

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
November 20, 2018  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Dennis O’Neill, Kim Venzie, Officer Jebiz Anderson, Chief Sheller, Fred Walton, Paul Morgan

After the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting was called to order by President Shore.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PAUL MORGAN – STOP SIGN ON INDIAN RUN ROAD AT MILLER DRIVE**

Mr. Morgan said the cars are not stopping at the stop sign on Indian Run Road when the children are standing out waiting on the bus. It is really getting out of hand and it has been going on for three years. There was discussion on how to resolve this issue.

Chief Sheller said we could dedicate a patrol to that area but it means taking away from the other things. Once you reinforce it and depends on how the word spreads it may take care of the issue. At the very least it will have a temporary effect. What we normally see is after the reinforcement period ends there becomes a comfort zone and then it goes back to the way it was. Unfortunately, it happens in all the municipalities. Council agreed to dedicated patrol at the stop sign and will let the Chief know what hours are needed. Chief Sheller said they have zero tolerance so anyone that gets stopped will get a citation.

Mr. Morgan asked if a steel plate or something could be done with the sink hole on Miller Drive. President Shore said he will talk to public works about it.

**CHIEF BRIAN SHELLER – PARKESBURG POLICE**

Chief Sheller said the Parkesburg Police Department received recognition from the District Attorney’s office for the drug activity we did in Avondale last year. Mr. Hogan is appreciative of the support from Council on Parkesburg doing that program. The police officer that was involved with the arrests received the highest award from the District Attorney’s office.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on October 16, 2018 and the Work Session on November 13, 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

**WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT**

Fred Walton gave the following report.

**SCADA SYSTEM UPGRADE PROPOSALS**

Proposals from Control Systems 21 and ACS were received. Dennis from MacCombie’s office will review the quotes and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

### DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

All systems online and ok. Andy has continued to work on the wellhouse buildings. The pumps ran on an average 7.6 hours per day. There was an average of 53,597 gallons per day pumped from well house 1 and average of 59,977 gallons per day pumped from well house 2.

### WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The month of October we had a total of 12,423,800 gallons of influent flow and 10,876,300 gallons were treated. All systems are online except the influent screener. 85,600 gallons of sludge were removed from facility.

### BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dennis O'Neill gave the following report:

#### NEW WATER SUPPLY

We are in the process of reviewing submittals for the well project. So far, we have seen the pump house, chlorine contact tank and several of the other smaller components. We are not planning on starting until late February or early March depending on the weather and we hope to be finished in May.

#### SMALL WATER AND SEWER GRANT – RESERVOIR COVER REPLACEMENT

Waiting on the signed contract to come back from the County. The project will not start until the new well is up and running which will probably be in August or September.

#### WILKINSON PROJECT

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

#### MS4 PERMIT

We met with DEP regarding the MS4 and they are accepting the methodology to determine the load and they are accepting the streambank restoration project which actually reduces all the load. What DEP has a problem with is when the streambank restoration project was put in, a final report wasn't done. DEP is asking that it be documented that the project is still active and that it is functioning properly.

#### AVON MOHR – STORMDRAINS

As of this date, we haven't found any funding.

#### INDIAN RUN ROAD – PROBLEM WITH SPEEDING AND RUNNING STOP SIGN

Jamie did look at the speed bump issue and he wouldn't recommend a speed bump because that is for speeds of 1-5 mph which are mostly in parking lots. He would recommend a speed hump because it is not as high but is the same principle. There are signage and score markings that will also needed to be done. An estimate would be \$7,000 to \$8,000 per hump. President Shore said we are going to look into enforcement at this time and in the meantime, we will look into the cost and where the speed humps should go. Mr. O'Neil suggested looking into grant money for traffic calming in the Borough.

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

**CUTONE MUSHROOM – WATER VALVE ISSUE**

A letter was sent to Mike Cutone outlining all the issues that she spoke to him about and gave a deadline of November 15<sup>th</sup>. There has been no response from Mr. Cutone.

**WATER & SEWER REGULATIONS / PENALTIES ORDINANCE**

There was much discussion on penalties and fees. Ms. Venzie will make those changes on the proposed ordinance as discussed and forward to Council.

**BARLOW STATUS**

The legal fees, filing fees and District Court come to a total of \$2,300.00. President Shore said this issue needs to be resolved and Mr. Barlow needs to pay the taxpayers back.

**2019 TAX ORDINANCE**

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve to advertise the proposed 2019 Tax Ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to November 20, 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becka Schlimme, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the financial statements from October 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becka Schlimme, motion carried.

**APPROVE TO ADVERTISE 2019 BUDGET**

Becka Schlimme made a motion to adjust the budget by adding \$2,000 for Medic 94, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, Bill Shore-yea, Steve Cummings-yea, Wilson Lysle-yea, motion carried. Becka Schlimme made a motion to advertise the 2019 Audit with the aforementioned change, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Howell gave the following report:

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**

The tree lighting will again be hosted by SERVPRO and will take place on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The Secretary will buy cookies, hot chocolate, etc. for the tree lighting.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

The next meeting will be on January 8, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Ray Ott is supposed to have a draft copy of the Plan.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE PROPOSAL**

President Shore said we discussed the proposal at the Work Session and there were a lot of questions. We also need to get a proposal from Parkesburg based on 40 patrol hours per week so we can compare apples to apples. Chief Sheller said he will get a proposal together.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Work Session – Tuesday, December 11, 2018 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, December 18, 2018 @6:00 p.m.
- There will be an Executive Session after this meeting to discuss legal matters.

Steve Cummings made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary