

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
September 15, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Shore, Dave Besselman, Bob McCue

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Dottie Howell, Paul Morgan

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Steve Cummings, Sandy Masten, Dennis O'Neil, Kim Venzie, Fred Walton,

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

ANNOUNCEMENT:

There was an Executive Session before this meeting to discuss legal matters.

RESIDENT COMMENTS / REQUEST AND COMPLAINTS

President Shore said we received a few comments from residents: One is regarding Halloween. Spoke to Chief Simpson but he doesn't have a definitive answer yet. There are other comments concerning Covid-19 and requesting not holding the meeting at the Borough Hall. Council decided to hold an in-person meeting. We have plenty of room to keep within the social distancing guidelines.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob McCue made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on August 18, 2020, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Simpson gave the following report:

They are meeting tomorrow to get some details flushed out about Halloween. If people are going to participate in trick or treat, we will give them some safe recommendations to go by. We will figure that all out and get that information over to the Secretary.

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 RAS PLC. Sludge hauling is at 3 to 4 loads per week. Systems that are corrected to that PLC are running in local mode but are not being monitored by the SCADA system and will not generate alarms if faults occur. Chlorine contact tanks are being pumped out and cleaned weekly. The wet well grinder controller was not working and was replaced by M & S. On August 5th and 8th, the influent wet well grinder had tripped and caused a false high flow reading for influent. This should be noted on the Chapter 94 report to dismiss it in loading calculations that affect permitting.

Drinking Water System:

The chlorine gas feed system is online. Distribution free chlorine levels are normal. The new well filters were backwashed and a manganese sample was taken. Manganese came back within the level. Upon review of backwash procedures,

modifications to the filtering system will be needed to properly backwash them and we have been in contact with the contractor. In order to properly backwash the filters; you need to be able to regulate the flow through the filter for the backwash and to chlorinate to the proper levels. Right now, we can't do that because there is no way to measure the flow and there is no way to add chlorine to an individual filter. Dennis O'Neill said the chlorine is injected before and after it goes into the filters. What Fred is looking for is individual control for each tank while he is backwashing. According to the maintenance plan, that is the way it should be. We have given the contractor until the end of the month to have the repair complete.

BOROUGH SOLICITORS REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

VERIZON AGREEMENT

Verizon sent notice to the Borough that it is time to renew their franchise. Verizon has to give us a 36-month notice before it renews. Meetings need to be set up with Verizon. The Secretary and Kim will work on this.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COVERAGE

Spoke with the Borough's insurance agent and received some great information. Will make some changes and send a draft ordinance for Council's review.

RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS

We had discussions last year about setting up rules and procedures allowing for public comment at different times during the meeting. Kim drafted some guidelines for council's review. After discussion, Council decided to table this matter.

POE – PRELIMINARY LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

We were given an extension to October 20, 2020. Dennis O'Neill said there are still issues with the stormwater.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dennis O'Neill gave the following report:

RESERVOIR COVER

The reservoir cover material is in and the contractor is ready to start. We are holding them off until we get the new well online.

STREAMBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT

The bid package is ready and it will be put it on Penn bid,

WELLHEARD PROTECTION

We had a line locator in to survey the water lines so now we know where all the valves and piping is located. The project is scheduled to go out to bid in the fall with an early spring start date.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM AUGUST.

Bob McCue made a motion to approve the Bills and Financial Statements from August, 2nd by Dave Besselman motion carried.

2021 BUDGET

Dave and Sandy started working on the 2021 budget. Dave said the bottom line is that we are way under budget for 2020 and we haven't taken any money out of PLGIT.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Steve Cummings gave the following report:

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

We have several acts lined up and are working on coordinating everything. We still need decorations for the tree which we will work on soon.

HALLOWEEN

Council agreed to buy glow necklaces to be given out throughout the Borough on trick or treat.

OLD BUSINESS

BOROUGH BUILDING RENOVATIONS UPDATE

The windows and doors are being installed tomorrow. We still have some outdoor electric items, gutters and miscellaneous items. The budget was \$190,000.00 and we need an additional \$10,000.00. Bob McCue made a motion to increase the building renovation budget by \$10,000.00, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

BUILDING INSPECTION UNDERWRITERS OF PA -

Dave Besselman made a motion to appoint Building Inspection Underwriters of PA as Avondale's building inspector, code enforcement and zoning officer, 2nd by Bob McCue, motion carried.

COPIER LEASE AGREEMENT

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the lease agreement for the copier with Rothwell Document Solutions, 2nd by Bob McCue, motion carried. The monthly lease cost is \$256.60 for three years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, October 13, 2020 @6:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting - Tuesday, October 20, 2020 @6:00 p.m.

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