

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
November 21, 2017  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Jamie MacCombie, Kim Venzie, Officer Jebiz Anderson, Tom Baker

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

**BID OPENING – WATER SUPPLY PROJECT**

There were three bids received:

1. Pact II LLC - \$1,073,970.00
2. Shainline - \$1,077,608.00
3. LB Industries - \$1,187,835.00

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve Mr. MacCombie to review the documents and make a recommendation at the next meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the minutes from October 17, 2017. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

**WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT**

Fred Walton gave the following report:

The Wastewater Plant –Both clarifiers are online. We have had trouble balancing the sludge levels and flow rates through the clarifiers. This has caused on several occasions sludge to enter the chlorine contact tank. Final effluent quality has remained good. The chlorine contact tanks have been routinely cleaned out whenever sludge has entered. The sludge holding tank was cleaned and is offline pending further repair work. SCADA system is online, but can't call out for alarms. The new sensaphone dialer is online for critical alarm conditions. Nittany Controls is scheduled to work on the alarm connections on 11/22. The north clarifier scum pit pump is not discharging property and will need to be serviced. The pit will need to be pumped out at the time of service. M & S worked on the utility pumps and the screener water line. 54,800 gallons of sludge were removed from the facility.

The Water Treatment Plant –All systems online and ok.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

**PECO TEMPORARY GAS LINE CROSSING AT STATE STREET BRIDGE**

A meeting was held at the site with the representatives of PECO and the borough Engineer to review the location and methods of the proposed temporary gas line crossing. Based on the

meeting we prepared specific conditions that would bge required to be included in the easement agreement to protect the Borough water and sewer system in the area of the the temporary gas line installation.

#### PA NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL

The current NPDES permit expires on July 31, 2018 and a renewal application must be filed at least 180 days prior to the expiration of the permit which is January 31, 2018. The cost for the permit is \$500 payable to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

#### WILKINSON PROJECT

An extension was received from Wilkinson until March 31, 2018.

#### FIREHOUSE FLASHER PERMIT CHANGE

Received comments from PennDOT regarding the revised signal plan. All comments have been addressed and the revised plan resubmitted. The revised plan is to be forwarded to the resurfacing contractor to be painted after completion of the resurfacing.

#### PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER GRANT

A request was sent to the Commonwealth Finance Authority to use the grant to replace the cover at the reservoir. We are waiting on a response from the Authority.

#### **BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

#### ENFORCEMENT ACTION UPDATE

- Stout Property – 26 Gap Newport Pike: They have applied for and received a building permit to bring the property into code compliance.
- Wannemacher – 91 Pennsylvania Avenue: We are in a holding pattern right now. The property is for sale and we are going to notify the real estate company that we have a judgement in place.
- Barlow – 430 Minor Street: After taking Mr. Barlow to District Court, the Judge granted a judgement in the Borough's favor. Mr. Barlow appealed it, and we filed a complaint in the Court of Common Pleas. Mr. Barlow did not respond to the complaint so we are waiting on a certain amount of days to enter a default judgement.
- Verizon – Working on getting the paperwork together to file at District Court.

#### RESOLUTION 2017-5 – PROHIBIT CATEGORY 4 CASINOS

Steve Cummings made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-5, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

#### 2018 TAX ORDINANCE – APPROVE TO ADVERTISE

Council agreed to approve Ms. Venzie to advertise the 2018 Tax Ordinance.

#### ZONING AMENDMENT

As directed by Council a zoning amendment was drafted for a new use in the Town Center. This amendment is to allow for residential use in the Town Center with conditions. Council approved Ms. Venzie to send the amendment to the Chester County Planning Commission for their comments.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to November 21, 2017, 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.

### **2018 BUDGET – APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE**

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve to advertise the 2018 Budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE SIGNS / NO PARKING SIGNS – CARILLON DEVELOPMENT**

President Shore said Officer Anderson and our public works person went out and marked where the signs were to be installed for PA One Call. When some of the residents in Carillon saw the white markings, they called the Borough Office and said they do not want the signs in their front yard. Officer Anderson said there has to be at least one sign at each end of the street and two in the middle. The no parking signs go in the inner loop and the snow emergency signs go in the outer loop. The snow emergency signs do not have to go in the inner loop because there is no parking there at all times. Ms. Venzie asked if the ordinance could be enforced if you painted the curb yellow and no signs. Officer Anderson said there also has to be a sign to enforce. After discussion, Council approved the public works department to install the signs where they are marked because the signs are necessary for enforcement.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SALT SPREADER**

Steve Cummings made at motion to approve \$6,000 for a salt spreader for the Dodge pickup truck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Work Session – Tuesday, December 12, 2017 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, December 19, 2017 @6:00 p.m.
- The Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary