

MINUTES

Avondale Borough Council

April 5, 2022, 7pm | Meeting called to order by Paul Morgan

In Attendance

Kim Venzie, Susan Rzucidlo, Paul Morgan, Stephanie Reichert, Janet Watts, Michael Essmaker, SCCRP, AFC, Hero Wall Committee, Wilkinson Builders

Board

Swearing in of Fernando Tena-Diaz as Borough Council Member

Swearing in of Kirk Reichert as Tax Collector

Appointment of John Watts as Deputy EMC – Motion made by Mike Essmaker, 2nd by Stephanie Reichert, Vote: APPROVED

Resident and Public Comments (Committee Comments)

Hero Wall – Davel Besselman was appointed spokesman for the newly formed Hero Wall Committee. Dave handed out a new proposal for \$23,250 that was \$240 over the monies raised for the wall, Dave offered to pay this amount himself to get their project moving forward. Name duplicates will be addressed by committee with Chardy Memorials. Mike Essmaker of the Borough Council asked to join the committee. Dottie and Faith were listed as those in charge of operations. The Borough will contact Chardy and release the committee funds to them to hold on behalf of Hero Wall Committee.

Wilkinson Builders – Wilkinson provided a new sketch of their proposed development plan incorporating a main entry/exit drive on Baltimore Pike side. Emergency access route was reassigned to Church Road. Plan presented, was for approximately 190 homes. Borough was happy to see a Baltimore Pike main entrance. Current design does not allow for any family/playground areas.

Motion made for Wilkinson and Borough solicitor to start zoning discussions by Mike Essmaker, 2nd by Janet Watts, Vote: APPROVED

Southern Chester County Regional Police / Avondale Fire Company

SCCRP

Upcoming events that SCCRP is inviting Borough Council to attend.

Public Safety Committee (PSC) April 14th @ 7:00 pm – West Grove

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 week 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.

AFC - Request approval of upcoming events

Ulises Vasquez - Easter Bunny photos at Fire House Thursday, 4/14 6-8pm

John Watts - Boot Drive, 4/16/22 at Routes 41 & State Road

Request for information – is Fire Hall open for rentals yet? Hall not yet back open

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved from March 22, 2022 meeting. Motion made by Mike Essmaker, 2nd by Stephanie Reichert, Vote APPROVED

Mayor's Report

Mayor Susan Rzucidlo – working in Borough office during time period of Becky retirement and new Secretary hire

Request having Andy install a drop box on the building – Motion to install made by Janet Watts, 2nd Mike Essmaker, Vote APPROVED

Request resolution for Small Community Grant

Treasurer/Finance Committee reports

Pay roll company – will look into new company information.

Treasurer will no longer attend meetings, but provide report ahead of time to council.

Actual vs proposed budget

Paul and Mike met with bank – will add all council to accounts as signers.

Treasurer to provide Mike Essmaker a list of accounts and fees so we can shop banks.

Truist bank representative to come speak to council.

Flexbill (Harris product) may allow for online payments we will be looking into if this is an option for water/sewer bills in future.

New Business

Motion made to approve events by Mike Essmaker, 2nd Fernando Tena-Diaz, Vote: APPROVED

Tax Collector Resolution #6 motion to approve resolution by Mike Essmaker, 2nd Fernando Tena-Diaz, Vote APPROVED

Next Meeting

April 19, 2022 at 7pm

Meeting went into executive session to discuss personnel matters