

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Morgan, Dave Besselman, Mike Essmaker, Stephanie Reichert, Janet Watts

GUESTS PRESENT: Sandy Masten, Kim Venzie, Mayor Rzucidlo, Steve Cummings, Chief Simpson, John Watts, Bob Cleveland, Louise Cleveland

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order by President Morgan at 7:00 p.m.

RESIDENT AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/REQUEST/CONCERNS

LOUISE CLEVELAND – TRASH TECH

Mrs. Cleveland said she witnessed Trash Tech workers comingling the trash and recyclables on the streets around Carillon. They are not comingling when they pick up in Carillon, its seems they know that some Council members live there. Council discussed how this has been a continuous problem for some time now. The previous Council had a meeting with Trash Tech and the problem still exists. Council agreed to meet with Trash Tech to get these issues resolved. Kim Venzie said it will probably be more effective if just two members of Borough Council meet with them. Ms. Venzie will draft a letter to Trash Tech outlining the parts of the contract they are violating and request a meeting.

SCCRPD

Chief Simpson gave the following report:

Our annual report will be out the end of February. We will also be giving out our contact list. The draft contract proposal was discussed. There was no decision at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike Essmaker made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on December 28, 2022 and the Reorganization Meeting on January 3, 2022, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dennis O'Neill did not attend the meeting.

GENERATOR - BATTERY CHARGER PROPOSAL

Dave Besselman made a motion to accept Dynatech's proposal for \$1,980.00 to upgrade the generator's battery charger, 2nd by Mike Essmaker, motion carried.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report

ORDINANCE CODIFICATION REVIEW PROJECT

Kim reviewed the project with Council. The Borough has many ordinances and they are not all in one place. Council entered into a contract with General Code. General Code is a group that takes all the ordinances and puts them into one document. When the project is completed, it will be a hard document and it will also be available online. Kim is now working with General Code on the legal aspect of it.

VPP GRANT - ROUTE 41 – AVONDALE BOROUGH'S POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION

Council communicated to Kim that they may be interested in participating in the grant funding provided that the idea of a roundabout in the middle of the Borough is not part of the analysis. Kim said she reached out to Ken Battin to find out if the County would still support that grant funding if the roundabout is not part of the equation.

RATIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN AT 1/13/2022 MEETING INCLUDING REOPENING OF BUDGET AND WEBSITE UPDATES

Kim said because the agenda wasn't posted on the website in a timely matter, she would like Council to ratify the motion that was made at the January 13th meeting regarding reopening the budget and authorizing the mayor to investigate website updates. Janet Watts made a motion to ratify the action of reopening the budget and authorize the mayor to investigate website updates, 2nd by Mike Essmaker, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mike Essmaker made a motion to approve the bills and financial statements from December, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

2022 BUDGET

Changes made to 2022 Budget:

General Fund Revenue:

Line Item add for Fire/EMS Tax \$40,000.

Recycling Grant was changed from \$25,000. to \$30,000. Actual grant amount

Proceeds from General Fund PLGIT savings - changed from \$42,500 to \$11,929.

General Fund Expenditures:

Legal Fees changed from \$30,000 to \$40,000

Police Services changed from \$100,000 to \$122,000.

Interfund Transfers to Water Fund changed from \$8,200 to \$5,950.

Interfund Transfers to Sewer Fund changed from \$0 to \$12,879.

Removed from Streetscapes - Hero Wall landscaping \$8,700 to \$0.

Changed Streetscapes from \$25,000 to \$11,300.

Changed Parks & Recreation from \$2,000 to \$7,000.

General Fund Revenue & Expenditures changed from \$670,825. To \$690,254.Water Fund Revenue:

Proceeds from General Fund PLGIT changed from \$8,200. To \$5,950.

Water Fund Expenditures:

Facility Operator changed from \$32,250 to \$30,000.

Water Fund Revenue & Expenditures changed from \$146,775. To \$144,525Sewer Fund Revenue:

Proceeds from General Fund PLGIT changed from \$0 to \$12,879.

Sewer Fund Expenditures:

Facility Operator changed from \$92,750 to \$100,000

Capital Outlays changed from \$94,371 to \$100,000

Sewer Fund Revenue & Expenditures changed from \$588,368 to \$601,247

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rzucidlo gave the following report:

Working on the Borough's website building pages on the backside. Scheduled a meeting with the borough's association to help bring them up where they need to be. Started reaching out to businesses and community members to find volunteers to be on some of our committees: Historical Committee, Planning Commission, and Park and Recreation. Would also like to have a business advisory board. The mayor asked permission to call Comcast because we now spend \$6,000 a year for cable and she would like to see if she can reduce the cost, Council agreed.

NEW BUSINESS**FIRE POLICE – YEARLY DUES**

Janet Watts said in the past the Borough has paid for the fire police yearly dues of \$5.00 for each volunteer to the Chester County Fire Police Association. The cost would not to exceed \$100.00. Janet Watts made a motion approving the yearly dues for the fire police, 2nd by Mike Essmaker, motion carried.

AGENDAS

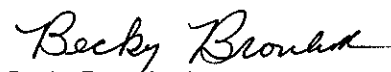
Kim Venzie said we had a lot of emails exchanging on how we are going to handle some things and she would like to go over them while we are all here. We had talked about when agenda items should be submitted to Becky and when the agenda should be finalized. To make it easier to track, please send one email to Becky with your agenda items. After discussion, the agenda items will be sent to Becky by the Wednesday before the Tuesday meeting. Becky will put the agenda together and send out the draft agenda for Council to approve by Friday. The Council packet information will be sent by Friday. Susan will post the finalized agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council Meeting - February 1, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting - February 15, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
- An Executive Session will be held after this meeting.

Mike Essmaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., 2nd by Janet Watts, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary