

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
April 17, 2018  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Kim Venzie, Officer Jebiz Anderson, Henry Schlimme, Dave Barlow, Fred Walton, Janet Kruger, Audrey Smith, Jacqueline Alkin, Daniel Wray, Santiago Lopez

**CONDITIONAL USE HEARING – 401 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE**

The Conditional Use Hearing took place at 6:00 p.m. The Hearing was conducted by Solicitor Kim Venzie. Court Reporter Mark Hagerty was present. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the use of a hair salon at 401 Pennsylvania with no restrictions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

The Hearing was closed at 6:25 p.m.

After the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting was called to order by President Shore after the Conditional Use Hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING-INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH LGT ORDINANCE #259-2018**

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

1. B-1: E-mail from Mattie Merlino to the Chester County Law Library dated April 3, 2018 providing proposed amendment for public inspection...
2. B-2: Proof of publication in the Daily Local News on April 5, 2018.

There was no public comment and the Public Hearing was closed.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Ordinance #259-218, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**524 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE**

Mr. Lopez was here to speak for the owner of 524 Pennsylvania Avenue. Mr. Lopez said no one notified the owner he was going to have to pay for the repair of the water leak. President Shore said they were notified several times about the water running from their property and down Pennsylvania Avenue and it was the homeowner's responsibility since the leak was a result of cars parking on the lawn and broke the shut off valve. The owner failed to have the leak repaired and it being a public safety issue the Borough had to repair the leak and billed the owner. Mr. Lemus will bring the owner to the next meeting to discuss.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from the following meetings: Council meetings on February 20, 2018 and March 20, 2018. Work Sessions on March 13, 2018 and April 10, 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becka Schlimme, motion carried.

**WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT**

Fred Walton gave the following report:

The Water Treatment Plant –All systems online and ok. The DEP inspection was held on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am went well with only two minor issues. The annual Chapter 110 flow report was submitted. The average water pumped from well #1 for February was 64,214 per day and 67,632 per day for well #2. The average water pumped from well #1 for March was 64,429 per day and 68,316 per day for well #2.

The Wastewater Plant –. Total flow for the month of February was 10,328,000 gallons treated and 11,112,000 gallons for March. 32,400 gallons of sludge were removed from the facility in February and 46,700 in March.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

**STATE STREET ABANDONMENT**

Mr. MacCombie was asked to provide more data on the status of State Street and when it was abandoned. A letter and a map from PennDOT addresses the abandonment of State Street as a state highway on May 27, 1937.

**STATE STREET MAINTENANCE SOLUTIONS**

At the last meeting Council expressed concerns about whether State Street will be able to support the heavier traffic and high traffic volumes after the bridge opens. Mr. MacCombie said an engineering and a traffic study can be performed to determine if the road is able to support heavy/high traffic volumes. This would involve core sampling, traffic counting, etc. Any heaving hauling company that regularly uses the road would enter into an Excessive Maintenance Agreement and be financially responsible above the normal maintenance. Council will decide at the next meeting whether to pursue the study.

**WATER SUPPLY UPDATE**

The request for the additional funding of \$534,384.00 will be voted on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**WILKINSON PROJECT**

An extension was received from Wilkinson until September 30, 2018.

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

**ORDINANCE - TAX CREDIT FOR ACTIVE FIRE COMPANY VOLUNTEERS**

Council approved Ms. Venzie to advertise the Ordinance.

**BARLOW ISSUE**

Ms. Venzie said she had conversation with Mr. Barlow's attorney and was informed that Mr. Barlow removed the tarp and also the poles that were holding the tarp up. There were enforcement actions taken, court proceedings, fines and legal fees incurred that needs to be discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Barlow said the reason the tarp was put up was because his neighbors continue to threaten his family and when he calls the police nothing is done. After discussion regarding the issues Mr. Barlow is having with his neighbors, President Shore told Mr. Barlow that the Borough will try and address some of the issues as soon as possible.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE****APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid from February and March, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the financial statements from February and March, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESSSNOW EMERGENCY SIGNS – CARILLON

After substantial debate on the location of the snow emergency signs, Solicitor Kim Venzie will look into this matter and make her recommendation to Borough Council.

NEW BUSINESSMOWER PROPOSAL

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve \$10,500.00 for a Gravely Mower, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Lysle, motion carried

RESOLUTION 2018-4 SUPPORT RADAR GUNS FOR MUNICIPAL POLICE

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve Resolution #2018-4, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

SEWER RELIEF - WATER LEAK IN METER PIT AT STRIP MALL – OWNER ANTHONY TSAGANOS

The meter pit was leaking and was discovered when the meters were read. The water did not go into the sewer. Council gave Mr. Tsaganos relief on the sewer portion of his invoice for the amount of \$6,269.74. No relief is granted for water.

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

Becca Schlimme, chairperson for the cleanup said it will take place at the Watson Park on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

2<sup>ND</sup> STREET PARK – RENOVATION OF SOCCER FIELD

Dave Besselman made a motion approving Superior Yardworks, Inc. to restore the soccer field for \$5,500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

POMEROY AVENUE CLEAN UP

Wilson Lysle said there are about 32 dump truck loads of millings, dirt, stone other debris on Pomeroy Avenue that needs to be cleaned up. A quote was received from G.A. Clanton for \$6,500.00. Steve Cummings made a motion to approve up to \$6,500.00 to clean up Pomeroy Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, May 9, 2018 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, May 22, 2018 @6:00 p.m. – due to the election the meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Becky Brownback*

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Borough Secretary