

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
October 18, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

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

Guests Present: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Pete Lau, William Fansler, Davis Howell, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bove

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

PAUL BOVE

Mr. Bove asked about the status of the sewer hookups and said he received something in the mail asking him if he was still interested in sewer hookups. President Shore said we sent out a questionnaire asking everyone on the list if they are still interested since the list hasn't been updated in a long time. Jamie MacCombie said we went to the DEP a couple of months ago with documentation requesting an increase in flow and we are waiting to hear back from them.

EEMA'S REPORT

William Fansler gave the following report:

CHAIN INSTALLATION FOR DIMMINUTOR

Received a quotation for \$1640.00 from Municipal Maintenance for the installation of a chain for the dimminutor. This is for the retrieval of the dimminutor for maintenance instead of going into confined space. Councilman Duffy made a motion to approve \$1640.00 for the chain which includes material and installation, 2nd by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

WWTP NOISE

Councilman Cummings said he received a call from a resident regarding a loud noise from the plant. Councilman Cummings said he checked it out and the noise was coming from the auger muffin. Michelle Steele was called and she sent someone over to shut it off. Mr. Fansler said the noisy part on the auger muffin has been lubricated and running quiet.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

WILKINSON PROJECT - EXTENSION

An extension of time was given until November 30, 2011. There are still issues with the plans for the Phase 2A that need to be addressed.

CONSTRUCTION RELEASE #13 – CARILLON

Councilman Duffy made a motion to approve the construction release for \$22,921.41, 2nd by Councilman Cummings, motion carried. There is approximately \$680,000.00 left in the account.

MAXIMUM FITNESS

Tri-State Grouting was hired by the owner to repair the sewer lateral and should be resolved in the next couple of weeks.

INDIAN RUN ROAD & QUARRY

We have started the survey work and filed for a general permit which will take about 6 weeks.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Diehl requested an Executive Session to discuss legal matters concerning the Greenhouse Property and the State Street Bridge. Council went into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. President Shore brought the meeting back to order at 7:30 pm.

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

Councilman Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to October 18, 2011, 2nd by Councilman Duffy, motion carried.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Councilman Duffy made a motion to transfer \$44,629.03 from the First National Bank to the National Penn Sewer Fund account, 2nd by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

Sandy Masten said she may need to transfer \$18,000 from the general fund to subsidize the sewer fund to pay the bills for the month. The loan will be paid back when the water and sewer payments come in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Duffy made a motion to approve the minutes from September 20, 2011, 2nd by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howell gave the following report:

MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION

Lenee Bryan asked the Mayor to thank everyone who attended and participated in the dedication of Fred's Garden.

FIRE POLICE – WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Glenn Diehl is reviewing the proposed ordinance that Mayor Howell prepared and will have it ready for the next Council meeting.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE**POMEROY AND THIRD STREET WATER ISSUE**

Councilman Snyder requested that a swale be put in to alleviate the stormwater water issue. Council approved to have Dominick put in a swale from the road down to the inlet and not to go lower than 6 inches.

CHAIN SAW AND POLE SAW PURCHASE

President Shore said he purchased a chain saw and pole saw for the Borough at Gap Power. Dominick has requested a new weed eater. Council approved the purchase of the chain saw and pole saw and also for Dominick to purchase a new weed eater.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION #2011-4 – INCREASE IN WATER RATES

Councilman Besselman made a motion to adopt Resolution #2011-4 to increase the water rates 1% effective January 1, 2012, 2nd by Councilman Duffy, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

AVON GROVE LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Councilman Cummings made a motion to appoint Patrick Harrison to a three year term as Avondale Borough's Library Trustee, 2nd by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Shore made the following announcements.

- The Water and Sewer Committee will meet on November 14th at 2:00 p.m.
- Trick or Treat is October 31, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Councilman Duffy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., 2nd by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary