

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 28, 2013  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Tom Lowry, Jan Ramberger, Chip Ramberger, James Seace, Jared Seace, Sherry Seace

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**JAMES SEACE – BOY SCOUT TROOP #135 – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

James Seace said he is planning his Eagle Scout Project and he would like to do a picnic garden with a sitting area in Watson Park. Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve to move forward with the planning of the project, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abby Pyle, motion carried. Mr. Seace will come back to Council for plan approval.

**JARED SEACE – BOY SCOUT TROOP #135 – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Jared Seace said he is planning his Eagle Scout Project and he would like to repair the wall at the Veteran Memorial and remove and replace the dead pine tree. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve to move forward with the planning of the project, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Lysle, motion carried. Mr. Seace will come back to Council for plan approval.

**CHIP RAMBERGER**

Mr. Ramberger said he has a preliminary proposal to replace the addition on his old school building and he is here to see if he can get approval. Tom Lowry said Mr. Ramberger needs to submit his proposal and he will review and comment on it.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the minutes from April 16, 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

**EEMA REPORT**

No one from EEMA attended the meeting.

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

**STATE STREET BRIDGE**

The County Commissioner's has a settlement conference scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the State Street Bridge.

**AIRPORT ZONING**

We are waiting on funding authorization.

JOHNSON SUBDIVISION

Will review the subdivision plan and comments from the County, the Borough Engineer, and Crossan for the next meeting.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

TAPPING FEES

The current sewer tapping fee is currently \$2,628. Based on costs associated with the upgrade of the treatment plant the tapping fee is now \$7,392. The current water tapping fee is currently \$3,608. Based on the new calculations the fee is \$6,130. Glenn Diehl said he will need to review the ordinance before recommending to Council to adopt.

(Copies of the new calculated sewer and water tapping fees were handed out to Council.)

LETTER FROM DELAWARE RIVER BASIN – PERMIT APPLICATION

When the treatment plant was being upgraded the Borough applied for a docket for review of a proposed treatment plant and received approval. The permit was supposed to be applied for at the time the plant was completed and according to the Delaware River Basin it was not. The Delaware River Basin is asking the Borough to pay a penalty of \$2,000 for not applying for the permit back in 2006 and to file a new application. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve \$500.00 to file application to the Delaware River Basin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Tom Lowry gave the following report

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

Ordinances sent to the Solicitor for his review.

FIRE ESCROW ORDINANCE

A fire escrow ordinance is when there is a fire at a property and the insurance company establishes an escrow account with the municipality so the property owner doesn't get the check and not repair the property. Council agreed for Tom to proceed with the ordinance. The Committee will meet to discuss.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to May 28, 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM WATER FUND TO PLGIT

The Treasurer said the \$100,000 check from the Wilkinson Project was deposited into the water fund. Abby Pyle made a motion to transfer the \$100,000 from the water fund to the PLGIT General Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

**WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE REPORT**

Dave Besselman gave the following report:

**AIR CONDITIONER - WWTP**

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve \$3,790.00 to Precision Air for an air conditioner at the WWTP, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

**WATER AND SEWER AUDIT REPORT**

Received the final audit report from PRWA. Council will review the report.

**PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE**

Wilson Lysle gave the following report:

**POMEROY DRIVE**

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve up to \$2,500 to seal and roll Pomeroy Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

**FENCE IN WATSON PARK**

The fence is complete in Watson Park.

**RESERVOIR ROAD ACCESS**

Received two prices for removing brush, trees, etc for the access area. Rick's Tree Service is for \$3,000 cutting the tree stumps low and G & A Clanton Inc. price is for \$3,200 which includes taking out the roots. Received a price to put in roadway with 2A modified stone, grading, and rolling for a price of \$9,850.00. Mr. Lysle will get other estimates.

**PECO**

Met with Greg Carey from PECO. He is going to have the guide wire taken out on Pomeroy Drive by the bridge. Took Mr. Carey to Indian Run Road to show him what poles had to be moved to widen the road and he said it would not be a problem.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Water and Sewer Committee will meet on June 11, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.
- Council Meeting June 18th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
- There will be an Executive Session to discuss a legal issue.

Council went into executive session at 8:00 p.m.

President Shore called the meeting to back to order at 8:40 p.m.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary