

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
September 18, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Sandy Masten, Dennis O'Neil, Kim Venzie, Officer Jebiz Anderson, Fred Walton, Elizabeth Lawrence

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

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 2018-261 VOLUNTEER SERVICE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

The Public Hearing was opened. Solicitor Kim Venzie stated that this is an Ordinance of the Council of Avondale Borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania, establishing a volunteer service tax credit program for volunteer members of the volunteer fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical service agencies and establishing related administrative procedures and appeals processes.

1. B-1: Proof of publication in the Daily Local News on August 17, 2018.
2. B-2: E-mail from her office to the Daily Local News dated August 14, 2018 providing proposed Ordinance for public inspection.
3. B-3 E-mail from her office to the Chester County Law Library dated August 14, 2018 providing proposed Ordinance for public inspection.

There were no public comments. The Hearing was closed

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-261, 2nd by Steve Cummings, Wilson Lysle-aye, Becka Schlimme-abstained, Bill Shore-abstained, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Lawrence

Ms. Lawrence said she is the owner of 100 Pomeroy Avenue and there has been several inches of water ponding behind her building which goes right into her basement through the walls. The problem seems to be the stormwater from the downspouts from Edlon which drain at the low point on the railroad tracks then into her basement. She has approached Edlon on four different occasions to work with them to find an adequate solution and was told on her last visit to leave the property and not return. President Shore said he will try and speak with the maintenance person at Edlon. Kim Venzie suggested to Ms. Lawrence that she send a letter to the Borough with her concerns so that there is a written record of her complaint. Ms. Lawrence said she would appreciate any assistance Council can give her.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on August 21, 2018 and the Work Session on September 11, 2018, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton gave the following report.

Drinking Water System:

The south well house roof was replaced by Andy. The holding tank cover continues to be of concern due to stress from water collecting on the top of the cover. Paul has been pumping it off each week. Well #1 is producing 55,000 gpd and well #2 is producing 61,000 gpd. Pumps run about seven and half hours a day.

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

The month of August we had a total of 12,113,000 gallons coming into the plant and 10,401,900 gallons were treated. All systems are online except the influent screener. The screener works but is not transferring very much material. The bar screen is cleaned as needed. The number 1 and 2 RAS pumps have been repaired and returned to service. A summary report from M & S service is expected. Sludge hauling was increased to 4 loads from 3 loads per week to keep up with sludge production. The metal sludge holding tank remains out of service pending a decision to repair or abandon. A blockage in the sewer line caused a back that was detected at the Presbyterian Church on 9/10. It was hauled to the sewer plant on 9/10 and 9/11 and pipe services cleared the line on 9/12. The manholes between the Church and Third Avenue could not be found at the time of the incident. All manholes should be found and gps marked for future reference. A follow up inspection at the church manhole was done on 9/14 and showed no back up.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dennis O'Neill gave the following report

NPDES PERMIT

The permit should be issued soon by DEP.

STATE STREET BRIDGE PROJECT

We are waiting on a response from Jamie's letter to the County that was sent out on September 14th regarding the concerns relative to the project.

WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS

Last month Council approved the awarding of the bid to Pact One, LLC. Contract documents were mailed to Pact One and are due back this week. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled the beginning of October. Construction will start in January.

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

We received notice that we were awarded the grant for the reservoir cover project. It will probably take a couple of months before all the paper work is completed. In the project we included replacing all the valves at the reservoir.

WILKINSON PROJECT

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

MS4 PERMIT

There is a meeting on October 3rd from 10:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m. with the White Clay group at the New Garden Township and DEP is going to be there to go through the comments in the response letters.

AVON MOHR – STORMDRAINS

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

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

CUTONE MUSHROOM – WATER VALVE ISSUE

Waiting on the drawing from Jamie MacCombie for the concrete cover to protect the two water valves before contacting Cutone Mushroom.

WATER & SEWER REGULATIONS / PENALTIES ORDINANCE

Ms. Venzie said the fees and penalties are more than the residents have been charged in the past and she asked Council to review and be comfortable with what the penalties are going to be for people that don't pay on time. There are about 6 ordinances for water, sewer and trash and she compiled them into one ordinance. Council will review the proposed ordinance and send any questions or comments to Ms. Venzie.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to September 18, 2018, 2nd by Becka Schlimme, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the financial statements from August 2018, 2nd by Becka Schlimme, motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve Trick or Treat Night on Wednesday, October 31st from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

APPROVE BIDS FOR DUMP TRUCK AND SALT SPREADER

- Dump Truck - Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the bid of \$14,500.00 for the 2002 Ford F-550 dump truck, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.
- Salt Spreader – Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the bid of \$925.00 for the 2003 Meyers 2.0 cubic yard v-box salt spreader, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

**The dump truck and salt spreader were advertised on Municibid.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, October 9, 2018 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, October 16, 2018 @6:00 p.m.
- Comprehensive Plan Public Workshop will be held on September 27th at 7:00 p.m.at the Avondale Fire House.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary