

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2014  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Herb MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Cleve Price, Tom Lowry, Mark Lysle, John Lysle, Dana Lysle, Chief Brian Sheller, Anthony Spirito, Tom Alexander.

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

**RESIDENT AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**CHIEF BRIAN SHELLER – PARKESBURG POLICE**

In 2013 the police handled 571 assignments and complaints in the Borough. Issued 307 traffic citations, 8 non-traffic arrests, 4 criminal arrests. Total fines from district court were \$35,280.82 and patrol hours were 1,600.5.

The overall assignments for the past 14 years were 4,673. There were a total of 4,293 traffic arrests, 139 non traffic arrests, 95 criminal, 18 juvenile and 189 parking. Total overall fines received were \$384,565.73 with \$15,342.40 for other. The overall mileage was 112,464 and patrol hours were 17,194.

**JOHN LYSLE & MARK LYSLE– BOY SCOUT TROOP 191**

John and Mark Lysle said they were attending the meeting for their communications merit badge. While attending the meeting they have to take notes and interview an elected official.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the minutes from January 28, 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.

**Chlorine Feed System**

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the repair of the Chlorine Feed System for up to \$9,000.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Herb MacCombie gave the following report

**EDLON REVIEW LETTER**

We have reviewed the revised submission and have approved it with the following condition of adding a note to the plan. Edlon's engineer provided a turning template that show the largest

truck should be able to make the turn without having to either cross over into the incoming traffic lane or cause the rear wheels to cross over the sidewalk. Although, the theoretical turning radius would permit the largest truck to enter Edlon, the actual driver of each truck may not maneuver the vehicle in the same manner without entering the oncoming traffic lane or driving over the curb and sidewalk. . Glenn Diehl has requested a note be added to the plan stating that if the curb and sidewalk should be damaged, the property owners would be responsible for the repairs. Council had no objections. Mr. MacCombie said he will contact Edlon.

### **BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

#### **EEMA WATER MAIN BREAK ISSUE – SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

A check in the amount of \$17,296.68 (paid in full) was received by EEMA. This matter is closed.

### **ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT**

#### **ZONING HEARING FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION - WACA CORPORATION**

The Avondale Travel Agency moved out of the strip mall at Gap Newport Pike and now a lawyer wants to rent the space. This is allowed under a special exception. The Secretary is scheduling the hearing.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to February 18, 2014, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

#### **DIRECT DEPOSIT**

National Penn Bank has waived the monthly fee. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve direct deposit for payroll, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

#### **MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Sandy Masten said at the work session it was recommended that we should go with 3% instead of the flat \$2,000.00 for each employee.

Dave Besselman said he agrees with the 3% but has a hard time giving benefits to part time employees because it leads to one thing after another. For the next 5 years it may be fine but we do not know what is going to happen in 10 or 20 years. By reading the paper, you can see that in every state municipalities and cities in the country are going bankrupt because of excess pension and benefits. We have a judiciary responsibility to the taxpayers.

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the Municipal Retirement System at 3% for all employees, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Lysle, Steve Cummings-yea, Bill Shore, yea, Dave Besselman-nay. The motion was passed with a 4-1 vote. Mr. Besselman asked that his objections be stated in these minutes.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**TRASH AND RECYCLING BID RESULTS**

The trash and recycling bids were opened on February 18<sup>th</sup>. The following are the bid results:

<u>COMPANY NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL FOR 3 YEARS</u>
Republic Services	\$228,827.00
Suburban Waste Services	\$229,963.00
Eagle Disposal of PA	\$243,763.20
Charles Blosenski	\$244,160.64
Penn Container	\$244,425.60
AJ Blosenski	\$253,197.13

Dave Besselman made a motion to award the lowest bid to Republic Services for \$228,827.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Work Session – Tuesday, March 11, 2014 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, March 18, 2014 @6:00 p.m.

Abby Pyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary