

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
June 20, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Kim Venzie, Officer Jebiz Anderson, Paul Morgan, Ellen Kohler, David Biloon.

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

BID OPENING – WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

One bid was received. Jamie MacCombie read the bid from LB Industries, Inc. Bid amount was \$1,642,500.00. The bid will be reviewed by Mr. MacCombie and he will make a recommendation at the next meeting.

RESIDENT AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

PAUL MORGAN – 7 N. WILLIAMSON ROAD

Mr. Morgan said he is here about the complaint forms turned in by Jim Duffy regarding the party at 16 Miller Drive on June 3rd. This is the second year in a row that they had a party with a mariachi band that didn't shut down until midnight. This year they had a DJ, a mariachi band, a tent, a fogger, a laser light show and over 100 people. The State Police were called twice and they couldn't do anything until 10:00 p.m. After 10:00 p.m. three more phone calls were made to the State Police. After the State Police arrived they turned the music down but as soon as they left they turned the music back up. Some people couldn't get in their driveways and the fire hydrant was blocked. Mr. Morgan asked Council to consider changing the noise ordinance. After discussion Council asked Borough Solicitor Kim Venzie to look into our options.

ELLEN KOHLER – WHITE CLAY CREEK PILOT PROGRAM

Ms. Kohler said she visited last fall to talk about a pilot program to look at the MS4 program and potential collaboration with other municipalities. The good news is because of the stream restoration a few years ago, the Borough is not going to have to do anything with the MS4 program for this five-year permit cycle. The Brandywine Red Clay Alliance and the White Clay watershed association has helped out in the past in public education and will continue to do so for posting in your newsletters and website.

David Biloon said the required reduction in sediment loading required by the EPA Approved Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) set for the Borough appears to have been achieved. As long as we are able to justify these improvements we will be able to use this information. Our office is in the process of preparing the application for the new Notice of Intent for coverage under the NPDES Individual Permit for MS4 which needs to be submitted by September 16, 2017. There will be a filing fee of \$2,000. A Public Notice will be required to be advertised providing the public 30 days to provide comments.

THE MEETING WAS TURNED OVER TO PRESIDENT SHORE AFTER IS 6:15 ARRIVAL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from May 23, 2017, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Council reviewed Rick Davis' report and there were no questions.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton gave the following report:

The Wastewater Plant is running well; we are meeting our permit limits. We are working on the phone lines and we believe they are working again. The SCADA system re-booted and it seemed to help. Sensors still need to be replaced by WG Malden. M&S still needs to work on a few items. 37,500 gallons of sludge were removed from the facility

The Water Treatment Plant – Both wells are working fine. We are averaging about 7 to 8 hours of run time per day.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

NEW WATER SUPPLY

The bid will be reviewed and a recommendation will be made at the next meeting.

PENNDOT'S ROUTE 41 RESURFACING PROJECT

Alan Myers was awarded the bid. More information will follow after the pre-construction meeting.

FIREHOUSE FLASHER PERMIT CHANGE

In the process of getting the permit plan on a cd from PENNDOT so we can change the permit to include the pavement marking and send it back to PENNDOT for approval.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve to advertise the proposed Floodplain Ordinance, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

ACTIVE ENFORCEMENT MATTERS UPDATE

Barlow - 430 Minor Street

The Barlow letter was sent out certified mail on June 16th. He has 30 days to either comply or file an appeal. Failure to do either will result in legal action by the Borough for the removal of the illegal fence/barrier.

Wannemacher – 91 Pennsylvania Avenue

The complaint will be filed this week for all costs associated with the cleaning of the sewer line due to the build up grease.

ACT 172 – ACTUVE VOLUNTEER TAX CREDITS

The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs has started producing some model ordinances and some guidance on how to implement Act 172. This will be a couple step process and Borough Council needs to decide whether to move forward because there are going to be legal costs. We have to figure out who is going to get the credits and who is going to lead this; Borough Council or the Fire Company. Council decided to table this matter until more information is available.

LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP – INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Prepared a draft agreement for Council's review and comments. Ms. Venzie asked that Council send any comments to her by Friday the 23rd. The agreement will then be sent to London Grove Township.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to June 20, 2017, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

REMOVAL OF TREE STUMPS FROM INDIAN RUN PARK

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve up to \$1,450.00 for Brian Besselman to remove the tree stumps, 2nd by Steve Cummings, Bill Shore-nay, Dave Besselman-abstained, motion carried by a 3-2 vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, July 11, 2017 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, July 18, 2017 @6:00 p.m.
- There will be an executive session after this meeting to discuss a legal matter.

Wilson Lysle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary