

**AVONDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2025  
7:00 PM**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Paul Morgan, Stephanie Reichert and Janet Watts. Mr. Essmaker and Mr. Ortiz were absent. Also in attendance: Mayor Susan Rzucidlo, Solicitor Kim Venzie, Treasurer Joan McVaugh, and Administrator Sharon Norris. There was one member of the public in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mr. Morgan announced there was an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss real estate and potential litigation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Marisa Paolicelli, 410 Pennsylvania Avenue commented on her discussion with PennDOT about the water pipes and the section of road outside of her house and requested that the Mayor set up a meeting with Tom Rogal to discuss the conflicting opinions. Ms. Paolicelli also requested a letter from the Borough regarding the water/pipes under Pennsylvania Avenue, the ongoing shaking issues and wanting some action. Mr. Morgan and Mayor Susan discussed Ms. Paolicelli's comments.

**BUSINESS.**

**Holiday Light Contest** – Ms. Reichert presented the Council with this year's Holiday Light Contest flyer and they discussed the details of this year's contest. The Borough will award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners by placing yard signs in the winning yards. Cash prizes will be: 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$200; 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$175 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$150. Borough Council members will be the judges and Mayor Susan will be the tie breaker if necessary.

**Consideration of Changing Sixth Street from a One-way Street to a Two-Way Street** – the Borough received a request to return Sixth Street to a two way street. Council discussed the pros and cons of making this change. The consensus of the Council was that it would be a benefit to change the road to a two-way and will vote on it at the next meeting; however, the ordinance may not be adopted until a later date.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Halloween Update – Mayor Susan reported on an issue that occurred Halloween evening regarding the closure of the Third Street Bridge due to the number of children trick or treating. There was confusion about whether the road could be closed or not. After speaking with PennDOT and working with the Fire Police and the SCCRPD, the bridge was able to be closed and the issues have been resolved so this will not happen again next year.

The climbing equipment has been installed at the Second Street Park. The Longwood Rotary generously donated the fee to have the swing set at the Third Street Park (once the boundary lines are set) installed and Andy will install the border and mulch

Toys For Tots Donation bins are set up in the Borough office as well as around the area. Santa has partnered with the Marine Corps this year and the Santa Train will be collecting unwrapped donated toys at each location.

Flyers for the Santa Train are available for any Council member who would like to pass them out – The Mayor encouraged everyone to spread the word.

Students from the Garage Youth Center will be creating public art in the flagpole garden by the Borough building. They are creating a mosaic on the concrete block left over from the former memorial. They will be here every Monday (weather permitting) until it is done. The Council is appreciative and would like to host a pizza party for them once they are done.

Veterans Memorial dedication – the mayor reported she has been approached by several residents and pastors about the dedication of the new veteran's memorial. The council has decided on May 16, 2026 – armed forces day- to hold the dedication. Mayor Susan will organize the boy scouts, the VFW and Representative Sappey to be in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Reichert made a motion to approve the October 21, 2025, minutes as presented with a second from Mr. Morgan. The motion carried 3-0.

**BUDGET discussion**

Treasurer McVaugh and Council reviewed the budget category by category making changes as Council members' requests were discussed. The budget includes a 15% increase in the cost of water and an increase to the trash rate effective in the second quarter of 2026. The high cost of emergency services was a discussion topic as well as budgeting for grant matches.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Vision 2030: Mapping our Vision for tomorrow– there are no updates

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Election Day is tomorrow. Polls are open from 7 am – 8 pm. Voting takes place at the Avondale Presbyterian Church.
- The next Borough Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 7 pm.
- The Borough is partnering with Toys for Tots this holiday season. Drop off an unwrapped gift at Borough Hall. The Marine Corp. will be picking up all gifts on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> when the Santa Train comes through town.
- The Santa Train is coming to Avondale on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 pm!
- The office is closed on November 11 in honor of Veterans Day.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sharon Norris*

Sharon Norris, Secretary