

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
December 15, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, David Biloon, Glenn Diehl, Fred Walton, Rick Davis, Seung Ah Byun,

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

2016 BUDGET – ADOPTION

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt the 2016 Budget, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED 2016 TAX ORDINANCE

There were no public comments. The Public Hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE #250 – 2016 TAX ORDINANCE

Abby Pyle made a motion to adopt Ordinance #250, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED WATER/SEWER/TRASH FEES

There were no public comments. The Public Hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE #251 – WATER/SEWER AND TRASH FEES

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Ordinance #251, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

MS4 TMDL STRATEGY

Seung Ah Byun asked if the version of the strategy on the Borough’s website has been revised to address DEP’s comments. Dave Biloon said yes that all the comments have been addressed and will be submitted to DEP. There were no other questions. Abby Pyle made a motion to adopt the MS4 TMDL Strategy, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the minutes from November 17, 2015, 2nd by Wilson Lysle motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Rick Davis reviewed his report with Council.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton gave the following report:

Everything was good in November with the wastewater plant; we had an effluent of an average of 313,100 gallons per day and an influent of 278,570 gallon per day. We are currently having an issue with the float at the reservoir. The issue is at the shut off point, it causes a variation in pressure when it shuts off which causes it to turn on and off repeatedly. An electrician will be in tomorrow to repair the problem.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dave Biloon gave the following report

WELL UPDATE

The final report was reviewed and then submitted to DEP on December 9th. While the report is being reviewed the design of the pump will be completed. It appears at this point, the project will be ready to advertise for bids late winter to early March.

MUSHROOM EXPRESS-CWA WATER CONNECTION

Chester Water Authority was approved to install water to Mushroom Express. CWA is waiting for the official approval from the Borough to start the project. Council approved his office to look into the possibility of providing an emergency water connection for the Borough's use at the proposed main extension to serve Mushroom Express. CWA said they would install a fire hydrant for \$2,700 with a yearly hydrant fee of \$435.60 per year. Council said they have no problem with the cost of the hydrant but they do with the yearly fee. Mr. Biloon will ask CWA to consider waiving this fee. President Shore asked Mr. Biloon to look into the CWA connection at S. Williamson Drive. The valves were put in for emergency water connection for the Borough when the development was built but Avondale didn't run the water line to connect to it.

STATE STREET BRIDGE PROJECT - WATERLINE PIPE UPGRADE

We submitted a revised proposal to replace the reservoir feed line from a 6" line to a 12" line. The County has offered to include the 6" line in the replacement bridge contract price. The County said if the Borough wants a 12" line installed we would need to pay the additional cost of \$8900.00. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve \$8,900.00 to fund the additional cost between the upgraded 12" line and the 6" line, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

BALTIMORE PIKE - STONES AND MUD

President Shore said there is a business in the Borough that has repeatedly brought mud and stones across Baltimore Pike. The gravel and mud are going into the storm sewer and being thrown on vehicles. Empty trucks are weighed at the quarry then they cross over Baltimore Pike to Crestwood's propane filling station which is a dirt filling yard, load up and them back over to the quarry to be weighed and then back out onto Baltimore pike. There is dirt at both the quarry and the filling station. Mr. Biloon said there is a possibility of several violations and his office will look into it. Mr. Biloon requested the Borough send a written request to his office and the issue will be investigated. The Secretary will send the request.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

Brickhouse Invoices

Reviewed the contract, the contract is based on an estimate with no fixed price. The Borough Engineer found out that the items charged were legitimate items that reflected actual things

that needed to be done. Council questioned how much more work is needed to be done by Brickhouse. Council did not make a decision until Mr. Biloon checks to see how much more work Brickhouse is left to be done by Brickhouse.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to December 15, 2015, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

306 CHATHAM STREET – WATER/SEWER/TRASH PAYMENT PLAN

Dave Besselman said the water and sewer committee is recommending Council to approve a payment plan for Debra McGuire of 306 Chatham Street to make bi-weekly payments to catch up on her arrearage. She had some problems with renters and she just got them out of her house. Ms. McGuire is now living in the house. Steve Cummings made a motion to approve a payment plan for 306 Chatham Street and forgive the late fees per the December 15, 2015 agreement, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE POLICE DUES

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve to pay the Avondale Fire Police dues for 2016, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried

GIFT CARDS FOR EMPLOYEES

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve a \$100.00 gift card to Lowe's as a Christmas Bonus to Borough employees, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Reorganization Meeting – Monday, January 5, 2016 @6:00 p.m.
- Work Session – Tuesday, January 12, 2016 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, January 19, 2015 @6:00 p.m.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary