

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
March 23, 2010
6:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Fred Bryan, Glenn Allen, Bill Shore, Jim Duffy, Ellis Snyder,
Absent: Glenn Allen, 2 vacancies

Guests Present: Mayor Howell, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Michelle Steele, Pete Lau, Bill Reilly,
Dave Freidman, Bill Romanelli, Davis Howell, Danny Rosazza

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

BID OPENING – STATE STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT PHASE II

Jamie MacCombie said that he has been informed by the Secretary that two bids came in after the 3:00 p.m. deadline. Glenn Diehl's legal opinion is to throw the bids out, not open them, and return them as non-responsive. Buck Frank Excavating was received at 3:09 p.m. and JJD Contracting, LLC bid was received at 3:10 p.m. The Secretary will return the bid packages.

The Secretary opened the bids and Jamie MacCombie read the bid results:

1. DiRocco Bros., Inc.	\$483,720.00
2. Chester County Site Contractors	\$292,243.00
3. D. Malloy Paving	\$435,830.00
4. JFC Contractors	\$267,965.00
5. JJID Inc.	\$666,705.00

Bill Shore made a motion to approve Jamie MacCombie to review the bids, 2nd by Ellis Snyder, motion carried.

COUNCIL VACANCIES

President Bryan said he received letters of resignation from Robert Cleveland, Jr. and Sali Cosford Parker. Jim Duffy made a motion to accept the resignation from Mr. Cleveland and Ms. Parker as of this date, 2nd by Ellis Snyder, motion carried. The Secretary will advertise the vacancies and the Personnel Committee will schedule interviews.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

WATER LEAK AT ROUTE 41 AND WATER LEAK IN LATERAL TO FREZZO PROPERTY

President Bryan said there is a water leak on Route 41 at Baltimore Pike. The water line goes from the west side of Route 41 to Baltimore Pike that feeds the Frezzo property and Valero on Baltimore Pike. There is also a leak in the lateral to the Frezzo property that is the property owner's responsibility.

President Bryan said the next thing is to fix the leak the right way. The water line is only 18 inches deep and will continue to cause leaks because of the truck traffic. Bill Shore made a motion to get the water leak repaired the right way with no cost estimates at this time, 2nd by Ellis Snyder, motion carried.

Note: Fixing the problem permanently is installing a new waterline from Church Street in front of the strip mall in the right away on the east side of Route 41 to the Frezzo property and across to Valero. A fire hydrant will also be installed in this area. Mr. MacCombie is getting three written proposals for this job.

PLANT NOISE

Peter Lau said he spoke with Mr. Goldberg at DEP and as long as we do not modify the process we can put up whatever we want to get rid of the noise.

WILKINSON PROJECT

President Bryan said he would like to speak with Mr. Wilkinson about getting interest on the \$35,000 that is owed the Borough and to maybe work out something with jobs. Bill Romanelli will speak to Mr. Wilkinson regarding this issue. Council approved the payment plan with the condition that interest will be paid on the monies owed.

STREETS COMMITTEE**POMEROY AVENUE**

Jim Duffy made a motion to spend up to \$1500 for Dominick DiFilippo to start the repairs on Pomeroy Avenue, 2nd by Ellis Snyder, motion carried.

CULVERT BOX AT THIRD AND POMEROY AVENUE

Junior Snyder said Dominick gave a cost for putting in the Culvert Box at the corner of Third and Pomeroy Avenue where there is a stormwater problem. The culvert box cost \$1150.00 delivered, \$1,000 for the 100 feet of pipe and two days labor will be \$1,168.00 for two days but may only take one day. If it takes two days it will be \$3318.00. Jim Duffy made a motion to approve up to \$3318.00 to install a culvert box and pipe at the corner of Third and Pomeroy, 2nd by Bill Shore, motion carried.

ELLICOTT AVENUE – ROAD DETERIORATION

Junior Snyder said as you cross over the bridge on Ellicott Avenue, the road is deteriorating and it has already lost about 12 to 18 inches on the left hand side. This is happening because the water is lying underneath and the trucks run over it and break it off. The problem is the water is laying there because there use to be a ditch that led to the creek and it has trees about two three inches tall and a lot of trash. What needs to be done is to be cleaned out and rocks thrown in there so the water can drain back to the creek again. Jim Duffy made a motion to approve Mr. DiFilippo to fix the road deterioration problem on Ellicott Avenue, 2nd by Junior Snyder, motion carried.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

STATE STREET BRIDGE

Bill Shore made a motion to accept the letter from the Structural Engineer, George Horas from Alfred Benesch & Company to reduce the weight limit of the bridge to 5 ton, 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried. Council discussed and decided to make the reduced weight limit effective after the school year is over.

Glenn Diehl will contact the appropriate agencies letting them know of the reduced weight limit and confirm that the Borough is not the owner's of the bridge. The Borough is reducing the weight limit from a safety standpoint and notice will be placed on the Borough's roadway. Mr. Diehl will be communicating to the County, PennDOT and will prepare a new ordinance. All agencies will be notified.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Bill Shore gave the following report:

RESOLUTION # 2010-2 / HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Ellis Snyder made a motion to approve Resolution #2010-2, 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried.

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

Council approved April 24th as a Park Cleanup Day. Mayor Howell and Bill Shore are organizing this cleanup and volunteers are needed

NEW BUSINESS**COMPUTER BACK UP SYSTEM & NETWORKING**

President Bryan said a proposal was received from Pegasus Technologies for a computer back up system on a hard drive, networking, and maintenance on the computers for \$1,339.96. Bill Shore made a motion to approve Pegasus Technologies proposal up to \$1339.96, 2nd by Junior Snyder, motion carried. At this time, Council decided to forego the proposal from docSTAR.

ADDITIONAL VACATION TIME FOR SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Ellis Snyder made a motion to approve one additional week's vacation for the Secretary and Treasurer, making it three weeks vacation after ten years of employment, 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried.

COMCAST FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Bill Shore made a motion to approve the Comcast Franchise Agreement, 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried. Glenn Diehl will get the signature page from Comcast for the Borough's signature.

FALL FESTIVAL

Mayor Howell said the Fall Festival is planned for October 9, 2010. The Committee is requesting use of the Borough Hall for their meetings, Council approved.

BACK UP GENERATOR FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Bill Shore made a motion to spend up to \$3,000 for the backup generators for the traffic signals, 2nd by Ellis Snyder, motion carried. This expenditure is covered under the LED light grant.

PEDESTRIAN SIGNS ON PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

Davis Howell said it is hard for the emergency vehicles to get through on Pennsylvania Avenue when the pedestrian signs are put out in the road. Council decided to forego the signs this year.

Ellis Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary