

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
September 17, 2017  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Johnathan Long, Officer Jebiz Anderson, Fred Walton, Mayor Black-West Grove Borough, Bob McCue, Mike Gabriel-Peco

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**MIKE GABRIEL – PECO**

Mr. Gabriel said he is PECO's senior engineer on the gas side and he is here tonight regarding the gas main at the State Street Bridge. PECO received authorization to cut and cap an existing six-inch gas main for the bridge replacement. After the line was cut and capped, the high-pressure gas system within Avondale began running lower than anticipated. A temporary gas main crossing the creek is needed to return the gas main pressure. PECO proposes to install a steel I-beam positioned upon two, 24-inch sonotube forms filled with concrete and rebar installed below the frost line. Both sides of the new six-inch diameter steel gas main will be tied into the existing gas pipeline beneath West State Street. The temporary six-inch steel gas main will be installed 12 feet above the streambed utilizing the steel I-beam and sonotubes. We need the Borough's approval to utilize Avondale Borough's property on both sides of the creek in order to accomplish the temporary gas main.

After the bridge is complete, the permanent gas main will go back on the bridge and they will take down the temporary structure and restore the area the way it was. After discussion, Council requested the temporary gas line also be removed. Jamie MacCombie said he and Solicitor Kim Venzie discussed and a temporary easement is necessary in order to install the temporary gas main on Borough property. Council agreed to move forward with the easement as long as Ms. Venzie approves. Council agreed that the easement should include the following: PECO must remove the structure and pipe, restore the area the way it was, and to pay all legal costs.

**MAYOR BLACK – WEST GROVE BOROUGH**

Mayor Black said he is here to talk about the Southern Chester County Regional Police Department and to see if Avondale would be interested in joining the department. President Shore said Council discussed this issue last year and voted to stay with Parkesburg Police; but Council is open for discussion. Mayor Black said he would like to sit down and find out what are Avondale's police needs. After a discussion, President Shore said Council will discuss the police and get back with him.

Mayor Black asked Council if they were opened to a consolidation with another government entity? President Shore said Council will discuss this issue and let him know if there is any interest.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the minutes from August 15, 2017, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

### **WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT**

Fred Walton gave the following report:

The Wastewater Plant – The plant is running well and we are within our limits. The south clarifier was taken off line for inspection and cleaning. It was determined that no repairs were needed to the bottom collection arm and the clarifier was returned to service. The upper grinder and screener were returned to service I auto mode using the new sensors and the influent pumps were adjusted to regulate flow and reduce pulsing through the plant. Nittany Controls replaced a bad router switch and restored communication to the remote PLC's. Also, installed a new sensaphone for the wastewater system and connected some preliminary alarms. A relay board was purchased to allow other alarm channels to be connected to the dialer. The SCADA system is not calling out; probably a bad modem. Currently the phone line is not working again and should be evaluated by Verizon. The sludge holding tank is being emptied for inspection and repair. We treated 9.0689 million gallons of effluent. The average flow was 346,887 gpd.

The Water Treatment Plant – The system is operating properly at this time

### **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

#### **STATE STREET BRIDGE**

The Contractor does not want to continue until the water line is relocated. The County has secured a price from McKenney Construction of Media to install the water line in the casing. The County has agreed to replace the line with a 6" waterline with a 12" casing. The County wants the Borough to write a letter stating that Council confirms that it is acceptable to retain the 6" water line instead of upgrading to a 12" line. Council agreed to retain the 6" water line and have Mr. MacCombie's office write the letter.

#### **NEW WATER SUPPLY**

The grant expires in December so we need to get an extension. Abby Pyle made a motion to give permission to send a letter to the County to request an extension until December 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

We need Council's approval to re-advertise the new package with bids to be received at the workshop meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Steve Cummings made a motion to give permission to advertise the bid for the well pump station and main extension for the new water supply, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

#### **WILKINSON PROJECT**

An extension was received from Wilkinson until March 31, 2018.

#### **FIREHOUSE FLASHER PERMIT CHANGE**

The revised signal permit plan was submitted to PennDOT on or about August 15, 2017.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to September 19, 2017, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

MAYOR'S REPORTHALLOWEEN

Mayor Howell said she needs Council to approve Trick or Treat Night for Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 6-8 p.m. Abby Pyle made a motion to approve Trick or Treat Night, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESSCOPIER

The Secretary presented a proposal for a new copier from Rothwell which is a Co-Stars member. The 36 month lease will cost \$2,376.00 per year (includes the lease and maintenance). The cost to purchase the copier is \$5,562.00 with a maintenance fee of \$744.00 per year. Abby Pyle made a motion to approve to lease the copier for three years at a cost of \$2,376.00 per year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

STORM SEWER CLEANING PROPOSAL

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve U.S. Environmental to clean storm sewers at a cost of \$3,225.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

POMEROY AVENUE

Wilson Lysle asked Jamie MacCombie what would need to be done to get Pomeroy Avenue from E. Third Street to the Bridge dedicated and paved? Mr. MacCombie said whoever owns the property would have to offer dedication to the Borough. Council authorized Mr. MacCombie to research the property.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, October 10, 2017 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, October 27, 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 7:45 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary