

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 16, 2013
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Shore, Steve Cummings, Dave Besselman, Jim Duffy, Abby Pyle, Wilson Lysle

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Pete Lau, Tom Lowry, William Fansler, Kelly McGuffin, Janet Kruger, Bill Romanelli

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order by President Shore at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

STORMWATER RUNOFF CONCERNS AT THIRD STREET

Bill Romanelli said he met with Mr. Rosazza to go over his stormwater concern on his property. The plan is to rake out all the rocks and debris that has accumulated and then put down sod. Once the basin is converted it will have a new configuration and prevent the stormwater issue.

The concern with the water running unto the basketball court: We will rake it and get rid of the rocks and then sod the area. There is a small swale that runs perpendicular with the basketball court that is not working. We will dig the swale out and direct the water around the basketball court. Wilkinson is willing to do correct the two stormwater concerns at no cost to the Borough with Councils consent. Council agreed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the minutes from March 19, 2013 continued on March 26, 2013, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

EEMA REPORT

Council reviewed the monthly report.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

WILKINSON PROJECT – DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

An extension was given until June 30, 2013. Spoke to Mr. Riper who represents Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Riper said this summer they will finish: the pool, club house, lighting, paving, and everything outstanding. Mr. Wilkinson is to provide a check for \$100,000.00 in exchange for the release of the four remaining building permits in phase 1.

Bill Romanelli said their current bank is M & T and they do not want to have anything to do with residential anymore. Over the last two years they worked out an agreement with us to have someone else step in as another financial institution. M & T is willing to finish out Phase 1. The bank sees the basins as phase 2 of the project because they will control stormwater runoff from phase 2 of the project. Phase 1 has its own basin that handles stormwater. We need to have a clean cut from Phase I and that is why we need to push the basins into phase 2.

Glenn Diehl said the Phase 2 basins are the ones that will handle the stormwater and the erosion and sedimentation control from Phase 2. The rationale behind putting the basins into phase 1 is that phase 2 was anticipated to be starting before phase 1 was done. As we sit now, Phase 2 has not been finally designed so therefore we are uncertain what is going to go into the basins. If we decide not to release the escrow portion attributable to the phase 2 basins, we would have the ability to take the money and build the basins. The Borough would then be responsible for the basins which is a bad concept. Before anything happens in the Phase 2 project, security would have to be posted for everything including the basins. Nothing else gets changed in the agreement except for the basins.

Mr. MacCombie said he is okay with releasing the basin funds as long as Phase I is completed in its entirety.

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the amendment to the Wilkinson Agreement, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

ORGANIC LOAD APPLICATION

Jim Duffy made a motion to approve \$500.00 to DEP for the organic load application, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL

The permit expired on February 28, 2013. The application was submitted and acknowledged by DEP and is administratively complete. Mr. MacCombie will call DEP to find out where the permit is. In the meantime, we operate the plant according to the existing permit.

SERVPRO – UNMETERED WATER LINE

William Fansler will test the water lines at Servpro to see where they go.

EDLON METER PIT

Pete Lau said Dave Friedman will look into the meter pit issue since he has been in the Edlon building.

AVONDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Bill Shore said the church is being charged for sewer when it is filling the fire suppressant system. After discussion, Council approved to install another meter after the line that separates the domestic side. EEMA will install an upgraded meter so that it can be read electronically at no cost to the church. Council agreed to read the fire suppressant system meter manually once a year. The Secretary will send a letter to the church.

ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Tom Lowry gave the following report

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

Sent a couple of draft ordinances to the Solicitor but due to his work schedule he has not been able to review them.

JOHNSON SUBDIVISION

The Borough received the review comments from the Chester County Planning Commission; we are waiting on the comments from the Borough Engineer.

FIRE ESCROW ORDINANCE

If there is a fire in a property, the insurance company would have to establish an escrow account with the municipality so the property owner doesn't get the check and not repair the property. Council agreed for Tom to proceed with the ordinance

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to March 19, 2013, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE PAYMENT

Jim Duffy made a motion to approve \$7,319.00 for Workmen's Compensation Insurance a 25% down payment, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried. Avondale's portion is \$2,250.00; the remaining amount is billed to the surrounding municipalities.

PARKS COMMITTEE

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve up to \$1300 for a post and rail fence at Watson Park, 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE REPORT

Dave Besselman gave the following report:

BOTKIN – DELINQUENT ACCOUNT

Council agreed to have Glenn proceed with the lien on the property.

AVONDALE APARTMENTS

Sandy Masten said they were unable to get a meter read at the Avondale Apartments and asked when they were going to get a read. William Fansler said Jeremiah MacCombie is supposed to take care of that since there is something wrong with the meter and it is located in confined space. Jamie MacCombie said Jeremiah is trained for confined space and will check out the meter.

SERVPRO

Dave Hughes from Servpro attended the meeting for two issues. The old firehouse has two waterlines that are unmetered that Mr. Hughes was not aware of. It was discussed and Mr. Hughes agreed to cap the two inch line and install a meter on the other line. The other issue is that Mr. Hughes lives at the top of the hill by 6th street and he is having problems with water pressure. The water pressure has been so low that it has burned out two of his booster pumps. Jamie MacCombie will look into the low pressure.

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Wilson Lysle gave the following report:

RESERVOIR ROAD

Council agreed to have Jamie MacCombie survey the easement.

RENTAL PROPERTY

The contractor is in the process of demolishing the chicken house.

NEW BUSINESS

CHAIRS FOR BOARD ROOM

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve up to \$1,000.00 for new chairs, 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried.

DAMAGED FIRE HYDRANT

Bill Shore said some hit the fire hydrant at 2nd and Chatham Streets. The parts have been ordered and Dominick will repair it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Water and Sewer Committee will meet on May 14, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.
- Council Meeting May 14th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
- There will be an Executive Session to discuss legal issues.

Council went into executive session at 8:20 p.m.

President Shore called the meeting to back to order at 8:50 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the Employment Agreement between the Borough and Daniel C. Price III to hire him as Public Works Director, 2nd by Jim Duffy, Abby Pyle-yea, Wilson Lysle-yea, Steve Cummings-yea, Bill Shore-nay.

Jim Duffy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m., 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary