

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
February 20, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Shore, Steve Cummings, Dave Besselman, Becka Schlimme, Wilson Lysle

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Kim Venzie, Officer Jebiz Anderson, Anthony Campbell, Ellen Kohler

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

PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING AMENDMENT – ORDINANCE #258

President Shore opened the Public Hearing. Kim Venzie presented the exhibits:

1. B-1: Letter dated November 22, 2017 from Kimberly P. Venzie to the Chester County Planning Commission providing proposed amendment for review.
2. B-2: Proof of publication in the Daily Local News on January 30, 2018 and February 6, 2018
3. B-3: Letter dated December 14, 2017 from Glenn Bentley, Senior Review Planner, to Becky Brownback, Borough Secretary.
4. B-4: Email from Mattie Merlino to the Daily Local News providing proposed amendment for public inspection.
5. B-5: Email from Mattie Merlino to the Chester County Law Library providing proposed amendment for public inspection.

There was no public comment.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Ordinance #258, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

ELLEN KOHLER – WHITE CLAY CREEK WILD AND SCENIC RIVER PROGRAM – MS4 UPDATE

All the permit applications were submitted in September 2017. Avondale Borough met the load reductions because you were able to take credit for the stream restoration project that was done several years ago and it more than met the Borough's need in reducing pollutant load. Avondale does not have any requirements for this permit cycle. We are now in the phase where we are waiting on DEP's response. The permits are for 5-years and are supposed to be effective in March. If Council is interested we will work to try to get funding to do projects such as improving stormwater runoff, planting trees, streambank erosion, etc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council meeting on January 16, 2018 and the minutes from the Work Session on February 13, 2018, 2nd by Becka Schlimme, motion carried.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton gave the following report:

The Water Treatment Plant –All systems online and ok. The average water pumped from well 1 is 65,403 gallons per day and 67,132 from well 2. The average well pumping hours - 8.7 per day.

The Wastewater Plant –Both Clarifiers are online. Final effluent quality is good. The sludge holding tank is offline pending repair work. The north clarifier scum pit pump is offline pending repair work. The influent grinder and screener are offline due to the cold weather. On 2/5/2018, there was an incident with one of the chlorine gas regulators in the effluent chlorination room. The regulator was found to be venting out chlorine gas. Paul notified the fire department who got the cylinder turn off. McGovern's driver who was onsite and drove himself to the Chester County Hospital and was treated and released. The faulty regulator was taken for service by Environmental Services and placed back in service on 2/6/2018. They looked at our breathing apparatus and said it needed to be inspected before using them. A training session on using the breathing apparatus is scheduled for Tuesday. On 2/6/2018, an OSHA inspector made a site visit. Total flow for the month was 7,021,000 gallons treated. 39,600 gallons of sludge were removed from the facility.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

PA NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL

The permit application was submitted on January 26th.

WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

The request for the additional funding of \$534,384.00 was submitted on February 9th.

WILKINSON PROJECT

An extension was received from Wilkinson until March 31, 2018. We will request another extension.

PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER GRANT – RESOLUTION 2018-2

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-2, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried. This Resolution authorizes the application for a grant under the Pennsylvania small water and sewer program for the replacement of a reservoir cover and related improvements.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

VERIZON STATUS

The settlement check was received from Verizon for \$8,000.00.

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP

The agreement was signed by London Grove Township. The next step is to enact an Ordinance to make the agreement effective. Council authorized Ms. Venzie to move forward with the ordinance.

WATER RATE INCREASE

An ordinance needs to be adopted. Council approved Ms. Venzie to move forward with the ordinance.

ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Anthony Campbell gave the following report:

PERMITS SUBMITTED

Currently, we issued a permit for 100 Pomeroy Avenue to renovate the old railroad station. A permit application was submitted for a new house on Chatham Street. The permit was denied because information is needed. Verizon submitted an application to replace the generation and do some alterations.

ROOSTER COMPLAINTS

Received noise complaints about a rooster crowing all times of day and night. We do not have an ordinance prohibiting roosters or chickens but we have a noise ordinance it violates. The letter will be sent to the owner by the end of the week. If it becomes a big issue, Council may want to look into adopting an ordinance.

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING

We will be getting an application for an Conditional Use Hearing for 401 Pennsylvania Avenue. The owner is a hair dresser and wants to set up a small shop so she can work from home on occasion. The ordinance does require a conditional use which mean it has to come before Council for approval.

FINANCE COMMITTEEAPPROVAL OF BILLS

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to February 20, 2018, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howell reported on the following:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

We will not have a Comprehensive Plan meeting in March because Ray Ott will not be available. The next meeting will be on April 10th at 2:00 p.m.

GUARD RAIL AT THIRD STREET BRIDGE

PECO hired Asplundh to take down trees along the electric lines on E. Third Street. They cut down the trees at the Third Street Bridge and now there is now a 30' opening which is a big safety hazard. Since it is a state road Penndot was contacted in the permitting department and they will get back with her.

NEW BUSINESSVACANCY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Borough Council appointed Russ Kilmer to the Vacancy Board

RESOLUTION 2018-3 - RECOGNIZING PA 811 AS SAFE DIGGING MONTH

Steve Cummings made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-3, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, March 13, 2018 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, March 20, 2018 @6:00 p.m.
- There will be an Executive Session after this meeting to discuss a legal issue.

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