

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
October 15, 2013
Continued on October 29, 2013
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Sandy Masten, Herb MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Tom Lowry, Cleve Price, Corporal Steve Ranck, Kelly McGuffin, Robert Salas, Joe Rivera

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

CORPORAL STEVE RANCK – AVONDALE STATE POLICE

Corporal Ranck said he has been at the Avondale Barracks for 17 years and he is here to let the public know what issues they are having. Corporal Ranch explained what the three biggest issues in the areas that they cover:

- ❖ The first issue is car break-ins. Keeping vehicles locked and valuables out of site will reduce the chance of having your vehicle broken into. Breaking a window is rare because of the noise; they mostly just look for unlocked vehicles.
- ❖ The second issue is residential burglaries. Most burglaries happen during the day when people are at work. Usually drug users are looking to make quick money and steal electronics and jewelry; something that they can pawn real quick. They will come around and knock on the door and if someone answers they will have a bogus story, and if no one answers they will usually walk around back and kick a door or a window in. Keep an eye out for your neighbors and if you see a suspicious car in the driveway give the police a call.
- ❖ The third issue is scrap metal theft. They go around and look for properties that have scrap and steal it and then take it to the scrap dealer for quick money. Again, this is mostly drug users.

Council thanked Corporal Ranch for his information and attending the meeting.

ROBERT SALAS – 3 HOOPES ALLEY

Mr. Salas came to the meeting to express his concerns on how long it is taking on getting a permit to build a house on his property. There are a lot of issues that need to be resolved before a permit can be issued. Following are a few of the issues discussed: The deed didn't match the plan; iron pins need to be located; a prescriptive easement was needed; flood plain data needed to be included; a second survey was needed; sanitary sewer connection information. After discussion, Mr. Salas agreed to have his engineer meet with the Borough's engineer to get the remaining issues resolved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from September 17, 2013, 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cleve Price read his monthly report. A copy of the report is available.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Herb MacCombie gave the following report

WILKINSON PROJECT

During the last two months the basins have been converted and the paving is being finished. Street lights will be going up in the next two week. Working on taking care of the ponding issues on Third Street.

CLAY CREEK ROAD REPAIR – APPROVE TO ADVERTISE TO BID

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve to advertise to bid the Clay Creek Road Project, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

NEW ACT 167 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN & MODEL ORDINANCE

The Borough is required to have in place a new stormwater ordinance by January 2, 2014. This is a stand-alone ordinance and it requires any existing ordinances to be eliminated and tailored to fit into one ordinance. Jamie MacCombie and Glenn Diehl are in the process of reviewing.

NEW WELL

Council approved Herb MacCombie to move forward with the investigation of finding a new location for a well and to start the paperwork.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

ANHOLT INDUSTRIES – WATER SERVICE

Jamie MacCombie and Glenn Diehl are working on the intermunicipal agreement between Avondale Borough and New Garden Township to supply Anholt water service. Mr. Diehl said the usage fee for Anholt has been calculated using the water usage and costs associated for the years 2008 through 2012. The cost to Anholt would be \$10.30 per 1,000 gallons. (\$9.80 per 1,000 gallons with a fee of \$.050 per 1,000 gallons for administration of the account). Based on the anticipated usage of 1,500 gallons per day, the annual fee would be \$5,639.25. Council agreed to move forward.

COMPENSATION FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mr. Diehl said that anyone in office cannot be the recipient of pay unless they get re-elected. Council approved to move forward with paying the elected Council starting in January 2014 on a quarterly basis. Mr. Diehl will advertise the Ordinance to adopt on October 29th.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to October 15, 2013, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

2014 BUDGET – MAJOR INCREASES

Council approved to move forward to include the following increases in the 2014 budget.

1. NEW WELL – Applications, Permits, well location investigation, new water source- \$75,000.00
2. INDIAN RUN ROAD REPAIR - \$400,000.00 Budget in PLGIT
3. INDIAN RUN QUARRY – Removal of trees and fence replacement. \$12,500.00
4. ACCOUNTANT – from \$14,000.00 to \$24,000.00
5. SOLICITOR – From \$70,000.00 to \$90,000.00
6. WAGES & BENEFITS:
 - a. Rick (\$1.00 / hour increase) + \$2,080
 - b. Becky (\$2,000.00 – 401 contribution) + \$2,000
 - c. Sandy (\$1,000.00 – 401 contribution) + \$1,000

The Treasurer will make the changes to the draft budget for Council’s review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Water and Sewer Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 12 at 2:30 p.m.
- Council Meeting November 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

9:20 p.m. - This meeting was continued until October 29, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ORDINANCE #241 – COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMPENSATION

There were no public comments.

The Public Hearing was closed.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE #241

Jim Duffy made a motion to adopt Ordinance #241, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

2014 BUDGET – APPROVE TO ADVERTISE

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve to advertise the 2014 budget, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP APPEAL

Jim Duffy made a motion to move forward with the appeal, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Halloween Parade will start at 5:00 p.m. on October 31st. Meet at Morris Alley at Third Street and walk to Servpro. Trick or Treat from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Water and Sewer Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at 2:30 p.m.
- Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Abby Pyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m., 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary