

AVONDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 21, 2025 | 7:00 PM

## CALL TO ORDER

President Paul Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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## ROLL CALL

Present: President Paul Morgan; Council Members Janet Watts, Lucas Ortiz, Stephanie Reichert (arrived 7:06 PM); Mayor Susan Rzucidlo; Solicitor Kim Venzie; Engineer Tom Wilkes; Treasurer Joan McVaugh; Administrator Sharon Norris

Absent: Vice President Mike Essmaker

Other Attendees: Lt. Joseph Versagli (SCCRPD); Bill Romanelli and Attorney Marc Kaplan (Wilkinson Builders); one member of the public

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## POLICE REPORT

Lt. Versagli presented the 3rd-quarter police report covering crime statistics, traffic enforcement, administrative support hiring, speed sign deployment, and Halloween patrol plans.

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## BUSINESS

### Trash & Recycling Contract Extension

Motion by Ms. Reichert, second by Mr. Ortiz to extend the contract with AJ Blosenski through December 31, 2027. Motion passed 4-0.

### Memorial Bench Program

Motion by Mr. Ortiz, second by Mr. Morgan to accept the agreement with Jahaco Memorials and proceed with the memorial bench program. Motion passed 4-0.

### Quarry Development Update (Wilkinson Builders)

Mr. Romanelli, Mr. Kaplan and their Engineer reviewed the phased development plan, grading/blasting plan, reduced unit count, traffic/stormwater/sewer considerations and projected project start. The Preliminary plan is expected soon.

### PennDOT ADA Ramp Project — Pennsylvania Avenue

Council discussed proposed ramp upgrades and expressed concerns with limiting street crossings. Requested detailed ADA ramp location plans.

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## MAYOR'S REPORT

- PennDOT completed repainting the lines on Third Street.
- PennDOT Multimodal Grant engineering is underway; the second multimodal grant is due Nov. 30 (\$100 fee).

- The Santa Train is scheduled for November 29, 12:45–1:30 PM. This year Santa is partnering with Toys for Tots. Everyone is welcome to bring an unwrapped gift to donate to Toys for Tots, but this is not required.
  - A new climbing feature was installed at Second Street Park
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## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Wilkes presented his monthly engineering report.

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## SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Venzie updated Council on discussions regarding Third Street Park. And, at 309 E. Third Street, the owners are working together to sell the property.

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## SAVE MEETING UPDATE

Ms. Reichert gave a brief update of this meeting as she had to leave shortly after the meeting got started to attend tonight's Council meeting. Discussion included roundabouts and a comparison of what was completed in Hillsboro, VA. Council discussed seeking community input.

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

- **Budget Discussion:** 2026 budget discussion included fire/EMS funding, trash and water rates, community garden needs, and holiday lighting contest planning. Full discussion scheduled for November 3 workshop.
  - **Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Mr. Ortiz, second by Ms. Reichert to approve the August Treasurer's Report. Motion passed 4-0.
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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Ortiz, second by Mr. Morgan to approve the October 7, 2025, minutes as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Trick-or-Treat: Oct. 31, 6:00–8:30 PM
  - Free Shredding Event: Oct. 25 at Avondale Fire Company – Donations welcome
  - Next Borough Council Meeting: MONDAY, Nov. 3, 2025, at 7:00 PM
  - The Santa Train is scheduled to arrive in Avondale on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at approx. 12:45 pm
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## PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

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## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 PM.