

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Sandy Masten, Kim Venzie, Jamie MacCombie, Rick Davis, Officer Jebiz Anderson, Henry Schlimme, Rebecca Schlimme, Janet Kruger, Louise Cleveland, Tom Gaebel arrived at 7:30 p.m.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ORDINANCE #253 - PARKING ON MULLEN DRIVE AND GARNER DRIVE

President Shore opened the public hearing for proposed ordinance #253 which will eliminate street parking on both sides of Mullen and Garner Drives.

Janet Kruger said she and Henry Schlimme are President and Vice President of the Carillon HOA Board and we have a concern about the no parking on both sides of the streets. When Wilkinson built the development, they didn't equally disperse overflow parking spaces. There is literally no extra parking for the people who live on Mullen Drive. The HOA would like to propose to Council to allow parking on one side of the street preferably the even numbered side so it doesn't obstruct the mailboxes or the fire hydrants. We understand in a snow emergency not to park on street. We are hoping that Council will work with us and designate no parking on only one side of the streets. After much discussion, Council agreed to the parking on one side of Mullen Drive and Garner Drive. Dave Besselman made a motion to table this until the December 20, 2016 Council meeting, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried. Kim Venzie will make the changes to the proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE #254 - GREASE TRAP ORDINANCE

Solicitor Kim Venzie reviewed the exhibits that are required to consider this ordinance for adoption.

1. Exhibit B-1 is the proof of publication that this ordinance was properly advertised in the Daily Local News on November 3, 2016.
2. Exhibit B-2 is a letter from her office dated October 31, 2016 stating that the ordinance was on file at the Chester County Law Library.
3. Exhibit B-3 is a letter from her office stating that the ordinance was on file with the Daily Local News.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Ordinance #254, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the minutes from October 18, 2016, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Council reviewed Rick Davis' report

PROPOSAL FROM KEYSTONE PAVING & SEALCOATING, INC – STREET REPAIR

There are three areas that need repair: 1. 2nd & New Street-cut out prefill and pave for \$1,800.00. 2. Hoopes Alley 2nd Street – cut out prefill and pave for \$800.00 3. 4th and Chatham – cut out, prefill, pave and hot tar all seams. Total cost \$3,500.00. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve up to \$3,500.00 for street repair, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton was absent from this meeting

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

WELL TESTING

Based on the test results the iron and manganese levels will require treatment. Our office is working with several treatment suppliers to determine the best method to use for continued long term operation and cost. We anticipate have a completed project manual in early January 2017 to advertise for bids in February.

ANHOLT SEWER LINE

The sewer connection is complete and inspected by his office. They put a metered manhole at the Borough line and if there are any future connections they are going to install the meter. The flow will be based on the water meter coming out of the Anholt facility.

123 W. STATE STREET – SEPARATE SEWER LINE

123 & 125 W. State Street is a twin house that has one existing sewer lateral. Now that there are two separate owners a new sewer lateral for 123 W. State Street needs to be installed and the new owner is aware of this. Mr. MacCombie said since the sewer line is around 19' deep he doesn't have a problem with connecting this line to the manhole. Council agreed to forego the tapping fees since the property has been metered and paid for sewer and water.

GAEBEL PROPERTY

Tom Gaebel submitted a plan about two years ago, that was reviewed. It went back and forth for months to meet the flood plain regulations and ordinances. We came up with a solution and recommended approval of the plan. Jeremiah MacCombie was in the Borough to inspect something else and he saw that Mr. Gaebel started putting in sidewalks, curbing and working on the parking lot without permits. Jeremiah told the contractor to stop work until he was issued a permit. The contractor did not stop and they finished the job.

Tom Gaebel just arrived (7:30 pm). President Shore expressed to Mr. Gaebel that he was upset that procedures were not followed starting with the 811 where you are required to call before you dig so you don't hit a gas or electrical line. Second, the contractor dug out the foundation, installed curbs and sidewalks without a permit or any notification to the Borough. Mr. Gaebel apologized and said when he was informed by David Biloon at MacCombie's office there were no permits; he immediately applied and posted \$1500 escrow. All permit issues are being resolved with the Engineer and Zoning Officer.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

STOUT UPDATE

Anthony Campbell met with a representative of the law office (Schindler Law Group) who represents Mr. Stout. They completed a walk through of the illegal unit #5 and determined that there was a significant safety hazard and witnessed numerous violations. The property was posted with an order to vacate. All residents from that unit were removed from the property and the unit was pad locked and posted. A contractor will be submitting plans for the required repairs.

PECO NATURAL GAS AGREEMENT

Wilson made a motion to approve to sign the PECO natural gas agreement for \$8,028.78, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried. The gas line will supply the maintenance building and the borough building.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to November 15, 2016, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

2017 BUDGET – ADVERTISE

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve to advertise the 2017 Budget, 2nd Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

SIGNAL SERVICE CONTRACT

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the Signal Service contract for two years at a cost of \$800.00 per year, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

GAS HEATER FOR MAINTENANCE BUILDING

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve \$8,581.00 for a natural gas heater and heat pump from Crossan, Inc., 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE POLICE BONUS & EMPLOYEE BONUS

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve up to \$1,000 to purchase Wawa gift cards for the Fire Police and Lowe's gift cards for the employees, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

FIRE POLICE DUES

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve to pay the Fire Police dues for 2017, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, December 13, 2016 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, December 20, 2016 @6:00 p.m.
- The Christmas Tree Lighting will be held at Servpro on December 8th at 6:30 p.m.
- There will be an executive session after this meeting to discuss a legal matter.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary