

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
August 19, 2014  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jeremiah MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Cleve Price, Tom Lowry, Davis Howell, Erin Smist, Sean Carroll

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

**PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED REGISTRATION ORDINANCE**

Erin Smist from Suburban Realtors Alliance said it is very unclear and hard to determine if the proposed ordinance applies to just rental properties or all properties. Glenn Diehl said it applies to all properties and the key thing to understand is this is a registration ordinance and does not have any operative provisions in it. There is a registration, an inspection, and then you get your certificate. It provides for a procedure for pre-authorization of the certificate so you can have the authorization to go to settlement. The buyer will get the authorized provisional certificate.

**ORDINANCE #246**

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Ordinance #246, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Cummings, motion carried. This ordinance requires the registration and inspection of residential units and related spaces and certifications. Establishes fees and penalties for violations and repeals Ordinances 213 and 196.

**RESIDENT AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**SEAN CARROLL – AVONDALE FIRE COMPANY – DRY HYDRANT AT QUARRY**

The Avondale Fire Company has received a grant from DCNR and has discussed the possibility of opening up the dry hydrant that is currently installed in the Quarry on Indian Run Road. The fire company needs an additional supply of water for fire suppression in the Borough especially for the eastern side of town. The fire company is asking Council for permission to check the hydrant and make any necessary repairs. There will be no cost to the Borough. Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve opening the dry hydrant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

**SEAN CARROLL –AVONDALE FIRE COMPANY - STATE STREET BRIDGE**

The fire company as a whole will not cross the State Street Bridge. The fire company would like to ask Council for a letter of support to the County for a temporary bridge for emergency access only. Glenn Diehl said his concern is that it would impact the construction of the new bridge. It is a good idea if you can find a place for a temporary bridge but if it stands in the way of getting the bridge replaced it could be counterproductive. The County is talking 2016 to replace the bridge. By the time you get the permits for the temporary bridge you are going to be at that time period for the replacement bridge. After discussion, Council agreed that it would be better to write a letter to the Commissioner's asking them to expedite the new bridge and state our safety concerns. Council asked Cleve Price to draft the letter.

**BOB LONGLEY – LONGLEY INSURANCE WORKMEN’S COMPENSATION INCREASE**

The insurance company conducted an audit for policy period May 2013 to May 2014. Because of the increase in additional employees; the workmen’s compensation has increased an additional \$10,336.00. Selective insurance is giving the Borough a 25% credit which equates to a \$3,500.00 credit. The rate for clerical is \$.41 per \$100 and the rate for public works is \$12.61 per \$100 of wages. Abby Pyle made a motion to pay the \$10,336.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Lysle, motion carried. The current policy May 2014 to May 2015 will be billed in 5 installments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the minutes from July 15, 2014, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

A copy of the monthly report is available at the Borough Office.

**WATER LEAK DETECTION PURCHASE**

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the purchase of a water leak detector for up to \$2,500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Jeremiah MacCombie gave the following report. A copy of the Engineering report is available at the Borough Office

**WILKINSON PROJECT – EXTENSION TO DECEMBER 31, 2014**

Construction has been completed in the Thompson Brown phase of the Carillon Development. Once all the items have been addressed the Borough may consider dedication of the public improvements.

**CLAY CREEK ROAD STATUS**

This project should be completed by the end of this week.

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

**EDLON**

In order for Edlon to get started on the driveway project, they need to sign the improvement security agreement, submit a letter of credit, and cash escrow for Engineering and Solicitor fees. Jeff Pilgrim from Edlon stated in an e-mail that he is moving forward with paperwork/monies and it all should take place this week. The Contractor is ready to start and the project should be completed in about two months.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to August 19, 2014, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Work Session – Tuesday, September 9, 2014 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 16, 2014 @6:00 p.m.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary