

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
October 16, 2012  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Pete Lau, William Fansler, Davis Howell, Chris Savoia, Bob Perotti, Dan Coppens

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**CHRIS SAVOIA**

Mr. Savoia who recently purchased the old First Niagra Bank is requesting a waiver from the Borough's Land Development requirements in order to enclose the former drive-through that was used when the building was a bank. The contractor will install footing and walls within the existing roof line of the structure. An additional office is proposed. Jamie MacCombie reviewed the plan and said it will have little or any adverse effect. Tom Lowry's recommendation is that Council grant this waiver request. Jim Duffy made a motion to grant the waiver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

**BOB PEROTTI & DAN COPPENS**

Mr. Perotti said he is here to ask Council for the approval of sewage facilities planning module for Anholt Technologies that was submitted to the Borough. Anholt Technologies is located on Church Road in New Garden Township and would come out of New Garden's allocation. Jamie MacCombie said he just received the request and will ask Council for their permission to review the module. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve Mr. MacCombie to review the plan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Duffy, motion carried.

Note: This review will be 100% paid by New Garden Township.

There was much discussion with Council and Mr. Perotti regarding the funds New Garden Township owes Avondale Borough. All of Council agreed that New Garden needs to pay the Avondale what they owe without any stipulations.

**ROBERT SALAS – 3 HOOPE'S ALLEY**

Mr. Salas said he owns the property at 3 Hoopes Alley and he is here to see what he can do with the property. Right now there is a trailer on the property and he is proposing to demolish that and build a house. President Shore said this first needs to go through the Zoning Officer. President Shore said he will set up the meeting with Mr. Lowry, Mr. Salas and himself.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from September 18, 2012, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

Council went into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

President Shore called the Council Meeting back to order at 7:25 p.m.

### **EEMA REPORT**

Council reviewed the monthly report and William Fansler gave the following report:

#### **ALARM FOR FRANKLIN MILLER GRINDER**

The Franklin Miller Grinder tripped out and blocked flow. At the present time there is only a small warning light when it has tripped. EEMA is recommending a new alarm system to be installed. Council discussed and agreed to purchase an alarm system and connect it to SCADA System. Mr. Fansler said he will get the quotes to present to the Water and Sewer Committee.

#### **INFLUENT PUMP INSPECTION**

Municipal maintenance will be inspecting the influent pump. This is a budgeted yearly.

#### **SLUDGE HOLDING TANK**

Two weeks ago we lost two pipes for the aerators. Right now there is about a 10' x 25' section of the tank that is being aerated and mixed by one aerator. Spoke to Jamie MacCombie and he has come up with some prices for tank rehab and a price for a new tank. There are three different options.

1. Rehabilitate the tank
2. Replace the tank with a new one
3. Take the tank out of service

The cheapest way is to take it out of service. Right now we use it for storage of sludge but have storage in the digester. If we stay with the same flows we have adequate storage in the digester.

Mr. MacCombie said his recommendation is not to do anything right now because it is more cost effective to pump the sludge out on a more regular basis. Council agreed to look into taking the sludge holding tank offline.

#### **DISINFECTION RULE FOR RESERVOIR-MANDATED BY DEP**

We have a floating distribution system at the reservoir. When the float goes down to a certain level it calls the well pumps and forces the water to be pumped to the reservoir. In order to meet the disinfection rule, we need to install valves on the 6"/12" water mains coming from the wells and chlorine contact tank to permit water in the normally closed position to be pumped directly to the reservoir and not into the 12" distribution main. The valve would be opened during very high demand such as a fire to permit to be directly pumped into the distribution system. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve up to \$19,000 to meet the requirements of the Disinfection Rule, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Duffy, motion carried.

#### **HYDRANT FLUSHING**

Fire Hydrant flushing and valve exercising will occur the week of October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

#### **WILKINSON PROJECT**

An extension was given until December 31, 2012

CONSTRUCTION RELEASE – 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT / CONSTRUCTION RELEASE – PHASE 3A / CONSTRUCTION RELEASE – PHASE 3B

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the construction release for Phase 3A in the amount of \$109,035.31 and, construction release for Phase 3B in the amount of \$74,642.45, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Jim Duffy made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to October 16, 2012, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Jim Duffy made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

FIRE POLICE DUES

Jim Duffy made a motion to approve up to \$210.00 to pay the yearly dues for the Fire Police from this year forward, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

STREAM BANK CLEARING

Jim Duffy made a motion to approve \$3,650.00 for Ricks Tree Service to do the stream bank clearing on Indian Run Road to prepare for the tree planting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Water and Sewer Committee will meet on November 13, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.
- Council Meeting November 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
- There was an executive session after this meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

Council went into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

President Shore called the Council Meeting back to order at 9:15 p.m.

REJECT NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP'S OFFER

Jim Duffy made a motion to reject New Garden Township's offer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

Abby Pyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary