

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
March 15, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

Council Members Present: Bill Shore, Junior Snyder, Steve Cummings, Jim Duffy, Toyge Davis, Dave Besselman, Jim Francis

Guests Present: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Pete Lau, William Fansler, Davis Howell, Jeff Stewart, Skip Schneider, Mr. & Mrs. Bove, Bill Webb

There was a moment of silence for the remembrance of the passing of President Fred Bryan and for his family.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Howell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Councilman Duffy nominated Councilman Shore, 2nd by Councilman Cummings. Councilman Shore nominated Councilman Duffy, 2nd by Councilman Besselman. Councilman Duffy did not accept the nomination. The vote was unanimous, Councilman Shore was voted in as President of Borough Council.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Councilman Davis nominated Councilman Duffy as Vice President, 2nd by Councilman Snyder, the vote was unanimous. Councilman Duffy was voted in as Vice President of Borough Council.

The meeting was turned over to President Shore

COUNCIL VACANCY

President Shore said the Personnel Committee interviewed James Francis and are recommending him for the vacant Council position. Councilman Duffy made a motion to appoint James Francis as Council member, 2nd by Councilman Snyder, motion carried. Mr. Francis took his oath of office given by Mayor Howell.

PUBLIC HEARING – SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING ORDINANCE

President Shore asked if there was any discussion on proposed ordinance #232. There was no discussion. The public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE #232 – SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Councilman Duffy made a motion to adopt Ordinance #232, 2nd by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

SKIP SCHNEIDER - CEI ENGINEERING – 39 Gap Newport Pike

Mr. Schneider said Dollar General is interested in putting a store at the Pop's Diner property. Mr. Schneider showed a conceptual drawing of the proposed project. Mr. MacCombie said a Special Exception and a Variance are needed to pursue this project. After review, Council does not have any objection to them proceeding with the application.

EEMA'S REPORT

William Fansler gave the following report for February 2011:

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Wastewater Treatment Plant Flows:

Total Monthly Flow	8,812,000 gallons
Daily Flows Min.	230,000 gallons
Daily Flows Max.	425,000 gallons
Daily Flows Avg.	315,000 gallons

NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP WEEKLY FLOWS (Average Gallons/Day)

WEEK	Jan 26 – Feb 2	Feb 2 -9	Feb 9-16	Feb 16-Feb 23	Feb 23 – Mar 2
ROUTE 41	29,211	33,111	31,044	32,354	34,688
RAILROAD	45,335	62,868	53,910	57,091	67,815
Total	74,546	95,979	84,954	89,445	102,503

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Production Summary

Water System		Well #1	Gallons/Day	Well #2	Gallons/Day
Total Well #1	3,108,000	Minimum	76,600	Minimum	0
Total Well #2	639,900	Maximum	471,900	Maximum	34,800
Total:	3,747,900	Average	111,000	Average	22,854
Avg. gpd	133,854				

Facilities Maintenance Report:**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

- KELSO solutions inspected RAS & WAS chopper pumps.
- KELSO solutions picked up RAS & WAS back up pumps.
- New intake housing units were installed on both sludge holding tank blowers.
- WG Malden calibrated Effluent meter and both influent meter.
- Peter LaFrance repaired busted hose bib in generator room.

WATER ACTIONS

- Total Water Actions - 3

COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

- Total PA 1 Calls – 1
- Water leak at 3rd & Chatham Streets.

PERMIT VIOLATIONS:

No permit violations for the month

APPROVED IMPROVEMENT LIST 2011 –UPDATE

1) RAS/WAS back up pump needs repaired.

- *RAS/WAS pump was picked up on 2/3/11 and we are waiting on report.*
- *Authorization was given to Kelso for the repair of the pump and we are waiting on delivery of pump.*
- *RAS/WAS will be returned and installed on 3/3/11.*

2) New influent exhaust fan

- *New exhaust fan has been ordered and should be installed the week of 2/14/11.*
- *Oliver Mechanical has received the new exhaust fan and will be installed 3/1/11.*

3) Replace level sensor for the headwork's grinder.

- *Replacement level sensor has been ordered.*
- *Replacement level sensor was received on 2/28/11 and will be installed 3/3/11.*

4) SCADA system in generator room needs new interface screen.

- *Interface screen has been sent out for repair.*
- *Interface screen has been repaired and a report sent on it and we are waiting on shipment of repaired unit.*

5) Need smaller dumpster on wheels so we can move it under grit shoot and pull it out for trash truck to empty. Pavement at grit area needs to be replaced with concrete for the smaller dumpster.

Mayor Dottie is handling the dumpster - Dominick is handling the pavement

6) The control building needs 4 new metal doors.

Bill Shore is looking into getting the doors replaced.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

REDUCING COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM 7 TO 5

Mr. Diehl said Council had asked him to look into the procedure on how to reduce the number of Council members from 7 to 5. This procedure involves a petition with signatures from 5% of the electors in the Borough. Mr. Diehl said he recommends Council take a vote on whether they want to move forward with the petition. If approved by the Judge, it can be implemented in two election cycles. One Council seat will be eliminated in each election.

Councilman Snyder made a motion to proceed with reducing the number of Council members to 5, 2nd by Councilman Besselman, motion carried. Council decided to have the hearing at the April 26th Council meeting.

NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP BILLING

Councilman Snyder made a motion to move forward with legal action against New Garden for not paying Avondale for sewer service, 2nd by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

JEFF STEWART -143 W. STATE STREET – SEWER CONNECTION

Mr. Stewart asked Council for permission to bore under W. State Street to the manhole and connect to the Borough's sewer line. Mr. MacCombie said Mr. Stewart has approval from DEP to connect to the Borough's sewer system because of his failing septic system. Councilman Besselman made a motion to authorize the Borough to prepare and enter into a license agreement to allow Mr. Stewart to place a low pressure sewer line that connects to the manhole located in the vicinity of 133-135 W. State Street and that Mr. Stewart pay the cost associated with this project, 2nd by Councilman Davis, motion carried. Mr. Diehl said he would have the agreement done next week.

CHAPTER 94 REPORT

The Chapter 94 Report will be submitted to DEP before the March 31st deadline.

WELLHEAD PROTECTION

Mr. Wilkinson is meeting with his bank this week regarding the financing of the wellhead protection project and is requesting one more month. Council asked Mr. MacCombie to get this request in writing.

FINANCE COMMITTEE**APPROVE THE BILLS TO BE PAID**

Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to March 15, 2011, 2nd by Councilman Davis, motion carried.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2nd by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

AUDIT PROPOSAL

Councilman Duffy made a motion to approve Vince Barbone from Haggerty & Haggerty to do the 2010 audit at the cost of \$17,600.00, 2nd by Councilman Francis, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes from February 15, 2011, 2nd by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howell gave the following report

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AMENDMENT

Since Penn Container was awarded the contract, we agreed not to have them put out new containers for a reduced price. Kim Wilkinson will be sending a letter with the reduced price. After we receive the letter with the reduced costs, we will send a letter back accepting the changes. President Shore thanked everyone that worked on this project.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**VACATION COMPENSATION – BOROUGH EMPLOYEES**

President Shore said at last month's meeting we spoke about changing the weeks of vacation for Borough employees in relation to the years of service. Council asked the Secretary to do research on this matter and after reviewing the findings, Councilman Snyder made a motion to change vacation time to 4 weeks after 15 years of employment, 2nd by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

STREET AND STREET LIGHT COMMITTEE

TREES ALONG 6TH STREET

The owner has agreed to trim back the tree along 6th Street. After the trees are cut back, Council will consider putting up no parking signs.

PAVEMENT MARKINGS

Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve up to \$4,000.00 for Guidemark to do the pavement markings, 2nd by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

FENCE MAINTENANCE

Councilman Cummings said the fences at the treatment plant and at the composting facility have been cleaned of debris. Sabandi's Landscaping was previously approved by Council for up to \$1,000 but the total cost was actually \$1,080.00. Councilman Cummings made a motion to approve an additional \$80.00 for the cleaning of the fences, 2nd by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

PARKS AND COMPOSTING FACILITY COMMITTEE

Councilman Cummings gave the following report:

REPLACEMENT GATE

The new gate has been installed and the lock is forthcoming.

PARKS CLEAN UP

The Committee is meeting to discuss a park cleanup day.

OLD BUSINESS

SPCA CONTRACT

Councilman Snyder made a motion not to accept a contract with the SPCA, 2nd by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

NOTARY REAPPOINTMENT

Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve \$449.29 for Becky Brownback's reappointment notary fees, 2nd by Councilman Duffy, motion carried.

BILL WEBB

Mr. Webb said at the intersection of Route 41 and Ellicott Avenue PennDOT paved completely over the storm drain and causing stormwater flow problems. Council asked Mr. MacCombie to look into this.

Councilman Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., 2nd by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary