple of extra tests on the ammonia to make sure we meet our

monthly average. Currently, we are hauling 8,000 gallons of sludge a week and we need to increase it by at least double. There is a lot of sludge at the plant; the sludge holding is close to full and the digesters are full. We need to start hauling the sludge out so we will have room for the winter. Council agreed to the increased sludge hauling.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dennis O'Neil gave the following report

WELL UPDATE

We drilled two production wells; the first well did not produce sufficient water, less than 25 gallons per minute. We re-located and drilled a second well and it is producing 75 gallons per minute. Both wells are about 300 feet deep. Permit applications were submitted to the County for the observation wells. DEP has requested us to install piezometers at the creek to measure ground water and it will be drilled this at the same time as the observation wells.

CONSTRUCTION RELEASE – EICHELBERGERS'

The Contractor has submitted a payment request. Once approved by Council, this request will go to the County. The County approves and will release a check to the Borough and the Borough will release a check to the contractor. Steve Cummings made a motion to approve Eichelbergers' payment request of \$37,835.00, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

EDLON'S ESCROW RELEASE

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the site improvement escrow release of \$10,135.50 and the Engineering Escrow Release in the amount of \$2,038.25, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

CORNERSTONE QUALITY BUILDERS

A letter was received from Cornerstone Quality Builders requesting a new water and sewer connection for a single family house construction at 313 New Street. His office reviewed the plans and has no objections approving the connections. Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the water and sewer connection, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

HUGHES SUBDIVISION PLAN

The plan needs some minor changes. There needs to be a statement saying the waivers were granted, a signature block needs to be added and the part about the plan being approved by Resolution back in 2005 needs to be deleted. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the subdivision plans with the changes, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried. Dennis O'Neil will contact Ken Crossan about the changes.

RE-ZONING PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve advertising the proposed ordinance, 2nd by Abby Pyle, Steve Cummings-yea, Wilson Lysle-nay, Bill Shore-yea, motion carried with a 4-1 vote.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to July 21, 2015, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

NEW BUSINESS

SEWER AUTHORITY MEMBER – RE-APPOINTMENT

Wilson Lysle made a motion to re-appoint Davis Howell as Sewer Authority Member for 5 years, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 8, 2015 @6:00 p.m.
- Work Session – Tuesday, September 15, 2015 @2:00 p.m.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., 2nd by Abby Pylr, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary