

**AVONDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 3, 2023**  
**7:00 PM**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** President, Paul Morgan, Council members Janet Watts. and Lucas Ortiz. Vice President Stephanie Reichert arrived at 7:08 PM. Council Member Mike Essmaker was absent. Solicitor Kim Venzie, Mayor Susan Rzucidlo, Treasurer Joan McVaugh and Administrator Sharon Norris were also in attendance. There were two members of the public in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER** – President Paul Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and announced the meeting is being recorded. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – There were no announcements.

**BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance Discussions:**

- **Noise, Peace and Good Order** – Solicitor Venzie led the discussion, summarizing the details of the draft ordinance and how it could be more effective compared to the current ordinance. The Council discussed the draft and asked questions about the different types of noise and including stricter rules regarding graffiti. Ms. Venzie will come back to the next meeting with an updated draft that includes construction noise restrictions and stricter rules regarding graffiti.
- **Parking in Avon Mohr Subdivision** – The Council continued the discussion of limiting parking to one side of the street in this subdivision and on which side to restrict parking. Council member Janet Watts made a motion to restrict parking in the Avon Mohr Subdivision to the non-sidewalk side of the street and not in the cul-de-sac and authorize the Solicitor to draft the necessary ordinance to enforce this restriction. Mr. Morgan seconded the motion. Fire safety concerns and limited parking options are the two key concerns. The Council will send a letter to all Avon Mohr residents to inform them of what the Council is considering and give the residents the opportunity to share their opinions on this topic. The Solicitor recommended that Mr. Swift, the Borough Fire Marshall, provide a formal recommendation. Mr. Morgan withdrew his second and no official action on limiting parking was taken.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Susan Rzucidlo reported on the following:

- Plans for the October 14<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival are moving forward.
- The Mayor reported that the Borough has been granted an additional \$50,000 in ARPA funds and she has completed the application process.
- Mayor Susan will be applying for a Local Share Grant up to \$1 million to connect the two new wells with the existing wells. She has discussed grants with the Manager of West Grove who has had good luck with Chester County CRP and block grants.
- The Mayor will be attending the Urban Center Form on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Downingtown.
- The Mayor has a meeting scheduled with Mr. Besselman and Bruce regarding the Veterans Memorial.
- Saturday October 21 from 9 AM – 12 PM is a tree giveaway sponsored by the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance. This event is 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served and is open to the public.

**OTHER**

Vice President Stephanie Reichert reported on the following Community Garden Activities: the boy scouts came to the garden and finished building all of the garden boxes, cut the grass and cleaned things up. They did a great job! She and Mr. Reichert will write to the Scouts to thank them for their service.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Morgan called for a motion. Mrs. Reichert made a motion to approve the September 19, 2023 minutes as presented. Council Member Lucas Ortiz seconded the motion. Mr. Morgan called for the vote. The motion carried 4-0.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- a. Preliminary Budget Discussion
  - Treasurer Joan McVaugh told Council that the plan for the Preliminary Budget is as follows: finalize the Preliminary budget numbers at the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting at which time all changes will be reviewed. The Preliminary budget will be approved and authorized for advertising at the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. McVaugh will have 9 month figures to present at the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Reichert discussed several Community Garden projects: new fencing, adding new plots and adding a camera.
- b. Other discussion items:
  - Pipe Data View invoice for repair
  - Ways to Capture Stormwater

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Morgan made the following announcements:

- a. The next Borough Council Meeting is Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7 PM
- b. Don't miss the Avondale Harvest Festival October 14, 2023 from 11 AM – 2 PM
- c. Halloween in the Borough is celebrated on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 6 PM – 8 PM

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sharon Norris*

Sharon Norris, Secretary