

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
WORK SESSION  
DECEMBER 14, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Shore, Dave Besselman, Bob McCue, Dottie Howell

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Sandy Masten, Dennis O'Neill, Mike Bostic, Bob Masten, Michael Essmaker, Brian Vickers, Jared Pook, Amber Lubker, Steph Biondi, Tyler Fries, Brandon Cole, Thomas Quinn, Harold and Dee White, Faith Shore, Ulises Aguilera, Sandy Lutz, Chief Simpson, Judge Matt Seavey, Steve Allaband

**RESOLUTION 2021-4 NEW MEETING ROOM DEDICATION TO DORIS E. HOWELL**

President Shore read the resolution:

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING RECOGNITION AND GRATITUDE TO DORIS (DOTTIE) E. HOWELL FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF AVONDALE

WHEREAS, Dottie has served as Avondale Borough's Mayor for over 23 years lending her guidance to the community during times of national crisis (9/11 and the Great Recession) and local emergencies (the flooding of white clay creek and its displacement of residents that live along its borders);

WHEREAS; Dottie has been a pillar of the community for over five decades serving the residents of Avondale Borough; Dottie also served many years on the sewer authority, the SECCRA Board, Chairman of updating the Revitalization Plan, just too many to name;

WHEREAS; Dottie really went into action when a trucking company collapsed the bridge to the boy scout cabin. Dottie put in many hours trying to figure out a way to get the Boy Scouts access to their cabin; she pulled her resources together and the end result: a Bailey Bridge was built by the Army in one weekend;

WHEREAS, Dottie has given her time generously to research, apply and administer grants funds to receive over two million dollars in funding; Dottie was also a member of the Avondale Fire Company writing and receiving numerous grants;

WHEREAS, Over the years; Dottie implemented many successful activities; annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Park Clean and the White Clay Creek Clean Up Day, Halloween Parades, Easter Egg Hunts, Parades, and the Fall Festival;

WHEREAS, Dottie is currently working on the Hometown Heroes Project and so far, collected well over \$20,000 in donations to add a new wall and landscaping to the existing memorial honoring those who served in the military that live or have lived in Avondale Borough;

WHEREAS, that Avondale Borough Council recognizes and thanks Doris (Dottie) E. Howell for her integrity, and for her unselfish dedication and commitment to the residents of the Borough of Avondale;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Avondale Borough Council is dedicating the new meeting room in honor of Doris E. Howell for all that she has done for Avondale Borough;

PASSED and APPROVED by Avondale Borough Council this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

Bob McCue made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-4, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

Everyone congratulated and thanked Dottie for her years of service to Avondale Borough.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT**

Dennis O'Neill gave the following report:

**GEAR BOX REBUILD KIT**

This project was budgeted for \$60,000 but it will come in under budget at around \$45,000 to \$51,000. The tank was cleaned and drained today and the crane will be here tomorrow so we can remove the gear box out. They promised to have the gear box rebuilt and back in place by Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, but hoping it is done before Christmas. U.S. Environmental will do the cleaning and pumping. John Laidley from Cappey will replace the rubber sweeps while the gear box is out and final adjustments.

**AERATORS**

The aerators keep shutting off because they all come on at the same time and overloading the circuit and SCADA shutting it down. John Laidley from Cappey has looked at it and has given us a price to install time delays so they all can't start at the same time. This will be discussed at the Council meeting.

**12 INDIAN RUN ROAD**

It's almost wrapped up. They owe us a set of plans with the certification block signed. The building permit can be issued after all documents have been received.

**FINANCE REPORT**

**DONATION TO FIRE COMPANY AND EMS DIVISION**

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the donation of \$22,000 to the Fire Company and EMS Division for the employees who worked and went over and above during COVID-19, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob McCue, motion carried. This donation was figured out by the amount of time worked for 22 employees.


**GENERAL FUND TRANSFER TO HIGHWAY AID**

Dave made a motion to transfer \$19,580.00 from the General Fund to the Highway Aid Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried. The wire fraud in the Highway Aid Fund is State money and has to be reimbursed from the General Fund.

**KEYSTONE COLLECTIONS & PENNVEST**

Sandy Masten said Keystone Collection is the one that collects the 1% Earned Income Tax and they automatically make a deposit into the Borough's bank account. Sandy asked them to change the account number so that the money goes into the new account and they need something from Borough Council stating we changed account numbers before they will start sending it to the new account. We also need to send something in writing to Pennvest because they withdraw money from the sewer fund for the loan payment. Dave Besselman made a motion to send the documents needed to change the account numbers for Keystone Collections and Pennvest, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob McCue, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary