

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
September 20, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

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

Guests Present: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Pete Lau, Matthew Bessicks, Davis Howell, Russell Williams, William O'Connell, Patricia Stabler, Dan Gallagher

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHESTER WATER AUTHORITY

Russell Williams from the CWA gave the history of the Chester Water Authority and reviewed the current capabilities.

DAN GALLAGHER – AVONDALE GARDENS

Dan Gallagher said his property has been up for sale and he understands that the Borough wants his property for a future expansion of the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Gallagher wants to know where the Borough stands as far as acquiring the property. Glenn Diehl explained that the Borough got an appraisal of the property and that it came out to be \$90,000. Mr. Diehl said he spoke to Mr. Gallagher's realtor and asked for their value of the property and he has not heard back from the realtor since that conversation. All we are asking for is an appraisal from Mr. Gallagher and we can go from there.

SAL PARKER

Ms. Parker said there seems to be some issues with the Historical Commission's profits from the sale of Bob Cleveland's book. At no point did the Historical Commission state that the books would be sold at a retail cost and for the most part they were not. A great many of the books were given away to different entities such as libraries, other historical commissions, etc. If any money was made from the book it was put back in to the Historical Commissions money for their activities. The Commission does not have any money to give back to the Borough.

President Shore said Council will need some time to review the information that Ms. Parker gave them and then will decide how to move forward. Council believes there is over \$1,000 missing from the book sales and we would like to get this resolved for our auditor to close the books since the Historical Commission no longer exists. Councilman Besselman asked if she believes that the Commission does not owe the Borough anything. Ms. Parker said the Commission owes the Borough some of the solid materials that were produced but financially there is no money. President Shore asked if there are any historical documents that belong to the Borough. Ms. Parker said she has one file that belonged to a previous Commission. President Shore said after Council reviews the information, a meeting will be set up with Ms. Parker to settle this matter.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

We need to have an executive session to bring Council up to date on a couple of litigation matters on Wilkinson and New Garden Township.

120 W. STATE STREET – GREENHOUSE PROPERTY

Council asked Mr. Diehl to write a letter to Dan Gallagher, the owner asking for his appraisal within a specific amount of days.

EEMA’S REPORT

SLUDGE TANK

President Shore said he noticed some repair needs to be done to the sludge tank. William Fansler said Municipal will be coming to the plant to do an evaluation of the sludge tank

WATER TESTING WAIVER REQUEST

Pete Lau said the DEP approved the waiver request.

WELL HOUSES

The fence has been installed. The electrical rehabilitation to the well houses has been started.

BOROUGH ENGINEER’S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

WILKINSON PROJECT - EXTENSION

An extension was given until October 31, 2011.

MAXIMUM FITNESS

The owner is in the process of getting other prices to repair the lateral.

INDIAN RUN ROAD & QUARRY

We started the process for the general permit for the stream bank stabilization on Indian Run Road and we are allowed to put in rip rap under a general permit. It should be around \$27,000 to repair the damage from the flood to the road next to the quarry. Jamie will forward a breakdown of these costs.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVE THE BILLS TO BE PAID

Councilman Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to September 20, 2011, 2nd by Councilman Shore, motion carried.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from August 23, 2011, 2nd by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Howell gave the following report:

AVONDALE FIRE COMPANY DEDICATION CEREMONY

Avondale Fire Company is having a dedication ceremony October 1st at 11:30 a.m. Justin Ramberger built the memorial with pieces of metal from the World Trade Center as his Eagle Scout project. Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremony.

LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP

London Grove Township is requesting to change two houses located in LGT to a State Street Address. At the present time, the two houses have Abby Lane as their address and are confusing because the new development is Abby Lane and the emergency vehicles went to the wrong address two times. They would like to change the addresses to 219 and 229 State Street. Councilman Besselman made motion to approve the address changes, 2nd by Councilman Cummings, Councilman Snyder-nay, Councilman Shore-yea, motion carried with a 3-1 vote.

FIRE POLICE – WORKMEN’S COMPENSATION

Bill Shore and Mayor Dottie met with the Borough’s insurance agent Bob Longley because there were questions about one fire police who had two separate instances where she fell and hit her head. Worker’s Comp paid for one claim and they refused to pay for the other claim because one was considered a valid event under worker’s comp and the other was not. Bob Longley gave us the actual regulations for fire police. Mr. Longley gave us information and copies of ordinances to adopt for Avondale to prevent this sort of thing from happening again. This ordinance will let the fire police know exactly what they can and cannot do. We are asking the fire company to write a letter to the Borough requesting specific things they need to do without asking permission from the Borough each time.

MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION

Fred Bryan’s Memorial Garden is going to be dedicated October 15th at 6:00 p.m.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Bill Shore gave the following report:

RESOLUTION 2011-3 – EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN UPDATE

Councilman Besselman made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-3, 2nd by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Councilman Snyder gave the following report

TARP FOR DUMP TRUCK

Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve up to \$2,500.00 for an automatic tarp cover for the dump truck, 2nd by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS**HALLOWEEN – TRICK OR TREAT**

Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve Trick or Treat for October 31, 2011 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and to approve up to \$600.00 for light sticks to hand out to the children, 2nd by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

SEWER AUTHORITY

Glenn Diehl said the Borough Sewer Authority had it organizational meeting on September 15th, the officers were appointed, and they will be participating in the lawsuit with New Garden.

NEWSLETTER

President Shore said he wanted to see what kind of response we would get from the questionnaire that was sent out in the newsletter and so far we have gotten one response. The question now is do we still want to send out the newsletter if we are not getting any feedback. After some discussion regarding the cost of producing the newsletter and the lack of interest, Council agreed to keep posting the newsletter on the Borough's website and to mail it to only those that request it. The secretary will put this information in the newsletter.

COUNCIL WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:30 P.M. TO DISCUSS LITIGATION MATTERS ON NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP AND THE WILKINSON PROJECT MATTERS

PRESIDENT SHORE BROUGHT THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER AT 10:00 P.M.

Councilman Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10.00 p.m., 2nd by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary