

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
April 18, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Kim Venzie, Rick Davis, Officer Jebiz Anderson, Mark Lysle

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

RESIDENT AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

MARK LYSLE – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Mark Lysle said back in September he was here to talk about his proposed volleyball Eagle Scout project and the only issue was the location. He would like to locate it near the maintenance building on Pomeroy Avenue. The playing field will be 30' x 60' and will be marked with 6" x 6" or 4" x 4" boards around the perimeter and will be flush with the ground so it can be mowed over. Once the project is completed it will be the Borough's responsibility to maintain it. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve Mark Lysle's Eagle Scout Project, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the minutes from March 21, 2017, 2nd by Dave Bessleman, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Council reviewed Rick Davis' report and there were no questions.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton was absent from this meeting.

WELL #1 REPAIR

President Shore said he gave the okay to replace the meter in well #1 and replacement of the rusty pipes at a cost of \$3,200 and he would like Council to approve this expenditure. Steve Cummings made a motion to approve this cost to fix the well, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

2016 CHAPTER 94 REPORT

The 2016 Chapter 94 report was due on March 31, 2017 and it was submitted to DEP on time by his office.

NEW WATER SUPPLY

The final design and bidding was delayed to incorporate a new filter design into the bid package. We reviewed filter systems for the iron and manganese removal. We decided to use a plastic filter media instead of using green sand. The filter media will need to be replaced once every seven years as opposed to replacing the green sand twice a year; which is cost effective. Bid documents will be advertised in May.

PENNDOT'S ROUTE 41 RESURFACING PROJECT

The paperwork was sent into PennDOT for the utility clearances. The project will go out to bid on June 8th.

GREENHOUSE SITE ON W. STATE STREET

Spoke to Anthony Campbell regarding the landscaping business on W. State Street and Anthony said the previous zoning officer gave them permission to operate a landscaping business. The concern is they are stockpiling topsoil right against the bank of the creek which is in the flood way and the flood plain. They need a DEP permit to be within 50 feet of the stream. Kim Venzie said she will speak to Anthony regarding this matter. Mr. MacCombie said a grading permit is required and they also need to get a permit from DEP.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

GREASE TRAP ORDINANCE

President Shore said he would like to start enforcing the grease trap ordinance. Ms. Venzie said she will speak with Anthony Campbell regarding this matter.

WATER SERVICE TO LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP

Reached out to the London Grove Municipal Authority but they were not very receptive. A letter will go out to the Township Solicitor tomorrow. We will give London Grove the opportunity to use their agreement, if not, we will send them ours.

RESOLUTION 2017-3 DISPOSITION OF RECORDS

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-3, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

ACT 172 OF 2016 – ACTIVE VOLUNTEER TAX CREDITS

The State File Commissioner is going to issue active volunteer guidelines in the next two months. After the guidelines are issued, PSAB is going to create a model ordinance that we can use. Waiting for these two documents will save the Borough money.

MAYOR'S REPORT

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mayor Howell reported that we did get approved for the funding from the County for the Comprehensive Plan. The County needs to know a start date and she Recommends September 1st. The County needs more information and Ray Ott will respond to them. Council agreed to the September 1st start date.

NEW BUSINESS

VACANCY BOARD RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT

Steve Cummings made a motion to accept Davis Howell's resignation from the vacancy board and appoint Rebecca Schlimme to the vacancy board, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

AERATION SYSTEM FOR QUARRY ON INDIAN RUN ROAD

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve up to \$8,000.00 to Qlinne Industries for a PondHawk solar aeration system for the quarry on Indian Run Road, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to April 18, 2017, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, May 9, 2017 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, May 23, 2017 @6:00 p.m. (Due to Election Day this meeting is being held on the 4th Tuesday).
- There will be an executive session after this meeting to discuss a legal matter.

Steve Cummings made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary