

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
December 19, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Jamie MacCombie, Kim Venzie, Officer Jebiz Anderson, Davis Howell, Becka Schlimme, Faith Shore, Beverly Lysle, Chief Brian Sheller, Ann Smoker

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

2018 BUDGET ADOPTION

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt the 2018 Budget, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2018 TAX ORDINANCE #257

Kim Venzie said there are two procedural exhibits:

- Exhibit B-1: Proof of publication advertised on December 5, 2017 in the Daily Local News.
- Exhibit B-2: Letter dated November 28, 2017 from Ms. Venzie's office with a copy of the ordinance to the Chester County Law Library for public inspection.

Steve Cummings made a motion to adopt Ordinance #257, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the minutes from November 21, 2017. 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton gave the following report:

The Water Treatment Plant –All systems online and ok. The backup float control system is offline while PECO is working on the gas line. The triennial DEP is due in 2018, probably January, an Emergency Response Plan (ERP), Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and Operations & Maintenance Manual (O & M) will need to be created or updated.

The Wastewater Plant –Final effluent quality is good. The sludge holding tank is offline pending further repair work. Nittany controls is scheduled to work on the alarm connections. The north clarifier scum pit pump is not discharging properly and will need to be serviced. John from M&S worked on the spare muffin monster. It needs more work to be ready for service. Water line is off to the screener.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

PA NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL

The renewal application must be filed by January 31st. Mr. MacCombie's office is working on the application. The cost for the permit is \$500 payable to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WILKINSON PROJECT

An extension was received from Wilkinson until March 31, 2018.

PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER GRANT

John Murray of PA DCED called Mr. MacCombie's office and advised the request to change the grant to replace the reservoir cover was not going to be approved. Mr. Murray suggested filing a new application specifically for a reservoir cover. Council approved Mr. MacCombie's office to file a new application to the PA DCED.

NEW WATER SUPPLY – BIDS

The two lowest bids Pact Two; \$1,073,979.00 and Shainline \$1,078,485.00 came within \$4,000 of each other. Right now, we have \$528,586.00 remaining funds left which is not enough grant money to do the project. We will come close if the State allows us to move the \$300,000 grant money from PA Small Water & Sewer Program and do away with the 25 gallon a minute well pump and everything associated with it. Another option is to ask the DCD for additional funding for this project. After discussion, Council decided since there is a timing issue to respond to the bidders by January 13th; we need to advertise for a Council meeting on January 9, 2018 to see if we get an answer from the State or if Council needs to reject all the bids.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

VERIZON STATUS

We have been notified that there will be a Hearing at District Court in January.

ZONING AMENDMENT PROPOSED ORDINANCE

We received a letter from the Chester County Planning Commission and they recommend we adopt the Ordinance as drafted. Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve Ms. Venzie to advertise the Ordinance, 2nd by Dave Besselman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to December 19, 2017, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

NEW BUSINESS

VACANCY BOARD RESIGNATION

Rebecca Schlimme submitted a letter of resignation from the Vacancy Board. Ms. Schlimme was elected as a Council member and these positions are not compatible. Council accepted the resignation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Reorganization Meeting – Tuesday, January 2, 2018
- Work Session – Tuesday, January 9, 2018 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, December 16, 2018 @6:00 p.m.

Wilson Lysle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary