

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Kim Venzie, Dennis O’Neill, Rick Davis

After an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting was called to order by Vice President Cummings at 6:00 p.m. (President Shore was in attendance but due to a medical issue with his sight, he handed the meeting over to Vice President Steve Cummings)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the minutes from September 20, 2016, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Council reviewed Rick Davis’ report

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton gave the following report

The Sewer Plant is running well. 8 million gallons of sewer were treated and there was 7.5 million gallons of influent. There were 31,200 gallons of sludge removed from the facility.

Maintenance issues at sewer plant: The chlorine gas alarm system for the effluent building had a faulty control board which was replaced and now working. The chlorine analyzer had a faulty display board; it was replaced and is now working. M&S is scheduled to return to work on the influent pumps. Hillside started their disassembly work on the grit auger, they will make the replacement parts made and return to finish the rest of it.

The Water Plant is running well with an estimated 57,937 gallons a day for well #1 and 29,483 gallons a day for well #2. The pumps are running an average of 7.5 hours a day.

BOROUGH ENGINEER’S REPORT

Dennis O’Neill gave the following report

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Attended the work session and discussed a grant program that is out from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania called Small Water and Sewer. Based on the discussion at the work session, we want to put in two applications; one for the well head protection on the existing wells and the other to replace the water main on Pennsylvania Avenue to Church Street, with the well head protection being the priority. There is a \$100.00 fee for each application. Wilson Lysle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-6 and Resolution 2016-7 moving forward with the grant applications and approving the President and Secretary to sign the resolutions after the Borough Solicitor prepares the resolutions, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

WELL TESTING

The testing is done for the main well and there is no relief in the magnesium and iron and will require treatment. MacCombie's office is moving forward with several treatment suppliers to determine the best method to use for continued long term operation and cost.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

RESOLUTION 2016-5

Abby Pyle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-5 approving Avondale Borough to participate in the Christina Watershed Pilot Program and approve the financial support of \$2,000 for two years, \$1,000 each year, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

STOUT UPDATE

Anthony Campbell is moving forward with the process on Stout property code violations.

MEETING WITH NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP AND AQUA

The meeting is Thursday, October 20th at 9:30 a.m. to discuss New Garden selling their sewer plant to Aqua. The agreement we now have in place will continue with Aqua. Aqua will cover any professional fees that Avondale incurs through this process.

GREASE TRAP ORDINANCE

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve to advertise the grease trap ordinance, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

PARKING ISSUE IN CARILLON

Wilson Lysle made a motion to move forward with the proposed ordinance restricting parking on both sides of Garner and Mullen Drives and approve the Solicitor to advertise, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried. The Secretary will send the public notice to Carillon property owners.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to October 18, 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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The cost is \$32,000 but under the County's Vision Partnership Program they will pay 70% of the project. The net cost to the Borough for the project will be \$8,600.00. Bill Shore made a motion to approve Ray Ott & Associates to update the Borough's Comprehensive Plan which will take one year to complete, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried. The Secretary will be the main contact person.

OLD BUSINESS

TREE TRIMMING ON INDIAN RUN ROAD AND POMEROY AVENUE

Wilson Lysle said there are two trees in Indian Run Park in danger of falling on a house. Since the trees are too close to the wires, the electricity must be turned off which will affect Avon Mohr Development and Indian Run Road customers. The road will be shut down periodically but they will work with the school buses so they can still get through. We are waiting for PECO to contact us as to when they will shut down the power.

The proposal from Chadds Ford Tree Service for tree work on Indian Run Road and Pomeroy Avenue for 12 trees and three limbs, chipped, wood removed, 2 men for two days, a crane and clean up for \$12,300; half for this years' budget and half in next year's budget. Bill Shore made a motion to approve the tree work, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

SIGNAL SERVICE TWO YEAR CONTRACT

Bill Shore said he didn't see anything in the contract regarding maintenance of the battery backups at the traffic signals. Council decided to table this until the contract is amended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, November 8, 2016 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, November 15, 2016 @6:00 p.m.

Bill Shore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m., 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary