

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
January 20, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Glenn Diehl, Cleve Price, Tom Lowry, Vince Barbone, Nick Baccino, Shawn Carroll

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

SHAWN CARROLL – AVONDALE FIRE COMPANY

Mr. Carroll gave a review of the fire company's operations:

We provide Fire and EMS service to six municipalities: 100% of New Garden Township, 100% Avondale Borough and portions of London Grove Township, London Britain Township, Franklin Township, and West Marlborough Township. The EMS personnel are staffed on station 24/7 by a combination of career staff and volunteers. The Fire personnel are composed mostly of volunteers. We have paid Fire Fighters and EMTs on duty Monday through Friday during the day. Medic 94 also resides at the station. There were 170 EMS calls and 37 Fire Calls in Avondale Borough. False Alarms are 25% of our calls and we hope the Borough will consider adopting a False alarm ordinance to penalize owners. We strive for \$700 per call for the fire side and \$200.00 for the EMS side. Mr. Carroll said he knows money is tight but anything the Borough can do to increase the contributions would be greatly appreciated. Mr. Carroll will get a copy of New Garden's False Alarm Ordinance for the Borough's review.

VINCE BARBONE – HAGGERTY & HAGGERTY / 2013 AUDIT

Mr. Barbone reviewed the 2013 Audit. A copy of the audit is available at the Borough Office. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the 2013 Audit subject to the revision of the legal fees that were previously estimated, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the minutes from December 16, 2014, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A copy of the monthly report is available at the Borough Office.

WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The advertisement for our flood plain permit application will be advertised in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on the 17th. There is a 30 day waiting period and we should have the permit soon. We are projecting by the beginning of March to do the test wells and start the monitoring.

EDLON

A final inspection was done on Edlon and the only thing left is restoration; they have everything stabilized at this point and would not have any problem releasing everything except for the retainage for the project.

DELAWARE RIVER BASIN PERMIT

We did get the Delaware River Basin approval for the wastewater treatment plant. Part of the permit requires us to do an application to the Delaware River Basin for our water supply. Cleve will get a couple proposals to prepare the application. This will be a mandatory yearly report.

ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

STOUT – 26 GAP NEWPORT PIKE

Two citations and a civil complaint were filed in District Court for the Stout property. Tom will issue more citations if the Stouts do not comply. Glenn Diehl said there are several issues there: There is the zoning issue where he needs a special exception, there is a new unit where there were no tapping fees paid, and they are not in compliance with the rental ordinance. Council agreed to have Glenn move forward with the lien. Mr. Diehl said he will lien the property next week.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to January 20, 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

ZONING HEARING BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT – KATHY KILMER

Steve Cummings made a motion to re-appoint Kathy Kilmer to the Zoning Hearing Board for three years, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, February 10, 2015 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 17, 2015 @6:00 p.m.

Wilson Lysle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary