

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
October 16, 2018  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Kim Venzie, Officer Jebiz Anderson, Fred Walton, Steve Alaband, Mayor Steve Black-West Grove

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE**

Steve Alaband from the Southern Chester County Regional Police Department gave a brief presentation on some of the services the police department offers.

In 2019 we will have 24 sworn officers. We participate with the Chester County Emergency Response Team and the Municipal Drug Task Force. We have a strong active presence on Crime Watch and Social Media Sites and it has been successful. Committed to the Domestic Violence Center with Coatesville being the highest and New Garden second. We partner with the following organizations: The Garage in West Grove (youth organization), La Comunidad in Kennett Square, Avon Grove Library and the Kennett Square Library. We would like to offer a contract to the Borough which would include a 24-hour response coverage, in addition, it would be a 40 hour of uniformed patrol services to enforce State and Local laws. In addition to the 40 hours, there would be enforcement while traveling through the Borough from New Garden Township to West Grove. All fines for any and all enforcement would be split evenly between Avondale Borough and the SCCRPD. We have planned facility that is under construction and it is New Garden Township responsibility; not the regional police. Mayor Black from West Grove said we want to be Avondale's police force and we want to know what we can do to make it happen? President Shore asked for a written proposal.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on September 18, 2018 and the Work Session on October 9, 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

**WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT**

Fred Walton gave the following report.

**Drinking Water System:**

All systems online and ok. Andy replaced the roof and rotten walls on the North well house. LaFrance repaired the wires to the float in the storage tank. The pumps ran on an average 7.3 hours per day. There was an average of 53,597 gallons per day pumped from well house 1 and average of 59,977 gallons per day pumped from well house 2.

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

The month of September we had a total of 14,649,000 gallons of influent flow and 14,287,500 gallons were treated. All systems are online except the influent screener. The grit blower was rebuilt and returned to service. Clarifier sludge blankets have settled down to only about 2 feet each from 8-10 feet last month. Having some issues with the influent pumps run cycles and times. We are addressing this issue. 72,200 gallons of sludge were removed from facility.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

NPDES PERMIT

Received the permit. The permit expires November 2023.

NEW WATER SUPPLY

Contracts were signed for the well improvements and a pre-construction meeting was held on October 11, 2018 at the Chester County Development Office. The Pump Station order was placed. Deliver is not expected until March 2019. Work should start in mid-February depending on the weather and should take 8-12 weeks.

SMALL WATER AND SEWER GRANT – RESERVOIR COVER REPLACEMENT

The Contract needs to be signed by the Borough. Based on the completion of the well project in early May, the reservoir cover replacement should be completed by July 2019. The contract was signed by President Shore and Vice-President Steve Cummings.

WILKINSON PROJECT

An extension was received from Wilkinson until March 31, 2019.

MS4 PERMIT

Jamie's office attended the White Clay Pilot Group Meeting with representatives from PA DEP on October 3, 2018 at the New Garden Township to discuss review comments in the NOI and TMDL plans submitted in September 2017. We have scheduled a meeting with PADEP on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss Avondale's submission.

AVON MOHR – STORMDRAINS

As of this date, we haven't found any funding.

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

CUTONE MUSHROOM – WATER VALVE ISSUE

Council approved Ms. Venzie to write a letter to Mr. Cutone with a timeline to get the water valve issue resolved and address other Borough concerns.

WATER & SEWER REGULATIONS / PENALTIES ORDINANCE

Working on gathering all regulations to compile into the proposed ordinance.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to October 16, 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becka Schlimme, motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the financial statements from September 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becka Schlimme, motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT**

Trick or Treat Night is scheduled for Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### **TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

Received two proposals for traffic signal maintenance: One from our current contractor Signal Service and one from Charles A. Higgins & Sons. President Shore said he is not happy with the maintenance from our current contractor and recommends making a change. Wilson Lysle made a motion to accept a one-year contract with Charles A. Higgins & Sons for a traffic signal maintenance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Work Session – Tuesday, November 13, 2018 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, November 20, 2018 @6:00 p.m.

Wilson Lysle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Steve Cummings, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary