

MINUTES

Avondale Borough Council

April 19, 2022, 7pm | Meeting called to order by Paul Morgan

In Attendance

Susan Rzucidlo, Paul Morgan, Stephanie Reichert, Michael Essmaker, SCCRP, AFC, Borough Engineer

Announcements

Community Clean up 8-12, Saturday, April 23rd

Garage Open House 5-8pm, May 2nd, Ribbon Cutting 6:30pm

Avondale Community Garden looking for volunteers, contact Stephanie Reichert or Mayor Susan for contact info

Resident and Public Comments

Aqua – New Garden (NG) representative – Agreement between Avondale Borough (AB)/New Garden Township, NG is asking to use their full flow allotment of capacity at the sewer plant from 160,000 gallons to the allotted 218,250. NG is developing the southern portion of Rt 41 corridor which may create more flow to AG. Aqua is looking to the future asking to meet with AB engineers/representative to discuss how this would occur. AB plant permitted for 500,000, reaching capacity soon. Projected need for AB is 40,000. Plant is designed for 650,000-gallon flow. If we take all projected numbers for NG and AB we are just over 500,000 gallons projected. Aqua may be willing to help AB upgrade plant and work on I9 projects. Borough engineer feels it is in best interest of Borough to meet with Aqua to discuss how they can assist Borough with additional expansion at plant. Aqua has ask for Avondale to potentially take treated flow and run through Borough plant. This could be of benefit to Borough. Borough agrees to allow Dennis and KBX to continue talking with Aqua.

SAVE – Louis Kaplan – Vision Partnership Grant Program (VPP) – Came to Borough on behalf of London Grove Township (LG) asking for Borough participation in corridor improvement study (Route 41 from DE line to Londonderry Township) Prior council declined to participate in fear of being forced into a roundabout at intersection of State and 41. Kaplan states LG would be willing to put into writing a consensus clause for AB. Not willing to endanger grant, but county will not allow participants to eliminate potential solutions (aka roundabout). Mr. Kaplan is a former supervisor of LG township.

AB would like to meet with representatives from each of the other 4 municipalities – Kennett Township, LG, NG, Londonderry Township

Southern Chester County Regional Police / Avondale Fire Company

SCCRP

CAB May 3rd @ 6:30 pm – SCCRPD (We will try not conflict in the future with Avondale's meeting.)

EMC May 10th @ 11:30 a.m. – SCCRPD

Awards Ceremony May 12th @ 5:30 pm New Garden

PSC May 12th at 7:00 pm New Garden

National Night Out planning is underway.

Quarterly report to be completed weeks of 4/15-4/30.

SCCRP to make sure that weekly report is sent to Borough Council. Suspect identified in fraud case, awaiting FL police to find suspect.

Conversation around speed complaints. SCCRP has several options available to help curb behavior. If problems arise, contact Chief or Mayor for follow-up.

Potential to paint road with speed messages; this would be at Borough expense, signs SCCRP would pay for.

SCCRP has had personnel shortage over last few months, traffic officer is coming back and this should be remedied.

AFC – Submitted March Fire, EMS, and ALS reports to President Morgan

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved from April 5, 2022 meeting. Motion made by Mike Essmaker, 2nd by Stephanie Reichert, Vote APPROVED

Mayor's Report

Mayor Rzucidlo –

Request to rent Borough bldg. for family parties – Need to consider liability, fees

Engineer Report

Request permission to have well heads cleaned due to amount of grease in well head. \$4000

Council asked for Dennis and KBX to come up with a maintenance schedule. Working on a grant for funds to complete maintenance and upgrades.

DEP inspection report was supposed to be sent to Borough, Dennis has not received, report should have been received by now. Council president signed Keystone Grant extensions.

Dennis putting together a list of things we want to do for Water Plan for the ARPA grants due 5/16.

Dennis to get DVRPC to come out and help educate us on available grants.

Treasurer/Finance Committee reports

Check cut to Chardy and Heros wall closed down

Bank is charging \$90 per acct in Treasury fees, this feels high. Treasury includes lockbox, Digital Treasury, acct logon. Mike spoke with Clay Thompson at Truist to review accts. Lockbox fees are \$353 mos.

Current signers on accounts are Mike Essmaker & Paul Morgan (Pres). Paul would like to see entire Council or Secretary and 1 council member.

Truist will be no longer taking bill payments in person. Mike to speak with Harris/Flexbill to discuss taking online payments, send bill reminders. Approx. cost monthly is \$400mos.

PLGIT – signers will be council members, Peter Barz, and Sharon Norris (Secretary)

Heros wall – Dave Besselman concerned that check amount is lower than thought.

Dave asked about deposits made after March, they were presented to Becky.

New Business

Request to rent Borough bldg. for family parties – Need to consider liability, fees

Request to renew Public official liability insurance

Next Meeting

May 3, 2022 at 7pm

Motions

- Approval of April 5, 2022 Minutes - Motion made by Mike Essmaker, 2nd by Stephanie Reichert, Vote APPROVED
- Motion made to approve KBX to clean Wet Wells, cost \$3919, by Mike Essmaker, 2nd Stephanie Reichert, Vote: APPROVED
- Motion to ask solicitor to draft an ordinance to reduce speed limit to 15MPH in Carrilon development – Motion made by Stephanie Reichert, 2nd by Mike Essmaker, Vote: APPROVED
- Motion made to appoint Sharon Norris to serve as Borough Secretary effective April 25, 2022, By Fernando Tena-Diaz, 2nd Stephanie Reichert, Vote: APPROVED
- Motion to renew Insurance made by Mike Essmaker, 2nd Stephanie Reichert, Vote: APPROVED
- Motion to move to Adjourn made by Mike Essmaker, 2nd Fernando Tena-Diaz, Vote" APPROVED 9:15pm