

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
August 20, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Dennis O'Neill, Kim Venzie, Jerry Poe, Davis Howell, Chief Gerald Simpson, Lt. Joe Greenwalt, Cordelia Rosazza, Shawn Carroll, Elizabeth Lawrence

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

SCCRPD – CHIEF GERALD SIMPSON

Chief Simpson handed out a quarterly report to the Mayor and Council. Chief Simpson said he felt that the first National Night Out was a success and Council agreed that it was really good for the first year. Reports are being sent weekly giving the Field Operations, Traffic, and Crime reports. Also being sent out is the deduct report giving what the over forty hours look like. So far, the trend looks like it is evening out. After the 40-hour coverage is looking manageable.

SHAWN CARROLL – AVONDALE FIRE COMPANY

Mr. Carroll handed out the fire company's budget request. The AFC is asking the Borough to increase their budget to the \$25,118.82 for 2020. Following are the reasons for the increased amount request: A new fire engine will be ordered which is due per their apparatus replacement plan. Waiting on a legal outcome of the roof replacement which could be as high as \$140,000 if they have to end of paying. Adding one employee – they will have a minimum of three staff members on 24/7. The EMS is asking for an increase to \$15,912.58. The employee wages are the major expense.

JERRY POE – SKETCH PLAN

Mr. Poe asked if there was anything new on the sketch plan he submitted. Dennis O'Neill said a letter was issued last month on the sketch plan. There was also a phone conversation this morning with Mr. Poe's attorney regarding a new type of ownership. This will need to be researched.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on July 16, 2019 and the Work Session on August 13, 2019, 2nd by Becka Schlimme, motion carried.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton did not attend the meeting:

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

NEW WATER SUPPLY - CONSTRUCTION RELEASE \$305,874.25.

The pump station was set last week. The membrane roof tore in transit and Dennis relayed that we will not accept anything less than a new roof. Five scheduled technicians are scheduled for next week to go through the setup for the station inside. The generator should be delivered in the next two weeks. There is a construction release in the amount of \$305,874.25 to be submitted to the County. This release is for 95% of the installation of the building which is \$167,500; delivery of the material for the well pumps; the rest of the piping and some other things that were done outside the building. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the construction release, 2nd by Becka Schlimme, motion carried.

The total grant amount is \$1,157,296.00. The original bid was well over that amount so we paired everything down and we awarded a contract in the amount of \$1,045,820.00. We have a change order in the amount of \$37,500.00. The change order is for an additional 12" of stone in the driveway (water issue), excavating of the conduits, and additional gate valves for water supply lines. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the change order for \$37,500.00, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried. There is \$65,306.00 left in the grant. Dennis will work on getting a change order request for the next meeting for a fence around the project.

AVON MOHR - STORMWATER PIPES – QUOTATIONS

Mr. Rehab is scheduled for the week of September 16th. They will come in and clean the pipes and measure for the liners. They will make the liners which takes about two weeks and then they will come back and install the liners. After the liners are installed, D.T. Taylor Excavating will come in and rebuild the inlet boxes.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

AIRPORT ZONING

Will submit something at the next meeting.

WILKINSON PROJECT STATUS

No response.

LETTER FROM PENNDOT – SIGNS

PennDOT wants the sign removed in front of the shopping center located at 81 Baltimore Pike since it is in the right of way. Kim said she will make one last phone call and relay that the Borough has been cutting the grass in this area for many years and let them know that they will now need to maintain it. The town center sign is permissible and a permit application must be submitted. There are a number of items that must be done to the sign: The sign needs must have spacers up in between the small signs or pushed together to look like one solid face sign. The Secretary will talk to the sign guy regarding this issue.

TAPPING FEES

Jamie forwarded to Kim some information for the tapping fees. When the Borough re-applied for the NPDES permit they raised the Hydraulic Design Capacity to 0.65 million gallons per day from 0.50 gallons per day. Jamie took that 350,000 gallons per day and reworked it into the equation which lowers the tapping fees to \$4,486.00 a 40% decrease. After we get the new wells online, we will be able to rework the calculations and lower the water tapping fees. This will not happen until around November. Council decided to wait until the water fees are re-calculated to amend both water and sewer tapping fees.

STORMWATER ORDINANCE

All municipalities need to amend their stormwater management ordinance to exempt high tunnels. Kim said DEP sent a sample ordinance and she will work on getting this ready for the next Council Meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to July 16, 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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howell said she would like to pursue a walking bridge to go over the creek near the Third Street bridge. Council approved Mayor Howell to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS:**LANDSCAPES 3 - RESOLUTION 2019-3**

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-3, 2nd by Becka Schlimme, motion carried.

MUNICIPAL / AWARD BIDS

Wilson Lysle made a motion to accept the bid of \$4,210.00 for the 2002 pickup truck and the bid of \$337.00 for the tractor tires, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE UPDATE TO 2015 VERSION

The majority of Council agreed to update to the 2015 version of the PMC. Kim will work with Anthony on the update.

ZONING HEARING - 29 GAP NEWPORT PIKE

There will be a zoning hearing on September 18th at 6:00 p.m. for 29 Gap Newport Pike to put in a grocery store which is not allowed by right in the FD District.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, September 10, 2019 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting - Tuesday, September 17, 2019 @6:00 p.m.
- There will be a short Executive Session after this meeting to discuss a legal matter.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary