

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
WORK SESSION
APRIL 13, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Shore arrived at 6:40 p.m., Dave Besselman, Dottie Howell, Bob McCue, Paul Morgan

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Steve Cummings, Sandy Masten

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dave Besselman

FIRE TAX

Dave Besselman asked for everyone's input for implementing a fire tax to help support the Avondale Fire Company and EMS division for equipment and training. Council discussed raising the taxes a half mill for each. This would raise taxes \$150.00 per year for a property assessed at \$150,000 and \$125.00 per year for a property assessed at \$125,000. At the last meeting, Bill Shore said he would like to get more detail on what the needs are of the fire company and how much money was needed and for what.

After President Shore arrived Council discussed the fire company's and how the tax would be spent. President Shore said it was too soon for that information until he meets with other municipalities that the fire company services. There are still a lot of questions that need to be answered. Council agreed to table this issue until around budget time; July or August.

NEXTERA ENERGY - LED STREET LIGHTS – REVISED PROPOSAL

Bob McCue said this proposal is 100% better than the last one; the maintenance is included. A concern that he has is signing a agreement for 10 years and ham stringing future Councils. Another concern Bob said he has is what happens after the 10 years. Do the lights get transferred over to the Borough and what happens with the maintenance? Dave will find out the answers to the questions for the Council meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD APPOINTMENT

A letter of Interest was received from Conrad B ergo. Bob McCue made a motion to appoint Conrad B ergo as Zoning Hearing Board member, 2nd by Dottie Howell, motion carried.

BOROUGH CLEAN UP

Dave Besselman said last year Bob from Be Here Brewing volunteered to run the Borough Clean up but it was canceled because of COVID. Mayor Cummings will ask Bob if he wants to run it this year and report at next weeks Council Meeting.

HEROES WALL

Dottie Howell said she has received \$8,000.00 so far with more coming in for the heroes wall. A total of \$18,000 is needed. We hope to have the wall done by August and do a dedication on National Night Out.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adjourn the work session at 7:25 p.m., 2nd by Bob McCue, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary