

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
February 19, 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, Bill Romanelli, Bernard Meyers, Ira Gerber, Chief

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

RESIDENT AND PUBLIC COMMENT

WILKINSON – CARILLON

Bill Romanelli said he is here with Bernard Meyers and Ira Gerber. In 2013, Charles Wilkinson lost the property to M & T Bank and Mr. Meyers stepped in to purchase the property as an investment property. His goal was to hold on to the property until the economics made more sense to build or sell to someone else. Over the years Mr. Meyers has asked Mr. Romanelli to locate a builder to build on the property. We talked to many builders and they come back with the same response that the costs to do the job are too high. At this point, they realize that the approvals are coming to an end under the protection period before the new zoning that was enacted in 2015 would kick in. If Borough Council has any interest in the job moving forward Mr. Myers would be asking for an extension of 24 months of the protection period, reducing the impact fees and the timing of them. Right now, the lots are \$20,000.00 at various intervals and we would be asking to reduce it to \$10,000.00 per lot and make it payable at building permit for each one. If the Borough is willing to consider the proposal; Mr. Meyers would finish with the approvals of phase 2A and try to locate a builder with the new terms. For phase 2B, we would consider having it re-designed for single family homes instead of attached homes. President Shore said Council will have to consult with the Borough's Solicitor before making any decision.

BOB HOTCHKISS – SCCEMS & MEDIC 94

Mr. Hotchkiss said he is the CEO and EMS Chief of SCC Medic 94 which is Avondale's paramedic unit. We are a non-profit regional paramedic service and we serve 18 municipalities. We are community governed; our board is made up of Oxford, West Grove, Avondale Fire Company and members of the general community. We are based at the Jennersville Regional Hospital (we are completely independent from the hospital) and the Avondale Fire Company. Right now, about a third of the operations are through municipal funding. All of operational and financial information is on their website. Mr. Hotchkiss thanked Council for their financial support.

CHIEF GERALD SIMPSON-SCCRP

Chief Simpson said he is here to see if there are any questions on the contract proposal and a timeline of when you expect to make a decision. President Shore said the last time representatives were here from the Regional Police we discussed some issues and some things that could be changed but we don't have

anything in writing with those changes. The Solicitor had some questions and they were answered. Chief Simpson gave an overview of the service they would provide. There was much discussion. President Shore said we don't have all the information to sit down and discuss among Council so he believes it will take another work session and Council Meeting to make a decision. Kim Venzie asked Chief Simpson to send the proposed contract in word form and she will send it back redlined to clarify some of the items. Council approved.

WAYNE MARSTON – 600 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

Mr. Marston said he is here to find out what is going on with the water up the street on Pomeroy Avenue. President Shore said we have drilled a new well and we are putting in new waterline that will go in back of the properties on Pennsylvania Avenue at 6th Street which include the properties in London Grove Township. The waterline will then go in between the last house in the Borough and the first house in London Grove Township and then directional drill under Pennsylvania Avenue and hook up to the fire hydrant at 6th and Morris Streets. The line should be hooked up by mid-summer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on January 15, 2019 and the Work Session on February 12, 2019, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton gave the following report:

DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

All systems online and ok. Well #2 flow meter is not working, flow is estimated. New DDR method 334 starts in April and will require weekly distribution chlorine testing and more stringent calibration and certification. The 2018 water inspection report was received and reviewed and his recommendations are to address the violations and as many of the deficiencies that can be reasonably fixed. The updated O & M and ERP have been submitted. The disinfection by products sample plan was revised. The lead and copper sample sites need to have the materials survey completed; we need to know what type of pipes are in the houses.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The plant is running well and meeting all its permit limits. The month of January we had a total of 16,555,500 gallons of influent flow and 15,299,700 gallons were treated. All systems online except the influent screener. The effluent data loggers will be replaced. The influent wet well was cleaned out by US Environmental and it was pretty bad with a lot of grease and grit and he recommends getting it cleaned every two or three years. John from M & S installed new back up float switches for the influent pumps and he replaced the transducer. He also worked on the effluent chlorination system and the return sludge pump-it sucked up a clump of debris and put it out of commission. The influent pump control panel needs a new controller. John will be sending a quote on an exact replacement which should be around \$6,000 and a quote for a different controller. Ras pump #2 will need to be pulled for inspection due to excessive vibration and it is off line. There was an electrical problem with the grit screw; Mike LaFrance evaluated and found the water solenoid had some shorted wires and he will replace.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

NEW WATER SUPPLY

We are in the process of getting a price from Pact One to directional drill under Route 41 and tie in to 6th Street.

WILKINSON PROJECT

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

SCADA SYSTEM UPGRADE

Two bids were received:

Control System 21	Dillsburg, PA	\$25,259.77
Optimum Control Corp.	Reading, PA	\$20,151.00

After review of the bids, it is recommended the Borough award a contract to Optimum Controls Corporation of Reading PA for the base bid in the amount of \$20,151.00. It is further recommended that Council consider Alternate A-3, Phoenix McGuard Remote Access Firewall Hardware and Software, at a bid price of \$6,179.00. This will allow the operator to remotely access the SCADA System. The total contract would be \$26,330.00 if adding the Alternate.

Dave Besselman made a motion to award the bid to Control Systems 21 for a total of \$26,330.00, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

INDIAN RUN ROAD – GABIONS FOR STREAMBANK RESTORATION

Back in 2012, we had two prices and they have been adjusted for the cost of living increase, the price now would be \$125,000 for the streambank restoration. There may be a program coming up that may fund this project. Governor Wolf is trying to get through a 4% tax on oil shall extraction. This money would be to fund projects for the smaller municipalities.

SEWER LINE CLEANING – VIDEO REVIEW

Most of the video was reviewed by Dennis. There are a lot of sags but not a lot of infiltration and inflow. A report will be submitted once he has reviewed the video.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

WATER/SEWER/TRASH ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Received documentation from Jamie's office to justify the service charges. The proposed ordinance will be advertised for adoption at the next Council meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to February 19, 2019, 2nd by Becka Schlimme, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

NEW BUSINESS

2019 F350 TRUCK PROPOSAL

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve up to \$55,000 for a 2019 F350 Ford Truck, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried. This truck is being purchased through the Co-Stars Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, March 12, 2018 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, March 19, 2018 @6:00 p.m.
- There will be an Executive Session after this meeting to discuss a legal matter.

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