

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
September 18, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Tom Lowry, Glenn Diehl, Pete Lau, William Fansler, Wesley Horner, Chris Savoia

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

WESLEY HORNER – BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY

Mr. Horner said he has 250 free trees for the Borough that is being funded by the National Park Service and the National Wild and Scenic River Program under the Conservancy Reforestation Campaign. The site selected is the river bank along Indian Run Road, approximately 0.5 acre. The trees will be rooted saplings with stakes and shelters. The Date is October 27th at 9:00 a.m. The Borough's commitment is to maintain the trees for 20 years and an action of approval. There will need to be some site preparation by the Borough by mowing as close to the bank as possible. After some discussion, Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve to move forward with the planting of the trees, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

CHRIS SAVOIA

Mr. Savoia said he recently purchased the old First Niagra Bank building at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue & First Street. Mr. Savoia said he owns the Liberty Tax Office in Oxford and as of right now he plans to expand his business into that space.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the minutes from August 21, 2012, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

EEMA REPORT

Council reviewed the monthly report.

SECURITY AT RESERVOIR

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve up to \$500.00 for a security camera and signs at the reservoir, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried. Note: There was an attempted break-in at the Reservoir in August.

WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE

STEEL DOORS

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve up to \$10,000.00 for Peter J. O'Konshi & Co, Inc. to install four steel doors at the WWTP, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE - AUTHORIZED DOLLAR AMOUNT

President Shore said he would like Council to authorize a dollar amount to the Committee so they can approve and move certain projects along without waiting on Council's approval. Dave Besselman made a motion to authorize the Water and Sewer Committee to spend up to \$2,500.00 per month without approval from Council, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

WILKINSON PROJECT

An extension was given until December 31, 2012

CONSTRUCTION RELEASE – PHASE 3A

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the construction release of \$144,583.14, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

CONSTRUCTION RELEASE – PHASE 3B

Steve Cummings mad a motion to approve the construction release of \$257,604.74, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

WATERLINE BREAK ON CHURCH STREET

Jamie MacCombie reported on the waterline break:

Danella broke the waterline and JOAO & Bradley fixed it. The Borough was invoiced for \$12, 390.18. There are different caveats: We do not know if Danella made a PA One Call; if they didn't make a one call then it is Danella's bill. If they did make a one call and they didn't wait 72 hours, then it's Danella's bill. If Danella did make the one call and it was improperly marked then it is the Borough's bill.

William Fansler said Danella did put in a PA One Call but the gray area is the markings where Danella was going to work. Paul Gainor (works for EEMA) marked out the PA One Call for the Borough. William said after talking with Paul, he was not clear on where Danella was going to start and finish. Paul marked it out the best that he knew how to mark it out. President Shore asked William if Danella put down the white lines. William said from what Paul told him, Danella did not do a real good job of marking it out

President Shore asked William if everything of ours was marked at the time they started digging. William said from what the PA One Call describe and what little markings Danella put down everything was marked. William will research to see if Danella waited the 72 hours.

ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE COMMITTEE

After discussion, Mayor Dottie, Bill Shore and Wilson Lysle will serve on the zoning ordinance update committee.

EVA GLICK PROPERTY – 36 GAP NEWPORT PIKE

Tom Lowry said he sent two enforcement notices and a citation has been issued for the property.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to September 18, 2012, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

DONATION TO FIRE COMPANY

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve \$500.00 donation to the Avondale Fire Company for support of the 125th Anniversary, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howell gave the following report:

AVONDALE FIRE COMPANY'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

The fire company will be having their anniversary celebration on September 22, 2012. The ceremony will start at 12:30 p.m. From 1:00-3:30 there will be: an open house, food, drinks, displays, exhibits, and kid activities. All are welcome.

AVONDALE FIRE COMPANY DONATION

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve a \$500.00 donation to show support of the fire company, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

TREES AT WATSON PARK

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve \$5,000.00 to remove trees and stumps at Watson Park, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

HALLOWEEN

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve up to \$400.00 for light sticks to be handed out to the children during Trick or Treat, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried. Trick or Treat is scheduled for Wednesday, October 31, 2012 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A letter will be sent to the fire police asking for their assistance with Trick or Treat night. Bill Shore said he will get the flares.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Water and Sewer Committee will meet on October 9, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.
- Council Meeting September 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
- There was an executive session after this meeting to discuss legal issues.

Council went into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

The Executive Session was continued to October 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING
October 2, 2012 continued from September 18, 2012
6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Bill Shore, Abby Pyle, Dave Besselman, Wilson Lysle, Jim Duffy
Absent: Steve Cummings:

Guests Present: Mayor Howell

Council went back into Executive Session from the September 18, 2012 meeting.

The Council meeting was brought back to order at 6:55 p.m.

SECURITY SYSTEM UPGRADE

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve up to \$1,500.00 to upgrade the security system, 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried.

RECONSTRUCT 4th STREET

After the installation of a new water line from Pennsylvania Avenue to Chatham Street, Council agreed to patch 4th Street because storm drains will be installed in the near future.

Wilson Lysle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m., 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary