

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
November 16, 2010  
6:00 P.M.**

**Council Members Present:** \*Fred Bryan, Bill Shore, Junior Snyder, Steve Cummings, Jim Duffy, Toyge Davis 1 Vacancy \*Fred Bryan arrived at 6:45 p.m.

**Guests Present:** Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Dave Friedman, Pete Lau, Michelle Steele, Davis Howell, William Fansler, Bob Parker, Al Sauer

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

**VACANCY BOARD**

Davis Howell said James Francis and David Besselman were interviewed for the Council position and the Vacancy Board is recommending Mr. Besselman for the position. Councilman Cummings made a motion to accept David Besselman's name to petition the court, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Duffy, motion carried. Glenn Diehl will get the petition for Mr. Howell to sign and submit to the County. Because the 15 day time limit expired for the Vacancy Board to recommend the vacant seat to Council, a petition has to be filed with the County.

**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED EIT ORINANCE**

There were no comments from Council or the public.

The public hearing was closed

**ORDINANCE #229 – EIT ORDINANCE**

Councilman Duffy made a motion to approve Ordinance #229, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

**RESIDENT/PUBLIC COMMENT**

**EAST PENN RAILROAD – BOB PARKER – OWNER**

Mr. Parker said he has been working with PennDOT and now has secured funds to redo the railroad crossing at Route 41. Redoing the crossing will address three different problems; the surface is in bad shape, electrical problems due to the flooding and water pipe leak we had this past year, and the traffic lights almost sit right in front of the railroad signals and block the view. Mr. Parker said he is here tonight to ask Council for a letter that the Borough has no objection combining the traffic signals and the railroad signals on the same mast. There will be no cost to the Borough; it is 100% Federal money. Mr. Parker said he would take care of getting the revised signal permit from PennDOT and the mast would be the responsibility of East Penn Railroad. Council agreed to write the letter.

**EEMA'S REPORT**

Michelle Steele gave the following report for October 2010:

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Wastewater Treatment Plant Flows:

Total Monthly Flow	8,754,000 gallons
Daily Flows Min.	206,000 gallons
Daily Flows Max.	496,000 gallons
Daily Flows Avg.	282,000 gallons

New Garden Township Weekly Flows (Average Gallons/Day)

WEEK	Sept 29-Oct 6	Oct 6-13	Oct 13-20	Oct 20-27	Oct 27- Nov 3
ROUTE 41	37,528	34,407	34,298	32,590	32,171
RAILROAD	78,091	52,481	44,457	42,435	37,551
<b>Total</b>	<b>115,619</b>	<b>86,888</b>	<b>78,755</b>	<b>75,025</b>	<b>69,722</b>

**OPERATIONS**

- Hauled 20,300 gallons of sludge

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT**  
Production Summary

Water System		Well #1	Gallons/Day	Well #2	Gallons/Day
<b>Total Well #1</b>	2,111,500	Minimum	18,300	Minimum	8,900
<b>Total Well #2</b>	563,100	Maximum	130,200	Maximum	41,600
<b>Total:</b>	2,674,600	Average	68,113	Average	18,165
<b>Avg. gpd</b>	86,277				

Water Action Forms -1

- 29 Gap Newport Pike – Master Locators out to locate line.

**Facilities Maintenance Report:**

Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Installed new timers on digester blowers
- Repaired sludge holding tank blower #1

Water Treatment Plant

- Replaced breaker on North Well House

Collection and Distribution System

- Total PA 1 Calls – 6
- Blocked sewer line on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Called McGovern and Pipe Data out to jet out line.

**PERMIT VIOLATIONS:**

No permit violations for the month

**FIRE HYDRANT ON MINOR STREET**

Mr. Fansler said he did the fire hydrant flushing earlier this month and the hydrant did not open on Minor Street. Met with Wagontown Construction and the fire hydrant is not repairable. The cost to replace the fire hydrant is \$3,990.00. Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve Wagontown Construction to replace the fire hydrant at a cost of \$3,990.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Cummings, motion carried. After some discussion, EEMA will provide a report on the water main valves that do and do not operate properly and implement a program to exercise the valves.

**TREES AT TREATMENT PLANT**

Councilman Cummings said he received an estimate from Sbandi's Landscaping for 30-6' Leyland trees installed for \$3,345.00. Councilman Duffy made a motion to approve \$3,345.00 for the trees and installation at the treatment plant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Shore, motion carried. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve up to \$1,000.00 to clean the vines off the fence, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Duffy, motion carried.

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

**PROPOSED AIRPORT HAZARD ZONING ORDINANCE**

Councilman Shore made a motion to approve sending a letter to New Garden Airport to partner with them to develop and implement an Airport District Overlay Ordinance and apply for grant money to help with the cost of the ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

**STATE STREET BRIDGE**

The County Commissioner's have decided to rebuild the bridge but they do not want to accept ownership. Mr. Diehl said his opinion is that we do not take ownership because the Borough can't take a future 2 million dollar obligation. Councilman Duffy made a motion to pursue the ownership of the bridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

**INDIAN RUN ROAD TREE ISSUE**

The Borough Code allows the Borough to take the dead tree down on Indian Run Road but the issue is who is paying. Councilman Cummings will talk to Mr. Webb regarding the tree. Mr. Diehl will draft an ordinance regarding tree issues that will resolve future tree matters.

**VICE PRESIDENT SHORE TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO PRESIDENT BRYAN****PROPOSED SOLICITATION ORDINANCE**

Councilman Shore made a motion to approve advertising the proposed solicitation ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

**WILKINSON PROJECT**

Met with Dave Clark representing Wilkinson Builders and they are planning to submit within the next month Phase II A for final plan approval from Borough Council.

**STATE STREET PHASE II – CONSTRUCTION FUND RELEASE #3**

Councilman Snyder made a motion to authorize the release of \$51,149.70 to pay JFC Contractors subject to the County's approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Cummings, motion carried. Paving will start tomorrow weather permitting.

**I & I PROJECT**

Going back to the flows in 2006 and 2007 and after the I & I work, it is estimated that we have 40-45,000 gallons a day less flow after completed project. With this information and the new water and sewer ordinances, we are getting real close to meeting with DEP and hopefully requesting some additional flow for the Borough.

**WELLHEAD PROTECTION**

The documents have been put out to bid and the bids are to be received on December 1, 2010.

**AVONDALE CENTER**

Three bids were received for patching and repairs of sub-base in driveway and parking area.

Wagontown Construction \$5,925.00

Gaige Dirtworks \$4,805.00 no definitive scope of work was included

Shade Valley Excavation \$6,302.00

Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve Wagontown Construction to do the repairs for a cost of \$5,925.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

**TURN AROUND AT WWTP**

Councilman Shore made a motion to approve Dominick DiFilippo to put in the turn around at the WWTP at a cost of up to \$5,000.00 for the stone and labor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE****APPROVE THE BILLS TO BE PAID**

Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to November 16, 2010, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Shore, motion carried.

**APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Councilman Shore made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Davis, motion carried.

**BUDGET 2011 – ADVERTISE**

Council discussed whether they want to be paid. Council can be paid up to \$1,800 per year and the Mayor up to \$2,500. Council agreed not to take payment. Councilman Davis made a motion to advertise the 2011 budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Cummings made a motion to approve the minutes from October 19<sup>th</sup> and October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Shore, motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Howell gave the following report

**TREE LIGHTING**

The Christmas Tree Lighting will take place at Servpro on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.. Mayor Howell asked Council for \$300.00 to buy hot chocolate and cookies for this event. Councilman Shore made a motion to approve \$300.00 for supplies for the event, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

Councilman Shore said there is an AGREM meeting this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Lincoln University if anyone is interested in attending.

**STREET AND STREET LIGHTS COMMITTEE****SIGNAL SERVICE – TRAFFIC LIGHTS CONTRACT**

Councilman Shore made a motion to approve Signal Service to maintain the signal traffic lights at a cost of \$650.00 per year with a two year contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

**CAMERAS FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT CONTROL**

Two proposals were received for camera's to control the signals at First Street/State Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Mr. MacCombie will get one more proposal.

POMEROY AVENUE – DUST CONTROL

Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve Martin Paving at a cost of \$1,610.00 to put down dust oil on Pomeroy Avenue from Third Street to the first bridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

DECEMBER MEETING

Councilman Shore made a motion to approve up to \$400.00 for food and supplies at the December meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

Councilman Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Davis, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary