

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
June 15, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Cummings, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Kim Venzie, Vince Barbone, Nick Baccino, Justin Brewer, John Jaros, Chief Simpson, John Watts, Susan Rzucidlo, Janet Watts, Craig Lutz

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order by President Shore.

RESIDENT AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Rzucidlo

On May 14th Ms. Rzucidlo said she sent a concern through the website regarding the gully on Third Street and a couple of trees that are leaning over on Church Street. President Shore said the concerns were received and are being handled. A load of stone has been delivered for the gully and the owner of the trees have been notified.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob McCue made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on May 11, 2021 and Work Session on June 8, 2021, 2nd by Paul Morgan, motion carried.

2020 AUDIT REPORT

Nick Baccino said the Borough's pension plan is administered by the PMRS (Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System) and they are delayed in processing the recent year end information. This information is required to be in the audit and the Borough is required to file with DCED to fulfill their responsibility with regard to the PENNVEST obligation. DCED is aware of the PMRS issue and are willing to accept the audit without that information. The final audit will not be issued until the information from PMRS is available. Mr. Baccino reviewed the draft audit without the pension information. A copy of the audit will be available to the public once the PMRS is received and the final audit is submitted and approved by Council. Bob McCue made a motion to approve submitting the draft audit without the pension information to the County, 2nd by Paul Morgan, motion carried.

WWTP

President Shore said he met with Dennis O'Neill and Kevin Brophy to iron out some things at the sewer plant. We want to start working better together and we feel that a monthly meeting during the day is necessary to accomplish this. We have a major breakdown now which has been difficult to get it repaired. It's a gear box that is not available anymore and the ones that replace it are not available. There is a failure at the plant, some of the numbers are going up and down. Brent Hazelwood said the plant is running well; one week the ammonia was high but our average for the month will be within the limit.

SCCRPD

Chief Simpson gave the following report

Council was given a copy of the 2021 First Quarter Report. The report is available on their website for everyone else who wants to review. We are coming upon the fifth anniversary of the department on July 16th. On July 14th at 6:00 p.m., the Department of Communities will be hosting a workshop for the police organization that is open to the public.

We will be discussing the past five years of the successes and looking forward to the next five to ten years. We will be hosting National Night Out on August 3rd. It will not be as big as in 2019 because we are not going after donations this year to support it. More information will be forthcoming.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

NEW WATER SUPPLY

Currently, the permit is being advertised in the Pennsylvania Bulletin for a 30-day comment period.

RESERVOIR COVER

The rain has delayed the Contractor from starting on the project. Hopefully, in July the project will be completed.

STREAMBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT

The pre-construction meeting will be scheduled the first week in July.

POE/CHARITY'S PLACE – LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

John Jaros said one of the conditions is to provide street lighting. Council needs to decide whether an existing street light at Third and Thompson Streets would need to be upgraded or should a new separate light be installed. Council agreed to a new street light be installed to match Carillon's street lights. Bob McCue made a motion to approve the final land development plan for Charity's Place subject to any conditions remaining to be resolved in the Preliminary Approval Letter, 2nd by Paul Morgan, motion carried.

GRADING AND STORMWATER PROJECT – 12 INDIAN RUN ROAD

This project was put on hold until further notice.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

NEXTERA

Nextera has agreed to solely maintain access to the software. After discussion, this matter was tabled until the next Council meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Paul Morgan made a motion to approve the bills and financial statements from May, 2nd by Bob McCue, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cummings gave the following report:

BOROUGH CLEANUP – SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021

The Borough Clean-up was a success. We took a lot of trash out of the parks and the creek and filled up both dumpsters. We had a good turnout of volunteers including people from Stroud.

OLD BUSINESS:**HEROES WALL**

Dottie Howell said she has 131 names for the wall and has collected \$13,203.00 with more coming. Dottie said she needs to make a down payment of \$10,000.00 to get started on the wall. Bob McCue made a motion to approve \$10,000.00 from the Avondale Hometown Heroes Wall Fund to Star Lazer, 2nd by Paul Morgan, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS**ZONING HEARING FOR THE GARAGE**

The Hearing is scheduled for June 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Avondale Borough Hall.

WORK SESSION

President Shore said in his conversation with Dennis and Kevin regarding the sewer plant, we need to sit down monthly and we thought it would be best to discuss at a water and sewer meeting. He would like Council's input whether to change the work session during the day or just squeeze in another night meeting. We originally had the meeting at 2:00 but we changed so that Paul could attend. Changing back would eliminate the need for adding another meeting but wanted to make sure Paul was good with it first because everyone else can attend during the day. Paul said he was good with the change. Council discussed and approved the time change from 6:00 pm. on the second Tuesday to 2:00 p.m. The Secretary will advertise the change.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, July 13, 2021 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, July 20, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Bob McCue made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., 2nd by Paul Morgan, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary