

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
WORK SESSION  
January 14, 2020  
2:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Shore, Dave Besselman, Bob McCue, Becka Schlimme  
**Absent:** Paul Morgan

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mayor Dottie Howell, Sandy Masten, Kim Venzie, Lisa Lightner, Jay Pusey, Phil Pusey, Darlene Evans arrived at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

LISA LIGHTNER

Ms. Lightner said she was here to listen and learn. She lives on Indian Run Road and the treatment has been making a lot of noise lately but most of the time she doesn't hear anything. President Shore asked what type of noise she hears. Ms. Lightner said a grinding sound and like a lot of rushing water. Bill said things at the treatment plant are cycled at different times depending on what is going on at the plant and how much flow we are getting into the plant. Ms. Lightner asked when she should worry if it's an emergency and who should she call. President Shore said if you call the Borough office the emergency phone number is on the recording for after office hours. Ms. Lightner asked when does she know it's an emergency. Bill said it is a mechanical process and it will have a certain amount of noise but if there is something out of the ordinary call the emergency number. Mayor Dottie said the plant has alarms on it so the plant operator will be notified if something happens. Kim Venzie suggested to record the noise if she believes something is wrong.

JAY PUSEY

Mr. Pusey said he and his two brothers own Mushroom Express and we are looking into hooking into the Borough's sewer system. When they ran the lines in Avondale, they couldn't go down Baltimore Pike because of the rock. We thought we could go under railroad tracks to the New Garden line but we want to see if it's practical and feasible. There was much discussion on the Mushroom Express process and it was recommended to get a sewer engineer for planning. The first thing to do is for Mr. Pusey to get permission from the railroad company to directional drill under the railroad tracks. Mr. Pusey said he will start with that and then get back to the Borough with their answer. Mayor Dottie recommended to contact Mary Francis with the Chester County Development Council who is very helpful to businesses.

DARLENE EVANS

Ms. Evans was not present during the discussion. Bill Shore said we received a call from Ms. Evans regarding low water pressure. After it was investigated it was found that the beads from the water softener exploded in the water system and clogged the filters. Bill said he bypassed the water softener so the water wouldn't flow through it. The water pressure came back. Ms. Evans received a high usage water and sewer bill. The meter will need to be checked by the Borough. This was tabled until the next meeting.

TRASH CONTRACT

Kim Venzie said she reviewed the contract and she had a few questions. It was mentioned at the last meeting about making sure we get recycling containers with lids. The word "lids" will be added to the contract for both trash and recycling carts. After discussion, Kim will revise the part about Carillon on page 6. Kim will check on adding two one-year roll overs at the end of the three-year contract. The Secretary said this should go out to bid now and opened at

the Work Session in February. Becka Schlimme made a motion to approve to advertise for bids based on Kim's legal revisions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried. Kim will advertise.

#### BOROUGH BUILDING RENOVATIONS

The pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will take place at the Borough Building.

#### STREAMBANK RESTORATION PROJECT

Dave Besselman said we received the grant for the streambank restoration and most of area belongs to Bill Webb. When they start construction, they are going to be tearing up the trees so we need to send Mr. Webb of what is going on and get his consent. Also, we should add that the Borough is still interested in purchasing that piece of property from the Borough line to the Indian Run Park. Kim said she had already drafted a Consent to Enter. If they sign off on that then we won't have an issue. We may have the ability to access the property based on healthy, safety and welfare since its an issue with the road, maybe that is enough authority to go ahead and do that. Dave said eventually the road is going to collapse and the trees are going to fall if steps are not taken. Kim will write a letter.

#### PROCESS TO MONITOR BANK ACCOUNT

There was much discussion on this matter. Kim said this issue is important and worth putting in writing. Kim recommends asking the auditor to list the processes the Borough has in place and in his opinion is the process sufficient. Council agreed to get the auditor to put something in writing. Sandy will contact the auditor.

#### BOROUGH SOLICITORS REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report.

Working on the Ordinance for the 1% water rate increase and the decrease in the tapping fees for water and sewer. At some point, we need discuss small wireless facilities which improves the 5g service. AT&T, Verizon, and Crown Castle are really deploying these quickly. You are no longer allowed to dictate where these facilities can go in your Borough or Township; if they are going to be in the right a way then they can go anywhere. What we can do is control what they look like and she is working with other municipalities on a stand-alone ordinance with design guidelines. This matter will go on the agenda for future discussion.

#### DARLENE EVANS – 512 CHATHAM STREET

President Shore said he explained to Council the problem that was found with the softener. We just found out today that you have a large water bill from the last quarter. We will need to do some investigating to see what is going on there. He doesn't know if the water softener was cleaning itself more than it should. There is a timer on those and sometimes the timer will get stuck and leave it on flush and then you have a lot of water going out but we don't know if that is the case because the softener was unplugged. If we determine it was the water softener that was causing the high usage we will have to look to see where the water went. Bill suggested getting a plumber out to hook the softener back up and see what's going on with it.

#### ROAD REPLACEMENT PLAN

Becka Schlimme said we may want to speak with Jamie about a road replacement plan and stormwater plan so we don't encounter what we did on Miller Drive. Council agreed to ask Jamie at the next meeting for a 5-year plan.

METER READING UPGRADE

The Secretary said the Sandy and herself read the meters with the upgrade and it went well. You can now see what houses have been read and what is left to read. The reading took half the time as with the old system.

The Work Session ended at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary