

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
September 21, 2010
6:00 P.M.**

Council Members Present: Fred Bryan, Bill Shore, Junior Snyder, Toyge Davis, Steve Cummings, Jim Duffy 1 Vacancy

Guests Present: Mayor Howell, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Dave Friedman, Pete Lau, Michelle Steele, Sandy Masten, Davis Howell, Bill Stallings, Mike Donohue

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Donohue

Mr. Donohue said he owns Star Laser located at the corner of Ellicott Avenue and Route 41 and he is looking to expand his business by selling headstones and monuments with outside displays. Mr. Donohue said he spoke to the Zoning Officer and the zoning does not permit outdoor displays in this district. Mr. Donohue said he would like to apply for a variance but he first would like to get Council's thoughts and views. Council expressed how they always welcome new businesses in the Borough but this is something that needs to go to the Zoning Hearing Board. Council would like to speak to the Solicitor and Zoning Officer for their input before they decide if they would be in favor, oppose or have no opinion on this potential business.

EEMA'S REPORT

Michelle Steele gave the following report for August 2010:

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Wastewater Treatment Plant Flows:

Total Monthly Flow	6,302,000 gallons
Daily Flows Min.	163,000 gallons
Daily Flows Max.	333,000 gallons
Daily Flows Avg.	203,000 gallons

New Garden Township Weekly Flows (Average Gallons/Day)

WEEK	July 28-Aug 4	Aug 4 – 11	Aug 11– 18	Aug 18 – 25
ROUTE 41	33,614	35,875	34,670	35,260
RAILROAD	55,284	46,857	45,494	46,062
Total	88,898	82,732	80,164	81,322

OPERATIONS

- Hauled 19,650 gallons of sludge

WATER TREATMENT PLANT
Production Summary

Water System		Well #1	Gallons/Day	Well #2	Gallons/Day
Total Well #1	2,364,900	Minimum	49,900	Minimum	6,200
Total Well #2	584,800	Maximum	120,200	Maximum	29,400
Total:	2,706,600	Average	76,287	Average	18,865
Avg. gpd	95,152				

OPERATIONS:

- DEP inspection August 10 – no report received

Water Actions

- 24 Water Actions

Facilities Maintenance Report:Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Utility pumps repacked
- Composite sampler repaired
- All 5 meters at plant were calibrated

Collection and Distribution System

- Total PA 1 Calls - 7

PERMIT VIOLATIONS:

No permit violations for the month

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

PARKING ISSUE ON CHATHAM STREET

Last month Council was interested in finding a resolution to some parking issues on Chatham Street. If we are going to do the parking permit procedure we need to focus on what we want to achieve and how we are going to achieve it. Council needs to identify the areas in which you want to enforce a parking permit procedure on which side of the street, and how many permits per house. Our first step is to make it clear that there is no parking in the yards, side, front or back. There are some administrative issues; the fee issue, identification, and enforcement issue. A first step would be to make it clear in our ordinance that there is no parking except on improved parking spaces so we don't have parking all over the yards. Mr. Diehl will work on drafting an amendment to the current zoning ordinance for Council's approval.

SOLICITATION ORDINANCE

Council approved to table this issue until other priority issues are resolved.

PROPOSED AIRPORT HAZARD ZONING ORDINANCE

Jamie MacCombie said anytime anyone wants to build anything close to the airport, you have to file a notice of proposed construction with the FAA. You send the application to the FAA and they will tell you if it a hazard or not a potential hazard. If there is no hazard the FAA will issue an approval and based on this approval the municipality would then issue a permit. The Bureau of Aviation also wants to be notified. More information will be forthcoming.

STATE STREET BRIDGE

The Commissioners have agreed to meet with Avondale in Executive Session to put the issues on the table. The County Solicitor will call to give us the date to meet.

CHESTER COUNTY TAX COMMITTEE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The State has mandated that all employers in the State of Pennsylvania collect Earned Income Tax using appointed Keystone Collections Group in the Chester Collection District. An ordinance, advertising and DCED notification must be done by specific deadlines. Council approved Mr. Diehl to do what was necessary to meet this requirement.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

STATE STREET PHASE II – CONSTRUCTION FUND RELEASE

The waterline is across Pennsylvania Avenue. The line was pressure tested and chlorinated and now we are in the process of waiting on the lab results for the bacteria counts. If the lab results are acceptable, they will start doing the service connections. This project is being funded 100% through the County so any authorization of the Borough will be subject to the County's approval. Councilman Snyder made a motion to authorize the release of \$70,587.00 to pay JFC Contractors subject to the County's concurrence, 2nd by Councilman Shore, motion carried.

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

Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to September 21, 2010, 2nd by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Duffy made a motion to approve the minutes from August 17, 2010, 2nd by Councilman Davis, motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**RESOLUTION 2010-8 - HOUSE BILL 2431**

Councilman Shore made a motion to adopt Resolution #2010-8, 2nd by Councilman Davis, motion carried. This Resolution opposes forced consolidation, merger or annexation of local governments in Pennsylvania.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**GLENN ALLEN – COUNCIL RESIGNATION**

President Bryan announced that a letter was received from Glenn Allen stating that he is resigning from Council due to personal reasons. Council wished Mr. Allen the best and thanked him for his service. Councilman Duffy made a motion to accept Glenn Allen's resignation as of September 21, 2010, 2nd by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENT APPOINTMENT

Councilman Duffy made a motion to appoint Bill Shore as Vice President, 2nd by Councilman Davis, motion carried.

STREETS AND STREET LIGHTS

Bill Shore gave the following reports:

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

The Committee is looking into putting up "snow emergency route" signs on streets where the snowplow has trouble getting up the streets where cars are parked. The Secretary will look to see if there is an ordinance for the enforcement of the signs. If not, Glenn Diehl will draft an ordinance. The Committee will find out how many signs are needed and where they will be placed.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE**WWTP NOISE**

Councilman Davis recommended putting up arborvitae trees along the fence at the treatment plant to help eliminate the sound at the sewer plant and to help to eliminate seeing the plant. After some discussion, Councilmen Cummings and Davis volunteered to look into getting the estimates on taking out the existing trees and put in mature arborvitae.

HYDRANT MARKERS

Councilman Duffy made a motion to approve up to \$800.00 for fire hydrant markers, 2nd by Councilman Shore, motion carried.

PARKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Shore said the unsafe playground equipment was removed from the Watson Park. Councilman Shore said we need to get a container to get rid of the old playground equipment and other trash in the Borough. Councilman Shore made a motion to approve up to \$1,500.00 for a roll off, 2nd by Councilman Duffy, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS**TRICK OR TREAT**

Councilman Duffy made a motion to approve Trick or Treat in the Borough on Sunday, August 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and to authorize the assistance from the Fire Police, 2nd by Councilman Davis, motion carried. Councilman Shore said he had a discussion with Officer Anderson and he suggested the Borough give out glow sticks on Trick or Treat night. Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve up to \$300.00 for glow sticks, 2nd by Councilman Davis, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT

President Bryan announced that there will be an executive session after this meeting to discuss a legal matter.

Councilman Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., 2nd by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary