

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

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Kim Venzie, Officer
Jebiz Anderson, Faith Shore, Fred Walton, Henry Schlimme, Bill Webb

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

HENRY SCHLIMME

Mr. Schlimme asked what the status was on the no parking signs for Carillon. President Shore said Officer Jebiz and Andy are going to mark where the signs should go and then they will be installed. Mr. Schlimme said at a previous meeting we had talked about having part of the curb painted for no parking. President Shore said I know we had spoken about it but we didn't have an agreement. Solicitor Venzie said you can paint the curb yellow but it doesn't mean you have any kind of enforcement ability unless we pass an ordinance and have no parking signs. President Shore said the inner loop will be no parking signs and the outer loop will have the snow emergency signs. Mr. Schlimme said he saw in previous newsletter regarding no parking in non-designated areas but there are cars parked in yards. President Shore said Council discussed this issue in work session and we really don't have the teeth right now to enforce it because it is private property and you have to take that into account. If vehicles are parked on the sidewalk; we can enforce it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the minutes from September 19, 2017. 2nd by Wilson Lysle, 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 has been emptied and quotes have been obtained to clean the tank for inspection and evaluation. Quotes were also obtained to clean the tank for inspection and evaluation. Quotes were also obtained to replace the air line for the sludge holding tank and the scum pit discharge valve in the east digester. SCADA system is online, but can't call out for alarms. The new sensaphone dialer is online for critical alarm conditions. Nittany Controls will be scheduled to work on the alarm connections. Verizon did fix the phone line and it is presently working. The chlorine regulators were serviced, and an estimate was requested to repair the chlorine analyzer. The magnesium

hydroxide pump was tested and is working, but is not set up with a feedline. The north clarifier scum pit pump is not discharging properly and will need to be serviced. The pit will need to be pumped out at the time of service. 54,800 gallons of sludge were removed from the facility.

The Water Treatment Plant – A boil water advisory was issued on October 2, 2017 and lifted on October 6, 2017 for loss of pressure due to work on the 6” pipeline. (County bridge project) The new section of 6’ line is now in service. The chlorine regulators had their annual service by Environmental Services.

BOROUGH ENGINEER’S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

STATE STREET BRIDGE PROJECT

The waterline relocation is finished.

PECO TEMPORARY GAS LINE CROSSING AT STATE STREET BRIDGE

PECO is proposing to install a temporary above ground crossing on Borough property adjacent to the State Street Bridge reconstruction site. There were several issues raised during the review including the need for an easement, protection of Borough water and sanitary sewer facilities in the area, and restoration when removed. Advised PECO of several conditions that will be required in the agreement. Council agreed to move forward with the agreement and keep the temporary gas line on Borough property.

MASTER CASTING AGREEMENT – RESOLUTION 2017-4

Abby Pyle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-4, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

NEW WATER SUPPLY

The bid has been advertised and is due on November 14th.

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

Contacted the previous installer of the existing cover for information regarding the replacement of the reservoir cover. The cost of the installation of the new cover would be approximately \$39,000.00 but there are all kinds of issues that relate to the installation such as draining the reservoir, water supply while the cover is being replaced, etc. so we estimate the total cost would be around \$150,000 to do the whole replacement project. Since the grant is for \$300,000 we could also add the replacement of valves into the project. The grant received was approved for well head protection, so we need to ask permission from the State to change the project. Council agreed to move forward to change the project.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

ENFORCEMENT ACTION UPDATE

- Stout Property – 26 Gap Newport Pike: Has applied for and received a building permit to bring the property into code compliance. The work has not started but we are headed in the right direction.

ZONING AMENDMENT

This would be to amend the town center provisions to allow for residential. Ms. Venzie said she needs more input from Council because it is not as simple as saying residential is allowed in the town center. Council needs some thought as to where we want residential units to be. Do you want to allow residential only upstairs, or you could put a limitation on how much of the building can be used for residential? Ms. Venzie said she will put something together for Council's review.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to October 17, 2017, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howell gave the following report

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MEETING

The first meeting will take place at the work session on November 14th at 2:00 pm.

TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat is scheduled for Tuesday, October 31st from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Servpro will be handing out the Borough's trick or treat bags for the kids. Parkesburg Police, State Police and the Fire Police have been lined up to keep everyone safe.

NEW BUSINESS

AERATION TANK AT WWTP PLANT

Steve Cummings made at motion to approve U.S. Environmental to clean out the aeration tank for up to \$4,000, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, November 14, 2017 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, November 21, 2017 @6:00 p.m.
- There will be an Executive Session after this meeting to discuss a legal matter.

Wilson Lysle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary