

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
December 15, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mayor Steve Cummings, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Kim Venzie, Chief Simpson, Kevin Brophy, Ramsey Reiner

The meeting was called to order by President Shore.  
This meeting was conducted via Zoom.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #268 PRMS**

Kim Venzie said that this ordinance is an update to the Borough's pension plan required by PRMS. The ordinance was provided by PRMS to all the Townships and Boroughs and it is more of an administrative requirement.

There are two procedural exhibits on behalf of Borough Council:

- Exhibit B-1: Proof of publication advertised on November 5, 2020 in the Daily Local News.
- Exhibit B-2: Email from Ms. Venzie's office on November 4, 2020 providing the proposed ordinance to the Chester County Law Library for public inspection.

This Ordinance was supposed to be presented at the November 17, 2020 Council meeting; the meeting was continued. It was put on the Borough's website that the meeting was continued and all agenda items would be addressed at this meeting. Kim said she feels comfortable that the notice is still adequate to cover any decision Borough Council make this evening on this ordinance.

There were not public comments. The Hearing was closed.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2020-268, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Morgan-aye, Bob McCue-aye, Bill Shore-aye, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2020-5 - 2021 TAX RATE**

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-5 with no increase in taxes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob McCue, motion carried.

**2021 BUDGET**

Paul Morgan made a motion to approve the 2021 Budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob McCue, motion carried. The 2021 budget was duly advertised for public inspection.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on October 20, 2020 and the Work Session on November 10, 2020, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob McCue, motion carried. The Council meeting scheduled for November 17, 2020 was continued.

**WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT**

Fred Walton was absent from this meeting.

Kevin Brophy from KBX said the transition is going well. The Auger Monster which is the first device to capture solids, rags, and wipes has been ordered and expected delivery on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a significant assembly and disassembly project including disassembly of the unit from the 15' elevated headworks platform. We are creating a list of the lab inventory to make sure we have all the materials for testing.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

**NEW WATER SUPPLY**

The last two test for magnesium and iron went well and we are in compliance. We are waiting on the meter to be installed. Once the meter is installed, we can get the water system up and running. Dennis from Jamie's office asked EFI if KBX can install the meter since they are dragging their feet. We are waiting on an answer.

**GREASE TRAP COMPLIANCE**

The owner of Valero installed a grease trap but failed to notify the Borough. They are required to file yearly reports. Dunkin Donuts has a grease trap but have failed to file yearly reports. China King has not installed a grease trap.

**STREAMBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT**

The bid package will be advertised for the next meeting. The Indian Run quarry will be included in the bid package.

**NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP - SEWER SYSTEM TRANSFER**

Kim Venzie said she received a call from Vince Pompo, Solicitor for New Garden Township and he has requested some items from the Borough that is required for the sale of their sewer system to Aqua. Kim said that all expenses incurred for this information from Avondale will be paid by New Garden Township. Jamie MacCombie, Vince Barbone and Sandy Masten will forward the requested information to New Garden Township.

President Shore left the meeting. Vice President Dave Besselman took over the meeting.

**BOROUGH SOLICITORS REPORT**

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

**FIRE DEPARTMENT WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COVERAGE**

This ordinance re-identifies Avondale Fire Company as the Borough's official volunteer fire company. It outlines the authorized activities. There are certain activities that are covered under the workmen's compensation insurance and its important that we cover everything the volunteers may engage in. There is a section in the ordinance that the fire company needs to be transparent with their budget and how the funds/donations are being utilized. Council will review the proposed ordinance for the next meeting.

**FIRE SERVICE TAX**

Kim said she looked into the fire service tax and under the Borough Code you can implement a tax up to three mills for the purchase of fire engines, fire apparatus, training, purchase of land and other expenditures could be included. For purposes supporting the ambulance, rescue and other emergency services you can implement up to a half a mill. The total is 3 ½ Mills. Sandy will put together some numbers for the next meeting for Council to review.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM AUGUST**

Paul Morgan made a motion to approve the Bills and Financial Statements from October and November, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob McCue, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**LIAISON TO HISPANIC COMMUNITY**

Paul Morgan said he spoke with Cynthia the business manager for St. Rocco's church and she said it is an uphill battle and it will take months to get accepted. Paul said he plans to go to St. Rocco's every other Sunday and eventually set up a table in the back with a translator.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**STREET LIGHTS – LED**

Dave Besselman said has been working with Next Air Energy to upgrade our street lights to LED for energy savings. He just received the proposal from them but he like to review it with our current numbers.

**CONSTABLE APPOINTMENT**

After some discussion on getting the proper paperwork, Bob McCue made a motion to approve Kim Venzie to move forward with the getting the Constable appointment, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul, motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Work Session – Tuesday, January 12, 2020 @6:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting - Tuesday, January 19, 2020 @6:00 p.m.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob McCue, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary