

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

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Kim Venzie, Officer Jebiz Anderson, Chief Sheller, Fred Walton, Faith Shore, Davis Howell, Vince Barbone, Nick Baccino, Alex Cupo

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

2019 BUDGET ADOPTION

Wilson Lysle made a motion to adopt the 2019 Budget, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

2019 TAX ORDINANCE #262

President Shore opened the Public Hearing.

Kim Venzie stated that this is an ordinance of the Borough of Avondale, Chester County, Pennsylvania, levying a general-purpose real estate tax and a tax for lighting and illuminating the streets, highways and other public places for the 2019 fiscal year. There is not increase in taxes.

There are two procedural exhibits:

Exhibit B-1: Proof of publication advertised on December 4, 2018 in the Daily Local News.

Exhibit B-2: Email dated November 30, 2018 from Ms. Venzie's office with a copy of the ordinance to the Chester County Law Library for public inspection.

There were not public comments. The Hearing was closed.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2019-262, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on November 20, 2018 and the Work Session on December 11, 2018, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton gave the following report.

SCADA SYSTEM UPGRADE PROPOSALS

Jamie MacCombie said he reviewed the proposals and his concern is there are three proposals and they are not consistent. Two of the proposals are in the mid to high 20,000 range and the other one \$15,000; we are going to have to bid it because you are going to over the threshold. We need to spell out specifically each item and put a package together so that everybody is bidding on the same exact equipment. Fred and Jamie will work on the bid package.

DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

All systems online and ok. The pumps ran on an average 7.5 hours per day. There was an average of 54,560 gallons per day pumped from well house 1 and an average of 61,267 gallons per day pumped from well house 2.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The month of November we had a total of 15,054,900 gallons of influent flow and 14,761,500 gallons were treated. On November 3, the influent flow meter was not working correctly-flow for that day was calculated from the average daily flow. The influent screener remains offline pending a solution to the problem. The sludge storage tank remains offline pending a decision to repair or abandon. All other systems online.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

NEW WATER SUPPLY – CONSTRUCTION RELEASE \$51,750.00

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the construction release in the amount of \$51,750.00, authorize President Shore to sign it, and send it to the County for re-imbusement, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

SMALL WATER AND SEWER GRANT – RESERVOIR COVER REPLACEMENT

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

A request was made to DEP for an extension of time to provide them a revised submission. DEP approved the extension until April 30, 2019. A request was made for an exemption. DEP said that Avondale is not eligible for an exemption because Avondale has a TMDL (total maximum daily load) that was imposed by DEP.

SPEED HUMPS ON INDIAN RUN ROAD

It is up to Council on whether they want to proceed with the speed humps. Theoretically, you will need to do a limited study and evaluate the areas they need to be installed so vehicles can't bypass them. Also, you would need to send a notice to the residents of Avon Mohr looking to get a response of about 70% acknowledging they are looking for some type of traffic calming device. There was much discussion regarding ways to deter people from running the stop sign at Indian Run Road and Miller Drive. Chief Sheller suggested LED flashing light on the stop sign. Jamie will find out the cost of the flashing light.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

CUTONE MUSHROOM – WATER VALVE ISSUE

We got a response from Mike Cutone. Mr. Cutone response: "We have received all pricing for the construction that is needed on Church Street. We have completed the paperwork with our bank and just received approval for funding. The construction company will be Jason Mendenhall Construction. Weather permitting, he will be able to complete the project within the next few weeks".

WATER & SEWER REGULATIONS / PENALTIES ORDINANCE

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve to advertise the ordinance, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

BARLOW STATUS

Sent a request to Mr. Barlow's attorney for some kind of a payment plan but there has been no response.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to December 18, 2018, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the financial statements from November 2018, 2nd by Steve Cummings motion carried.

MAYORS REPORT

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

We had the Christmas Tree Lighting on December 7th and we had about 150 people that attended. There was a DJ, little dancers, and Santa Claus. The Fire Police volunteered with traffic control. Everything turned out great.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Ray Ott is supposed to have a draft plan for the next work session meeting on January 8, 2019 @ 2:00 p.m.

REGIONAL POLICE

A tentative meeting is set up with the Regional Police for Thursday to discuss their proposal. Dave Besselman and Wilson Lysle will attend with the Mayor.

PARKESBURG POLICE

Chief Sheller said last month Council asked to pay special attention to the Stop Sign on Indian Run Road. We devoted man hours to the project:

Officer Anderson gave the report: Between 6:15 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. weekday. There were 9 vehicles that came through from W. State Street heading south. 23 vehicles going north, 4 buses, 16 vehicles from Miller Drive. There were no violations. Chief Sheller said he is keeping track of what is going on and he is going to try a couple of other things and he is open to suggestions.

Chief Sheller reviewed a packet of information regarding the police services provided over the past 19 years and the services that will continue. Chief Sheller told Council to call him with any questions after they had a chance to review the documents.

NEW BUSINESS

FENCE PROPOSAL FOR INDIAN RUN ROAD (BOROUGH PROPERTY IN BACK OF SMITHS)

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve \$3,508.44 for a post and rail fence with a gate, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

BIRDS NETTING FOR POLE BUILDING

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve \$2,800 to install birds netting, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, January 8, 2018 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, January 15, 2018 @6:00 p.m.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary