

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
January 15, 2019  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Kim Venzie, Officer Jebiz Anderson, Fred Walton, Lieutenant Swatner-PSP, Tony Schivert, Steve Alaband, Neil Vaughn, Mayor John Hagan-Parkesburg Borough, Jerry Poe

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ORDINANCE #263**

President Shore opened the Public Hearing. This is a Public Hearing on an amendment to the water and sewer services. Council has a concern regarding the service fee for sewer and want it to be the same as the minimum charge (\$63.95). Kim Venzie said we want to make sure we can justify the charge. Jamie MacCombie said we need to find out the debt and divide it by the number of customers and that will give you the justification. Sandy Masten will find out the debt from the Auditor and forward to Jamie calculate the service fee. There was no action taken. The proposed ordinance will be re-advertised.

**RESIDENT AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

**JERRY POE**

Mr. Poe said he would like some input from the Borough on a project he started some years back during the moratorium for townhouses. Mr. Poe said he went through the process and had preliminary plans drawn up and asked how he can move forward. Jamie MacCombie said twelve years ago when the plans were submitted, he had written comments but they haven't been addressed. Also, there were comments from the Chester County Planning Commission that need to be addressed. Kim Venzie said a new application will need to be submitted along with new or revised plans.

**LIEUTENANT MICHELLE SWATNER – STATION COMMANDER AT AVONDALE STATE POLICE BARRACKS**

Lieutenant Swatner said she wanted to stop by and introduce herself and answer any questions anyone may have. It is her understanding that Southern Chester County Regional Police are trying to branch out in a lot of different areas and have approached Avondale. The State Police handled the following calls in Avondale Borough: In 2017 we had 323 calls and 383 for 2018. The Pennsylvania State Police are always here with a ton of resources available and to serve the citizens of the Commonwealth.

**STEVE ALABAND – NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP**

Steve Alaband said he is here along with the Township Manager Tony Schivert to follow up on the Southern Chester County Police Department proposal to see if there were any questions. President Shore said the Borough's Solicitor is looking at both proposals. There were some questions and answers provided regarding their proposal. President Shore said nothing will be decided tonight.

#### MAYOR JOHN HAGAN – PARKESBURG BOROUGH

Mayor Hagan said he and Manager Neil Vaughn are here at the request of Chief Sheller who had to be in Octorara for a safety review seminar. Mayor Hagan said he is very pleased with the relationship between Avondale and Parkesburg that started 19 years ago and we appreciate Avondale's loyalty over the years. Mayor Hagan said Chief Sheller and the officers run an excellent department with their record unblemished and scandal free. Mayor Hagan said he hopes that Council elects to continue the relationship. There were some questions and answers provided on their service.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on December 18, 2018 and the Work Session on January 8, 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

#### WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton gave the following report.

#### SCADA SYSTEM UPGRADE PROPOSALS

Jamie's office will prepare a request for bids for the SCADA upgrade.

#### DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

All systems online and ok. The pumps ran on an average 7.1 hours per day. There was an average of 53,277 gallons per day pumped from well house 1 and an average of 59,110 gallons per day pumped from well house 2. New DDR starts in April and will require weekly distribution chlorine testing.

#### WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The month of December we had a total of 18,248,300 gallons of influent flow and 15,698,800 gallons were treated. All systems online except the influent screener. The effluent data loggers got water logged and will need to be replaced. Sludge hauling was suspended for 3 weeks at the end of December into January and has resumed this week at 3 loads per week. Sludge production is slow due to colder weather.

#### BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

#### NEW WATER SUPPLY

Fabrication of the pump station has begun and is expected to be delivered in 12-14 weeks.

#### WILKINSON PROJECT

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

#### MS4 PERMIT

The GIS Map Consultant has prepared revised maps which are being reviewed.

#### INDIAN RUN ROAD – GABIONS FOR STREAMBANK RESTORATION

We have the plans and the permit is still active to install gabions for the streambank restoration. Jamie will find out the project costs and research grants. Bill Webb owns the land that will be affected with this proposed project; Kim Venzie will reach out to Mr. Webb.

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

CUTONE MUSHROOM – WATER VALVE ISSUE

Mike Cutone knows to call the Borough Office before the work begins. The Secretary said Mr. Cutone has not called. Kim will call Mr. Cutone for the status.

BARLOW STATUS

Mr. Barlow entered into a monthly payment plan with the Borough at a rate of \$50.00 per month to cover the Borough's "out-of-pocket costs" of \$2,000.00.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to January 15, 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the financial statements from December 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Lysle motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Work Session – Tuesday, January 12, 2018 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 19, 2018 @6:00 p.m.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary