

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
May 24, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

Council Members Present: Bill Shore, Junior Snyder, Steve Cummings, Jim Duffy, Dave Besselman,
Absent: Jim Francis & Toyge Davis

Guests Present: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Pete Lau,
William Fansler, Dave Friedman

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

EAGLE SCOUT – ARTIE TORRIN

Mayor Howell said Artie is going for his Eagle Scout and he wants to present his ideas to Council for community service. Artie said he is a life scout in troop 30 and would like to do a community service project in the Borough in three phases: The first phase is to repair the stone wall outside the Borough Building and maybe add some chains or posts to keep vehicles from running into the wall. The second phase is landscaping around the new Avondale sign (in front of the Dunkin Donuts) by putting shrubs, flowers and mulch around it. The third phase is to create a wildflower garden along the fence in Watson's park. Artie showed pictures of these phases. Mayor Howell said Artie needs to raise his own money for this project and he needs Council's permission to do the project in the Borough. Council gave their approval to do the project.

EEMA REPORT

President Shore said in order to save a little time we have decided since Council has EEMA's report we are not going to have the report read each month. If anyone has any questions EEMA is here to answer them. (This report is on file at the Borough Office)

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

143 W. STATE STREET – SEWER CONNECTION

Just received the Romero easement agreement (by the State Street Bridge near the driveway) for Jeff Stewart to connect to the Borough's sewer system. There is still one more easement to obtain.

120 W. STATE STREET – GREENHOUSE PROPERTY

Received the Phase I Environmental Study and Mr. Diehl gave a hard copy to the Secretary and a cd to Jamie MacCombie. They didn't find a lot of problems. One thing they found is an above ground storage tank that did have a leak in it. It does need to be cleaned up and they estimate it to cost about \$500-\$600.00. The appraiser is aware of this and he should be done at the end of the week.

6TH STREET – NO PARKING – PROPOSED ORDINANCE

This proposed ordinance will be advertised to be ready for adoption at the next Council meeting.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

AS BUILT PLANS

Mr. MacCombie gave William Fansler from EEMA a set of as built plans.

NEW GARDEN METERS

Spoke to Spence Andress about the New Garden meter that is out of service. Mr. Andress said when they went to calibrate the meter; they couldn't calibrate it so they felt it was more appropriate to replace the meter which should be in by now. A new meter will be installed in 4-6 weeks. We will be monitoring what New Garden is doing and find out what type of new meter they will be installing.

STREET SWEEPER & GUIDERAIL

The Borough needs to write a letter requesting use of Tinicum Township's street sweeper. The Secretary will write the letter. Mr. MacCombie said he located 50' of guiderail without posts for the Borough.

I & I PROJECT

Mr. MacCombie said before he can go back to DEP to ask for additional capacity, he needs to document what affect New Garden Township's flows and additional I & I from New Garden have on the treatment plant. Spence Address is forwarding information to complete the documentation.

RAILROAD CROSSING ON ROUTE 41

It is still scheduled to shut down Route 41 on June 10th until June 13th. The alternate route will be Penn Green Road.

WEBB TREES ON INDIAN RUN ROAD

The Pennsylvania Department of Forestry will call and schedule an appointment to examine the trees on Indian Run Road.

MS4 STORMWATER REPORT

The report will be submitted to DEP by the June 9th due date.

SEWER PLANT INSPECTION

President Shore made a motion to approve up to \$3,000 to have Mr. MacCombie do a sewer plant inspection, 2nd by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE**APPROVE THE BILLS TO BE PAID**

Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to May 24, 2011, 2nd by Councilman Duffy, motion carried.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2nd by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Duffy made a motion to approve the minutes from April 26, 2011, 2nd by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT**FRED BRYAN MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Mayor Howell said hopefully everyone has seen the beautiful memorial garden put in by a lot of volunteers in Fred Bryan's memory.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

President Shore said he has made some changes to the committees. One of the changes is that Mayor Howell is now the chairperson of the Public Safety Committee.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Councilman Snyder gave the following report

TREES AND WWTP

The new trees at the sewer plant need to be pulled out and redone. The trees are planted too close together and are not buried in the ground. The Committee will contact the landscaper.

PARKS AND COMPOSTING FACILITY COMMITTEE

Councilman Cummings gave the following report:

PARKS CLEAN UP

It was a great cleanup day; there were a lot of volunteers and we got a lot done. The park on Third Street was in worse shape than we thought.

NEW BUSINESS

HISTORICAL COMMISSION – BOB CLEVELAND’S BOOK SALE PROFITS

President Shore said the Borough purchased 115 books at \$11.44 each and the Commission sold the books for \$19.99 each. In past minutes, the Historical Commission stated that the profits from the sale of the books would be turned over to the Commission and put into the Commission’s account. We do not know if an account exists. The Borough has not received any profits from this book and Council needs to decide how to approach the Commission on this issue. The Commission does not come to Council meetings, we do not get any reports, and we have not seen anything published by them. Council agreed to write a letter to the Commission.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP REQUEST

Council discussed and decided not to support the Franklin Township resolution. This proposed resolution is in support of renewing Growing Greener.

OLD BUSINESS

6TH STREET - NO PARKING SIGNS

Council asked Glenn Diehl to look into an ordinance for no parking on the south side of 6th Street.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Water and Sewer Committee meeting will meet on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

START EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:40 P.M.- BACK FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION 9:40 P.M.

President Shore brought the meeting back to order.

WILKINSON PROJECT – CONSTRUCTION RELEASE \$27,864.90

Councilman Duffy made a motion to approve the construction release of \$27,864.90, 2nd by Councilman Besselman, Councilman Cummings-yea, Councilman Shore-nay, Councilman Snyder-nay, motion carried with a 3-2 vote.

Councilman Duffy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m., 2nd by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary