

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 18, 2014
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Dennis O'Neill, Glenn Diehl, Cleve Price, Tom Lowry, Tom Gaebel, Officer Jebiz Anderson, Trooper Kevin Creighton,

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

PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

There were no public comments
The Public Hearing was closed

RESOLUTION #2014-1 – AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION TO CHESTER COUNTY

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Resolution #2014-1, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

RESIDENT AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

STATE TROOPER KEVIN CREIGHTON

Trooper Creighton reported on the number of incidents in Avondale Borough for February. There were 4 criminal investigations, 4 crashes, 1 false alarm and 14 calls for general police services.

TOM GAEBEL – 60 W. State Street

Mr. Gaebel said he has a concern about the storm drains at W. State Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. The storm drains are clogged and when it floods the water drains right unto his property. Cleve Price said he is getting some prices from vendors to clean the storm drains in town.

Mr. Gaebel said he would like to take the entire lot (between the grocery store and Avon News Shop) and make it a parking area. Tom Lowry said once all the documentation is submitted, the Engineer will review and send a letter with his comments. Mr. Gaebel said he doesn't have any definite plans for the building at this time until he gets the approval for the parking area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from February 18, 2014, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

FLEET SAFETY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the Fleet Management Plan, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried. The insurance company requires this Plan.

FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

The fire hydrant flushing will take place the end of April and will be done during the late evening to early morning hours.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dennis O'Neil gave the following report

CLAY CREEK ROAD RECONSTRUCTIN BID RESULTS

	<u>Total Bid Price</u>	<u>Total with Option A</u>	<u>Total with Option B</u>	<u>Additional Items</u>	
				<u>C-2</u>	<u>C-3</u>
Joseph Sucher	\$ 97,725.00	\$ 115,975.00	\$104,812.50	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00
Dan Malloy	\$104,330.00	\$ 106,365.00	\$115,407.50	\$1,350.00	\$1,650.00
Long's Asphalt	\$113,485.00	\$ 121,500.00	\$121,465.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,405.00
Pennsy Supply	\$115,948.36	\$ 125,343.86	\$124,631.11	\$2,856.25	\$2,923.50
Buck Frank	\$138,875.00	\$ 156,762.50	\$144,162.50	\$ 625.00	\$ 750.00

The Borough Engineer recommends the project be awarded using the construction methods provided under the Option B, for \$104,812.50 and including Items C-2 and C-3 for \$5,500.00 for a total project cost of \$110,312.30 to Jos. E. Sucher & Sons who submitted the lowest responsible bid prices for those options.

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the lowest bid from Joseph Sucher for \$110,312.30 which includes: Option B, additional items C-2 & C-3, and 5% engineering fees, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP COURT CASE

Mr. Diehl gave Council a copy of the Opinion from Judge Shenkin and he said there is nothing in the "Opinion" that changes his view of what the contract says. Mr. Diehl said he would like authorization from Council to prosecute the appeal to superior court. Mr. Diehl said he would not recommend it if he didn't think the case was solid. Council agreed to move forward with the appeal. (Mr. Diehl said the cost should be no more than \$10,000.00)

EAST PENN RAILROAD PROPERTY ON POMEROY AVENUE

Spoke to East Penn Railroad and they still have the property up for sale for \$16,500 from the Borough's property line to W. State Street. Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve Glenn Diehl to move forward with the document search and environmental sampling of the property for up to \$4,000.00, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE UPDATE – PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Council approved Glenn to advertise the propose ordinance for property maintenance update.

ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

ZONING HEARING FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION - WACA CORPORATION- 29 GAP NEWPORT PIKE

The Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Lowry said he will bring up to the Zoning Hearing Board the several parking issues at this location.

RESOLUTION #2014-2 ZONING HEARING FEES

Steve Cummings made a motion to adopt Resolution #2014-2, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to March 18, 2014, 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

Mayor Howell said she met with a resident who is interested in a community garden. The community garden would be on Borough property and each person would be allotted an area of ground that they would be responsible for. So far there has not been anyone else interested but will put in the newsletter to see if there is any response.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, April 8, 2014 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, April 15, 2014 @6:00 p.m.

Abby Pyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary