

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Shore, Dave Besselman, Bob McCue, Paul Morgan-via conference call
COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Dottie Howell

GUESTS PRESENT: Sandy Masten, Dennis O'Neill, Lt. Joe Greenwalt, Lt. Jason Ward, Kim Venzie-via conference call, Kevin Brophy-via conference call.

The meeting was called to order by President Shore.

PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE #270

Kim Venzie opened the public hearing.

This is an ordinance amending the Avondale Borough Code of Ordinances to update Ordinance No. 2019-267 to increase water rates by 1% and to incorporate those revisions into the "Avondale Borough Water, Sewer, and Trash services-rate and rules-2019.

There are two procedural exhibits on behalf of Borough Council:

Exhibit B-1: Proof of publication advertised on March 9, 2021 in the Daily Local News.

Exhibit B-2: Email from Ms. Venzie's office on March 10, 2021 providing the proposed ordinance to the Chester County Law Library for public inspection.

There were no public comments. The Hearing was closed.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Ordinance #270, 2nd by Bob McCue, motion carried.

RESIDENT AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob McCue made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on February 19, 2021, 2nd by Paul Morgan, motion carried.

SCCRPD

Lt. Joe Greenwalt introduced Jason Ward who was recently promoted to Lieutenant. Lt. Ward will be standing in from time to time for Chief Simpson and Lt. Greenwalt. Lt. Ward said he has 22 years of law enforcement experience; 18 years with West Grove Police Department and 4 years with SCCRPD. He said he is excited about the promotion and improving their services. Everyone congratulated Lt. Ward on his promotion.

Lt. Greenwalt said a couple of police officers left the department and they will be hiring part time officers from outside of the department and full time from within the department. The trading card program will be launched on March 29th. They will be releasing the first cards to boys and girls ages 6-15. Details will

be posted on SCCRPD's website. Speed signs were placed on Pennsylvania Avenue and they have been getting good feedback. The data reveals that the sign is doing what it is supposed to do; slowing down the vehicles. When vehicles approach the sign, they are putting on their brakes and slowing down. The sign flashes "slow down" until you hit the speed limit of 35 mph.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Kevin Brophy gave the following report:

All systems at the WWTP are in compliance. The water quality reports were submitted to DEP on time. There has been a lot of preventive maintenance work in the past month. The Auger Monster was replaced at the headworks and electronic controls rewired and it was returned to normal operations.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dennis O'Neil gave the following report:

NEW WATER SUPPLY

Dennis spoke to DEP and they are reviewing the documents that he submitted. DEP has asked us to do raw water testing. The pressure relief valve is supposed to be repaired on Friday.

RESERVOIR COVER

We tentatively set the second week in April to start the reservoir cover project.

GREASE TRAP COMPLIANCE

A six-month inspection is scheduled for July of all the facilities.

STREAMBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT

The bids package for the streambank restoration was put on Penn bid and are due by April 13th at 2:00 p.m. Dennis will have a report of the prices for the work session.

5-YEAR PLAN

Dennis handed out the 5-year plan which lists each street, the condition, the recommended pavement section, and the infrastructure repairs that are needed before resurfacing the street. The streets are graded from one to ten. The streets graded 7,8 and 9 we are not recommending anything to be done at this time. The streets graded 6 we are not in bad condition and we are recommending to oil and chip. Oil and chipping will create a good base and then in five or so years all you would need is to put asphalt on top. State Street will be on the Co-op bid. It is scheduled to advertise April 1st and bid opening on April 15th.

CHAPTER 94 REPORT

The Chapter 94 Report is due on March 31st and will be submitted to DEP.

GRADING AND STORMWATER PROJECT

His office is reviewing a grading and stormwater project for 12 Indian Run Road. It is a viable lot next to the quarry. There is a water service line going to the lot. They will have to pay a tapping fee for water and sewer and sign a stormwater agreement.

BACK FLOW VALVES

After discussion, Council agreed to get a 5-year plan in place for commercial, industrial and, residential. Dennis will work with Kevin Brophy on drafting an outline for the plan.

BOROUGH SOLICITORS REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

ORDINANCE CODIFICATION

Council will be updated once the process starts.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Paul Morgan made a motion to approve the bills and financial statements, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEXTERA ENERGY – LED STREET LIGHTS

Council agreed not to move forward with the LED lights mainly because of signing 10 year contract and unforeseen costs on the maintenance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, April 13, 2021 @6:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting - Tuesday, April 20, 2021 @6:00 p.m.
- There will be an Executive Session on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. to discuss a litigation matter.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m., 2nd by Bob McCue, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary