

**AVONDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2023
7:00 PM**

Council Members Present: President Paul Morgan, Vice President, Stephanie Reichert, Council members Mike Essmaker, Janet Watts and Fernando Tena-Diaz and Mayor Susan Rzucidlo. Also in attendance were Solicitor Kim Venzie, Borough Engineer Tom Wilkes and Treasurer Joan McVaugh. There were three members of the public in attendance.

Call to Order – President Paul Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

BUSINESS

Avondale Fire Company – Guy Swift, President of the Avondale Fire Company, presented a summary of 2022 and plans for 2023.

Consideration of Letter of Support for the Garage – Mr. Morgan called for a motion that the Council approve the sending of a letter of support for the Garage to assist with their efforts in submitting grant applications. The motion was made by Vice President Stephanie Reichert. Council Member Janet Watts seconded the motion. Mr. Morgan called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

Consideration of Letter of Support for the Avon Grove Charter School – Mr. Morgan called for a motion that the Council approve the sending of a letter of support for the Avon Grove Charter School to assist with their efforts in submitting grant applications. The motion was made by Ms. Reichert. Ms. Watts seconded the motion. Mr. Morgan called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

Consideration of Maximum Purchase Price for a Bucket Truck – Mr. Morgan called for a motion. Council Member Mike Essmaker made a motion that the Borough Council approve the expenditure of up to \$30,000 for a bucket truck for Borough use. Ms. Reichert seconded the motion. Mr. Morgan called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

Consideration of Speed Limit Signs – the Council discussed this topic briefly and decided to table it for a future meeting.

Resolution 2023-01 – Designating Emergency Service Providers for the Borough – Mr. Morgan called for a motion. Ms. Reichert made a motion that the Council adopt Resolution 2023-01, a resolution designating emergency service providers for Avondale Borough. Council Member Fernando Tena-Diaz seconded the motion. Mr. Morgan called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2023-02 – Supporting PA One Call – Mr. Morgan called for a motion. Mr. Tena-Diaz made a motion that the Council proclaim the month of April 2023 as Safe Digging Month in support of PA One Call, 811. Ms. Janet Watts seconded the motion. Mr. Morgan called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2023-03 – A Resolution Acknowledging Submittal of a Grant Application to the Chester County Preservation Partnership Program for Municipal Park and Trail Improvements. This Resolution was tabled until the February 21, 2023 meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor requested that she be able to work with the Engineering firm on grant opportunities. The consensus of the Council was that the Mayor can work with the engineering firm on grant applications noting that the type of grant and the match requirement should always be determined before making application.
- The Mayor updated Council on the current plans for the parks using the two recent grant awards.
- Bench placement discussion – the Council members agreed to meet with the Mayor in the various parks to determine where to place the new benches.
- A National Honor Society student at the Avon Grove High School has volunteered to develop a history wall in the Borough building. Additionally, he and his father removed 10 bags of trash from the Watson Street Park.

OTHER BUSINESS

Avondale Community Garden – Mr. Keith Hartwig was in attendance to discuss the community garden.

Trash Tech Discussion – Treasurer Joan McVaugh updated the Council that the bids for trash collection were mailed to five (5) companies including Trash Tech. As of meeting time, the Borough has not had a response.

Ms. Watts summarized the January 25th meeting of the Western Chester County Council of Government (WCCCOG) which she attended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Morgan called for a motion. Mr. Essmaker made a motion that the Council approve the January 17, 2023 minutes as presented. Mr. Tena-Diaz seconded the motion. Mr. Morgan called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. McVaugh updated the Council on the billing for water and sewer which was recently mailed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Morgan made the following announcements:

- 1) The next Borough Council meeting is Tuesday, February 21, 2023.
- 2) The Borough office is closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day.
- 3) The Council will be meeting in Executive Session after tonight's meeting to discuss legal issues.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Norris

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