

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
January 17, 2017  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Rick Davis, Officer Jebiz  
Anderson, Fred Walton, Guy Swift

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**

**GUY SWIFT – AVONDALE FIRE COMPANY**

Mr. Swift gave the following 2016 year end report:

EMS had a total of 1,277 calls with 60 in Avondale Borough. 7,920 fund drive requests were mailed and we received a return of 699 for 8.8%. Income as of January 4, 2017, is \$38,140.00.

Fire Company had a total of 470 calls with 31 in Avondale Borough. 7,534 requests for the fire company fund drive were mailed and we received a return of 978 for 13%. Income as of January 4, 2017 is \$67,136.00.

A Bill was recently passed by the Senate authorizing municipalities to enact a real property tax credit for volunteer first responders. If the first responder is a property owner they will get 20% off real estate tax. If the first responder is a renter they will get 20% off of their income tax. This would have to be approved by ordinance if Council wishes to move forward with this. Council approved to move forward with this request. Mr. Swift will get more information and a sample Ordinance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from December 17, 2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Council reviewed Rick Davis' report. There were no questions.

**WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT**

Fred Walton gave the following report:

Wastewater Treatment Plant: 9.1 million gallons of sewer were treated and there was 6.9 million gallons of influent. There were 40,500 gallons of sludge removed from the facility. There were no permit exceedances.

Maintenance issues at sewer plant: There was an issue with the southside clarifier and it was narrowed down to some bad wires, which will be replaced. Hillside finished the repair on the grit auger and it is ready to go online. Nittany Controls reinitialized the modem and reset the settings so the SCADA is calling out alarms.

Drinking Water System: Well #1 flow meter is not working. Flow is estimated based on the pump run hours and historical flow rate. The drinking water alarm dialer wasn't calling out. It was replaced under warranty. There were several incidents at well #2 tripping out. Electrician found a bad connection. The chlorine injector was clogged a couple of times.

### **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

#### **WELL TESTING**

We are continuing to work with suppliers for the Microclor sodium hypochlorite disinfection system and the greensand filter system to get design specifications to include in the bid package. The bid package should be ready to advertise in February.

#### **ANHOLT SEWER LINE**

Information was provided by New Garden and reviewed for the sewer line inspections and Final approval procedures. Water meters were installed at Anholt to keep track of the flow.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to December 20, 2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **REPUBLIC TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTRACT**

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve to advertise the Trash and Recycling bid package, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION 2017-1 DESIGNATES APRIL 2017 AS PENNSYLVANIA 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH**

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-1, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION 2017-2 – BUILDING PERMIT FEES**

Wilson Lysle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-2, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Work Session – Tuesday, February 14, 2017 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 21, 2017 @6:00 p.m.

Wilson Lysle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary