

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
August 15, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Kim Venzie, Officer Jebiz Anderson, Fred Walton, Vince Barbone, Paul Morgan

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

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE #256

President Shore opened the public hearing.

Solicitor Kim Venzie reported on the proposed ordinance:

The title of the ordinance is: “An ordinance of Avondale Borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania amending certain floodplain provisions of the Avondale Borough Zoning Ordinance of 1963, as amended by Zoning Ordinance no. 172 (1996), and other subsequently adopted floodplain ordinances, in order to comply with FEMA requirements in particular, to require certain permitting within identified floodplain areas, set forth minimum requirements for new construction within identified floodplain areas, providing for revised definitions, repealing inconsistent provision, establishing penalties for any persons who fail to comply with requirements of this ordinance, and providing for repealer provisions and an effective date.”

This is an ordinance that the Borough is required to adopt by FEMA. FEMA gives us a form ordinance and it is tailored for any issues in the Borough to identify any of the floodplain areas. We are required to adopt this ordinance in order for our residents to be eligible for floodplain insurance.

We have 5 procedural exhibits:

1. Marked as B-1 is the proof of publication in the Daily Local News on July 25th and August 1st.
2. Marked as B-2 is a letter dated June 22, 2017 from her office to the Chester County Law Library proposing the amendment for public inspection.
3. Marked as B-3 is a letter dated June 22, 2017 from her office to the Daily Local News providing the proposed amendment for public inspection.
4. Marked as B-4 is a letter dated June 21, 2017 from her office to the Chester County Planning Commission enclosing the floodplain ordinance.
5. Marked as B-5 is a letter from the Chester County Planning Commission recommending Borough Council move forward with adopting the floodplain ordinance as drafted.

There were no comments. Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Ordinance #256, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried. The public hearing is closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD PLAN

There were no public comments on the Total Maximum Daily Load Plan. This Plan was advertised in the Daily Local News on July 24, 2017 notifying that the Plan was available for public review at the Avondale Borough Office and the public can make comment at tonight's Borough Council Meeting. This Plan provides the Borough guidance on measures to be taken to address impaired surface waters within the Borough.

PAUL MORGAN – NOISE COMPLAINT

Mr. Morgan said he is here to check on the status of what can be done about noise. For the past two weeks and for 3 hours every day the house behind him has been blasting loud music and yelling "hey" every thirty seconds. Mr. Morgan asked what can be done? Kim Venzie said she checked other municipalities to see what they have done to quiet neighbors and they adopted a noise ordinance but then you need the police to enforce it. Ms. Venzie said you could always send a nice letter to them and ask them to turn down the noise. After discussion, the Secretary will send a letter to the property owner.

2016 AUDIT

The Auditor, Mr. Barbone reviewed the Audit and said there were no findings and the Borough is moving in the right direction. A copy of the audit is available at the Borough Office. Dave Besselman made a motion to accept the 2016 Audit, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the minutes from July 18, 2017. 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton gave the following report:

The Wastewater Plant – The north clarifier sludge collector was repaired and returned to service. The grinder and screener level sensors were replaced. The grinder motor need to be replaced. M&S is scheduled to do the replacement. Sludge hauling was increased from 2 to 3 loads per week through September. We treated 9.0689 million gallons of effluent. The average flow was 284,087 gpd.

The Water Treatment Plant – The system is operating properly at this time

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

NEW WATER SUPPLY

We should have the revised plans sometime in October. The grant expires in December so we need to get an extension.

MS4 PROJECT UPDATE

There is a \$2,500.00 permit application fee to DEP that needs approval. Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve \$2,500.00 for the application, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

PENNDOT'S ROUTE 41 RESURFACING PROJECT STATUS

The project should take place at the end of the year or Spring 2018. Mr. MacCombie will check the status of installing the handicap ramps during the resurfacing.

FIREHOUSE FLASHER PERMIT CHANGE

The plan is being revised and will be sent back to PennDOT for approval.

PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER GRANT – RESERVOIR COVER?

We are waiting to hear back from 3 suppliers for proposals.

BOROUGH SOLICITORS REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

ENFORCEMENT ACTION UPDATES

Anthony Campbell submitted a report and Ms. Venzie reported on it:

A handful of violation notices were sent out and all the violations have been satisfied or in the process of being satisfied. He is doing the door hangers for weeds, grass, trash and Anthony's impression is that he is seeing an overall improvement in the Borough. There are two District Justice matters; the Wannamacher and the Barlow fence. The hearing dates have been scheduled.

AUTHORITY TO FILE SUITE IN DISTRICT COURT AGAINST VERIZON

Verizon is not paying the bill that they owe the Borough and would like Council's permission to proceed to file suit in District Court. Wilson Lysle made a motion authorizing to proceed with the law suit against Verizon, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried. Ms. Venzie said she will make one last attempt for payment then she will file suit.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to August 15, 2017, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mayor Howell said she recommends Council to approve and sign the Grant Contract with the County. Abby Pyle made a motion to approve and sign the grant contract, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PATRICK HARRISON – RESIGNATION FROM AVON GROVE LIBRARY BOARD

Patrick Harrison sent a letter of resignation from the Avon Grove Library Board representing Avondale Borough. Wilson Lysle made a motion to accept his resolution, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, September 12, 2017 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 19, 2017 @6:00 p.m.

Council went into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss a legal issue.

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

Wilson Lysle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary