

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
October 20, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Steve Cummings, Sandy Masten, Dennis O'Neil, Kim Venzie, Chief Simpson, Fred Walton, Lori Schwabenbauer, Cordelia Rosazza. Susan Rzucidlo and Toni Morgan were participating via conference call.

After the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting was called to order by President Shore.

RESIDENT COMMENTS / REQUEST AND COMPLAINTS

AVON GROVE LIBRARY

Lori Scwabebauer introduced herself as the Avon Grove Library Director and introduced Cordelia Rosazza as the liaison to the Library Board for Avondale Borough. Ms. Schwabenbauer said she is here to make her annual report. The library was closed for four months due to Covid-19. The library staff stepped up and did many virtual programs. During the warm weather they have had story time in the park. In 2019, Avondale patrons have borrowed an estimated 800 e-books and steaming audiobooks and have attended our programs and story times and estimated 800 times.

President Shore said we have a request from a Borough resident to place two little libraries around Avondale. Susan Rzucidlo explained that they are freestanding lending libraries that give access to books to children and adults who may not get to the local library. Ms. Scwabebauer was given Ms. Rzucidlo's contact information.

CHARITY'S PLACE- PRELIMINARY PLAN APPROVAL

John Jaros and Justin Brewer are attending this meeting on behalf of the applicant to seek preliminary plan approval from the Board. Mr. Jaros said this property is in the R-3 Residential District and just under three acres at the intersection of Thompson Street and E. Third Street. There are nine homes proposed. Dennis O'Neill said there are two issues that will need to be addressed during the final process: 1) Stormwater Discharge-Section 3.3.A.1: Requiring the plans to be drawn at a scale of 3"-50'. Due to the small size of the property, a larger scale has been used to show more details. Dennis O'Neill said that this would be a waiver that Council would need to approve. 2) Street Lighting: There does not appear to be any street lighting in proximity to the proposed development. Council will need to weigh in on this issue. Dennis said his office recommends approval of the preliminary plan. Kim Venzie said if Council approves the preliminary plan then the next step would be a letter from her to the applicants stating Councils decision with the conditions. Bob McCue made a motion to approve Charity's Place Preliminary Plan Approval, 2nd by, Dave Besselman, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on September 15, 2020 and the Work Session on October 13, 2020, 2nd by Bob McCue, motion carried.

SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Simpson gave the following report:

The third quarter report has been completed and distributed. It is also on the police website. There will be a bigger presence of the police during mischief night and Halloween. Starting in January we will be doing a baseball card collection project. It is a collection of baseball cards designed by the police department. There will be a process for the children to collect the cards and we will be giving an award to the children at the 2021 National Night Out.

POLICE CONTRACT

Dave Besselman made a motion to extend the SCCRPD contract for one year, 2nd by Bob McCue, motion carried.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton gave the following report:

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

All systems are online, except the influent screener and grinder and effluent gas chlorinator. We are using the back up hypochlorite disinfection until the gas system can be evaluated. Sludge hauling is 3 to 4 times per week. Chlorine contact tanks are being pumped out and cleaned weekly.

Drinking Water System:

The chlorine gas feed system is online. Distribution free chlorine levels are normal. The new well system is not connected to the distribution system yet. Modifications were made to the operations manual for the filters. The hypochlorite generator had a fault and stopped. Environmental services were able to adjust settings and return the unit to service. Hypo pump #1 has a suction leak and is scheduled for service on 10/20. There was a meeting to discuss other issues with the filters.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dennis O'Neill gave the following report:

RESERVOIR COVER PROJECT UPDATE – RELEASE #1

Eastern Environmental is ready to do the reservoir cover project but we have them on hold until the new well is online. The Contractor is requesting a release of \$40,306.18. They located the utilities and they have purchased the materials for the project. We are recommending payment since we are holding them up. Bob McCue made a motion to approve the release of \$40,306.18, 2nd by Paul Morgan, motion carried.

STREAMBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT

The bid package will be advertised for the next meeting. The Indian Run quarry will be included in the bid package.

FEMA WEBINAR

Attended a FEMA webinar called substantial damage. Substantial damage is when there is a flooding event and a building is damaged because of the flood there is a threshold of determination of when that building has to be brought up to flood standards. In our current ordinance which is a standard ordinance is set at 50% of the building value. There are a number of factors you can use to determine that. You can revise the ordinance to change that number and you can go as low as 40%. You can also make it cumulative over a period of time instead of just one storm event; it can be multiple storm events with the current standard either being five or ten years. The current ordinance is not cumulative. We may want to revise the current ordinance to accommodate these issues. If we revise the ordinance you have to start from scratch but it would be cumulative. When the Avondale Apartments were flooded and before a building permit was issued the Flood Plain Administrator should have issued a substantial damage certificate. The apartments would be inspected and a damage report would be issued. President Shore said it would be nice to have guidelines on what to do when there is an event. Dennis said he will work on getting contacts for the guidelines.

BOROUGH SOLICITORS REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

PRMS ORDINANCE

PRMS updates the retirement plans occasionally and there are no substantive changes to the plan. The changes are to comply with the IRS. This needs to be advertised to be adopted at the next meeting. Dave Besselman made a motion to advertise the proposed ordinance, 2nd by Bob McCue, motion carried.

95 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE – REQUEST FOR LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

This has been put on hold by the applicant.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM AUGUST.

Bob McCue made a motion to approve the Bills and Financial Statements from September, 2nd by Paul Morgan motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Steve Cummings gave the following report:

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING – DECEMBER 1, 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.

The details are being worked out for the tree lighting. After discussion, it was agreed to buy a live tree for the event.

HALLOWEEN

A letter was sent to the Fire Police for their assistance on Trick or Treat night. Glo necklaces will be handed out throughout the Borough.

NEW BUSINESS

WASTERWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPENDITURE

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve up to \$60,000.00 for the rag screw and installation, 2nd by Paul Morgan, motion carried. The rag screw is being purchase through Co-stars.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, November 10, 2020 @6:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting - Tuesday, November 17, 2020 @6:00 p.m.
- Trick or Treat - Saturday, October 31, 2020 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

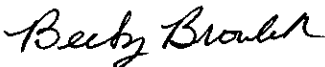
Council went into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss WWTP Operations replacement.
Council back from Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

WWTP OPERATIONS

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the Borough's Solicitor and Engineer to move forward with reviewing the contract with KBX Golden to operate the WWTP, 2nd by Paul Morgan, motion carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary