

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
August 21, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Shore, Dave Besselman, Wilson Lysle
Absent: Steve Cummings & Becka Schlimme

GUESTS PRESENT: Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Kim Venzie, Officer Jebiz Anderson, Cordelia Rosazza

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order by President Bill Shore.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on July 17, 2018 and the Work Session on August 14, 2018, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton was absent from this meeting

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

NPDES PERMIT

The draft NPDES permit was received. After reviewing the document, a couple of corrections were made by DEP.

STATE STREET BRIDGE PROJECT

Last month, we talked about the paving at the bridge and whether to do core sampling. Kim Venzie spoke with Sandy Martin, Project Engineer for the State Street Bridge. Ms. Martin sent a document which included an 18-month maintenance warranty. Mr. MacCombie and Kim Venzie are both ok with the job since there is the warranty and if there are any defects they should show up within the 18 months.

WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS BIDS

Dave Besselman made a motion to award the bid to the lowest bidder Pact One, LLC for \$1,045,820.00, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried. Bid items 1,5,7,10,12, & 13 were excluded from the original bid amount.

SMALL WATER AND SEWER GRANT APPLICATIONS-WELL HEAD PROTECTION & RESERVOIR COVER

A decision will be made on September 18, 2018.

WILKINSON PROJECT

An extension was received from Wilkinson until March 31, 2019.

MS4 PERMIT

Working on preparing the annual report which is due by September 30, 2018.

AVON MOHR – STORMDRAINS

Waiting to hear back from DCED if any funding is available.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

ORDINANCE - TAX CREDIT FOR ACTIVE FIRE COMPANY VOLUNTEERS

The ordinance has been advertised with Council's approval. We all agreed upon the real property tax credit in the amount of 20% and we also included the earned income tax credit up to \$500.00. The ordinance will be presented to Council at the September 18th meeting for consideration.

WATER & SEWER REGULATIONS / PENALTIES

There are a lot of different ordinances that govern the water, sewer and trash. Ms. Venzie is in the process of taking all the ordinances and putting them into one document.

CUTONE MUSHROOM – SHUT OFF VALVES

The Secretary sent an e-mail to Ms. Venzie stating that trucks are damaging the shut off valves at Cutone Mushroom and that there used to be large stones protecting the valves but they have disappeared. Ms. Venzie spoke with the owner Mike Cutone and he said he moved the large stones because they were damaging the trucks coming in and out of his business. Ms. Venzie told Mr. Cutone that something has to be put into place until there is a permanent solution. Mr. Cutone will put orange cones around the shut off valves. President Shore said Andy recommended putting in a concrete pad to relieve the pressure on the casing. There are two casings one for the fire hydrant and one for the house so we need to protect both of them. President Shore said since it is Mr. Cutone's business that is damaging the valves, Mr. Cutone should be paying for the work. Ms. Venzie will write a letter.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to August 21, 2018, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the financial statements from July 2018, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

LAPTOP FOR TAX COLLECTOR

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve up to \$1,000.00 for a laptop computer, printer & protection plan for the Tax Collector, Sherry Seace, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

POLE BUILDING PROPOSALS FOR MAINTNENANCE YARD

Wilson Lysle said we received three proposals for the pole building. Graber – \$20,100.00, Hollow Ridge Construction-\$15,900, & E & E Construction Enterprises, LLC \$24,000.00. The lowest proposal was from Hollow Ridge Construction. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve \$15,900.00 for the pole building, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

TREES ON POMEROY

Wilson Lysle said there are a lot of trees on Pomeroy that need to be taken down. We need to find out if the trees are the Borough's or property owners. There are also some dead trees on Pennsylvania Avenue. The location of the trees will be checked to see if it's the Borough's responsibility or the homeowner's responsibility.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, September 11, 2018 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 18, 2018 @6:00 p.m.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary