

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
September 16, 2014
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Herb MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Cleve Price, Tom Lowry, Chuck Freeze, David Flad, Sherry Seace, James Seace

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

RESIDENT AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

DAVID FLAD & CHUCK FREEZE - AGREM

David Flad introduced himself as the AGREM's President and he introduced Chuck Freeze as Emergency Communications Coordinator.

Mr. Flad said AGREM has been working on a 24/7 AM broadcast station much like travelers advisory. After testing the system; it will reach Avondale Borough and other municipalities within our AGREM region that would give us an alternative communication for residents during emergencies and other public interest information such road closures, re-routing of traffic, etc. AGREM is asking the Townships and Boroughs to consider making a one-time contribution to help support putting this system in place. We are asking one dollar per resident to build up funding so that they can get the system on the air. Council agreed that this is a great idea and will see if there is money in the budget.

JAMES SEACE – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Mr. Seace said he received all of his approvals and he is ready to start his project. The project is to create a flower garden in Watson Park at 2nd Street. He asked Council for a donation of \$250.00 to buy potted perennial plants. He plans to finish the project by the end of October. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the donation of \$250.00, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the minutes from August 19, 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 – NEW WELL

Received three proposals for the environmental part of the well application:

Rettew	\$117,000
Brickhouse Environmental	\$ 30,000
HilBec Engineering & Geosciences, LLC	\$ 52,250

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve Brickhouse Environmental for \$30,000, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jeremiah MacCombie gave the following report. A copy of the Engineering report is available at the Borough Office

WILKINSON PROJECT – EXTENSION TO DECEMBER 31, 2014

We are still waiting on the plans to be resubmitted by Wilkinson

CLAY CREEK ROAD STATUS

The paving was completed on August 20th. The contractor completed roadside work on August 25th. The line stripping remains to be completed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to September 16, 2014, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dottie Howell gave the following report

HALLOWEEN PARADE AND TRICK OR TREAT

The Halloween Parade will be held on Friday, October 31st at 5:30 p.m. The parade starts at the intersection of Third Street and Morris Alley and ends up at Servpro where prizes for best costumes will be awarded. Trick or Treat will be immediately following from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Fire Police will be onsite and around town for the safety of the children. Mayor Howell asked Council to approve \$500.00 to buy light sticks, prizes and candy for this event. Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve \$500.00, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

STATE STREET BRIDGE – EMERGENCY VEHICLES

McCormick Taylor on behalf of the County approved permits to the Avondale Fire Company to allow the fire trucks to cross the bridge. The County painted a reflective gray line slightly from the centerline of the bridge deck. The permitted vehicles must travel across the bridge with the centerline of their axles located directly above the painted line.

NEW BUSINESS

RE-APPOINT SEWER AUTHORITY MEMBER – MATTHEW BESSICKS – 5 YEAR TERM

Dave Besselman made a motion to appoint Matthew Bessicks for a 5 year term as Sewer Authority Member, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, October 14, 2014 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, October 21, 2014 @6:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary