

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Kim Venzie, Dave Biloon, Rick Davis, Fred Ham, Davis Howell, Vince Barbone, Nick Baccino, Robert Struble, Ellen Kohler, Joel Cammando

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 ORDINANCE #252 UPDATING SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

President Shore opened the Public Hearing for proposed Ordinance #252 updating the snow emergency routes. There were no public comments. The Public Hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE #252 – SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

Solicitor Kim Venzie reviewed the exhibits that are required These are the three requirements that needed to be met to consider this ordinance for adoption.

1. Exhibit B-1 is the proof of publication that this ordinance was properly advertised in the Daily Local News on September 6, 2016.
2. Exhibit B-2 is a letter from her office dated August 31, 2016 stating that the ordinance was on file at the Chester County Law Library.
3. Exhibit B-3 is a letter from her office stating that the ordinance was on file with the Daily Local News.

Wilson Lysle made a motion to adopt Ordinance #252, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

MARK LYSLE

Mr. Lysle said he is an Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 191 and his idea for an eagle scout project is a grass volleyball court near Pomeroy Park. Pomeroy Park is geared toward the younger youth and there is nothing for the older youth. A volleyball court will bring youth together in the community. President Shore asked after it is built who will maintain it. Mr. Lysle said the Borough would be responsible as with every eagle scout project. There was confusion on the location of the volleyball court and this was put on hold until the location is determined.

CORNERSTONE QUALITY BUILDERS

Joel Commando said he is here representing Cornerstone Builders. They are developing the property at the intersection of Church and Maple Streets with a single-family dwelling. Per the review letter from the Borough's Engineer, we were informed to ask Council whether curb and sidewalk will be required along Maple Street, Church Street or both. After discussion; all of Council agreed to add curb and sidewalk to Maple Street side only.

ROBERT STRUBLE – BRANDYWINE RED CLAY ALLIANCE

Following is Mr. Struble's presentation:

He said he is with the Christina Watersheds Partnership which is a group of 32 municipalities in which Avondale is one of those. We have been meeting regularly for 13 years and we have come to the point where many municipalities are going to need to submit a plan to the state on how they are going to deal with storm water. We are here to offer for Council's consideration a pilot project program. We are looking at the 32 municipalities in the Red Clay, White Clay and Brandywine watersheds and within those we are looking at three different landscapes: Agricultural landscape which is Honey Brook area in northern Chester County; Urban Landscape which is Coatesville and 5 other municipalities; and Suburban Landscape which is Avondale along with West Grove Borough, New Garden, London Grove, West Grove, London Britain and Franklin Townships. We want to put these different groups together as a pilot. We feel that each municipality trying to meet the requirements on their own for DEP are going to have a difficult time and expensive and probably not achievable that is why we think it makes more sense to work as a group.

We have a grant for two years and we have several groups that are working with us that bring together a lot of expertise. What we need from the municipalities is a two-year commitment, adoption of the resolution which indicates Avondale's commitment to participate with a staff and engineer available from time to time for meetings. We have a grant for \$100,000 and the groups are matching it with unpaid time. We still need financial support of \$2,000 (\$1,000 per year) from each municipality. Bob introduced Ellen Kohler and is with the Wild and Scenic River Association. Ms. Kohler will be going around to the municipalities and coordinating the project.

Abby Pyle made a motion to move forward with the Christina Watershed Partnership Project, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried. Kim Venzie will prepare the Resolution for the next meeting.

VINCE BARBONE – 2015 AUDIT

Mr. Barbone briefly reviewed the Audit and said there were no findings. A copy of the audit is available at the Borough Office. Abby Pyle made a motion to accept the 2015 Audit, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the minutes from August 16, 2016, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Council reviewed Rick Davis' report.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton gave the following report

The Plant is running well. We had 8.3 million gallons treated and we had 8.0 million gallons of influent. It is still off by 300,000 gallons a month. The grit auger is still out and is scheduled for October. There was 39,200 gallons of sludge removed from the facility. The muffin monster still needs to be evaluated by M & S Company.

The Water Plant is running well with an estimated 92,700 gallons a day running about 8 hours a day. This month we will need to do our lead and copper sampling.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

David Biloon gave the following report

WELL TESTING

The first well has been pumped and taken for testing. They started the pumping on the second well; this is a 48-hour testing period. Results will be back in about three to four weeks.

MS4 PROGRAM

The re-valuation budget amount for 2017 is \$11,500. The Borough's permit does not expire until March 2018. A new application is due September 2017; 6 months in advance of expiration.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

STOUT UPDATE

Anthony Campbell is in the process of generating a letter to the Stouts with the violations.

GREASE TRAP ORDINANCE

Kim drafted an ordinance and sent it to the Engineer for review. Review comments will be forthcoming.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to September 20, 2016, 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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Received a quote from Ray Ott and the County. After discussing the two quotes, they are both not clear on the cost and scope of work. Mayor Howell and Kim Venzie will work on clearing up the proposals.

HALLOWEEN

Mayor Howell said Trick or Treat will be Monday, October 31, 2016 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. she will contact Servpro regarding the Halloween parade and Christmas Tree Lighting. More information on this will follow.

NEW BUSINESS

ANTHONY CAMPBELL - CAMPBELL CODE SERVICES

Wilson Lysle made a motion to appoint Anthony Campbell from Campbell Code Services as the Borough's Building Inspector/Zoning Officer and Code Enforcement Officer, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

NATURAL GAS TO MAINTENANCE BUILDING AND BOROUGH BUILDING

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve up to \$10,000 for PECO to install a gas line to the maintenance building and Borough building, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

PARKING ISSUE IN CARILLON

President Shore said we received a complaint from a resident regarding the parking in Carillon stating when cars are parked on both sides of the street there is no room for cars to get through let alone Emergency vehicles. Ms. Venzie will work on preparing an ordinance.

FIRE COMPANY – ROAD SALT DURING SNOW STORMS

Council approved the Borough to salt the Fire Company's driveway during snow storms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, October 11, 2016 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, October 18, 2016 @6:00 p.m.

Abby Pyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary