

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
November 15, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

Council Members Present: Bill Shore, Junior Snyder, Dave Besselman, Steve Cummings
Absent: Jim Duffy, Jim Francis, Toyge Davis

Guests Present: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Pete Lau, William Fansler, Davis Howell, Ricardo Limbardo

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Shore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Limbardo – 235 W. State Street - Stormwater Issue

Mr. Limbardo said he is the owner of the property at 235 W. State Street and he is here to bring back up the problem with the stormwater running into the driveway from two years ago that happened with the previous owner. Mr. Limbardo asked Council if they can help with this problem. Jamie MacCombie said when the previous owner Mr. Strawhecker owned the property he went out to look at the sight and the problem is in the deceleration lane from the development in London Grove Township. The grass along this land between the entrance to the development and 235 W. State Street is acting like a mini curb since it is higher than the road. Mr. MacCombie said he met with Steve Brown the Manager of London Grove Township and they cut two swales through the grass area to get the stormwater to run off into the field which worked for the most part. Mr. MacCombie spent around 4 hours on this issue and Council at that time said it is a London Grove Township's issue and told Mr. MacCombie not to charge any more time on this. Council at that time recommended Mr. Strawhecker to contact London Grove Township. Mr. MacCombie suggested Mr. Limbardo to contact Steve Brown at London Grove and tell him the issue has cropped up again. Council told Mr. Limbardo to come back if he does not have any success with London Grove in the next month or two. Mayor Dottie said she will call Steve Brown to let him know Mr. Limardo will be contacting him.

EEMA'S REPORT

SCADA COMPUTER PURCHASE

Councilman Besselman made a motion to approve \$5,725 for the computer, 2nd by Councilman Cummings, motion carried. Councilman Besselman made a motion to approve \$785.00 to terminate and start-up SCADA communication systems, 2nd by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

WWTP NOISE

Councilman Cummings said he received a call from a resident complaining about the noise and when he went to the plant he found the muffin auger was noisy. Council discussed with EEMA and Pete Lau agreed to put it on a schedule to lubricate more often.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

WILKINSON PROJECT - EXTENSION

An extension of time was given until December 31, 2011. There are still issues with the plans for the Phase 2A that need to be addressed.

NEW GARDEN METERS

Dennis from Mr. MacCombie's office met with Spence Andress today and was told the meters have been in and working for approximately 6 weeks. The meters have the ability to record on a five minute basis but New Garden only reloads the data logger and downloads the data every 6 weeks. Mr. Andress told Dennis that he was told not to respond to the letter that Mr. MacCombie wrote to New Garden two or three months ago in regards to the type of meters Council wanted installed and that New Garden's attorney is talking with our attorney. Glenn Diehl said no one has contacted him from New Garden regarding the meters. Council discussed and agreed that they want this matter pursued.

MAXIMUM FITNESS

Since this matter has not been resolved, Council asked Glenn Diehl to write a letter to the owner requesting the sewer leak to be fixed.

INDIAN RUN ROAD & QUARRY

The cost estimate for the streambank restoration is \$26,020.50.

FEMA – MAP RE-EVALUATION

FEMA notified Mr. MacCombie that they will be re-evaluating the flood plain areas and possibly re-mapped. This process will take about 18 months.

PHASE III WATERLINE PROJECT

The project is scheduled to go out to bid in January 2012.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

2012 TAX ORDINANCE

Councilman Besselman made a motion to advertise the proposed 2012 Tax Ordinance, 2nd by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

STATE STREET BRIDGE

The judgment will be filed as soon as Tom Whiteman from the County is notified and accepts service.

FIRE POLICE ORDINANCE

Will draft the ordinance and distribute to Council for their review.

EDLON AND RAILROAD ISSUE

President Shore asked Mr. Diehl to have the Edlon and Railroad issue resolved by the end of the year.

FINANCE COMMITTEEAPPROVE THE BILLS TO BE PAID

Councilman Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to November 15, 2011, 2nd by Councilman Shore, motion carried.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Councilman Cummings made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2nd by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

2012 BUDGET

Councilman Besselman made a motion to approve to advertise the 2012 Budget, 2nd by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Shore made a motion to approve the minutes from October 18, 2011, 2nd by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howell gave the following report:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Started working on the Comprehensive Plan for the next 10 years.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

FLOOD DAMAGE

Bill Shore said he and Mayor Howell are going to Emergency Services tomorrow to try and recuperate some of the money spent during the storms. Mayor Dottie is handling the Fire Company side and Mr. Shore is handling the Borough side.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

President Shore gave the following report

BUSINESS PARK ON ELLICOTT

The Water and Sewer Committee discussed and recommend that a fire hydrant and water meter pit be installed at the Business Park on Ellicott Avenue. Dominick needs to dig to find out what materials are needed so it will be a two dig project, Council agreed.

RESOLUTION #2011-4 AMENDMENT & RESOLUTION 2011-5 ADOPTION

Councilman Besselman made a motion to amend Resolution #2011-4 and to adopt Resolution 2011-5 a 5,000 gallon minimum usage charge effective January 1, 2012, 2nd by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

SALI PARKER ISSUE

Council agreed to close this issue pending the return of all Avondale Borough property.

NEW BUSINESS

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Besselman made a motion to approve up to \$500.00 to purchase food and supplies for the December Council Meeting, 2nd by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

COUNCIL WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:50 P.M TO DISCUSS LEGAL MATTERS ON THE SEWER SYSTEM

PRESIDENT SHORE BROUGHT THE MEETING BACK TO 10:35 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Shore made the following announcements.

- The Water and Sewer Committee will meet on December 13, 2011

Councilman Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m., 2nd by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary