

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
September 17, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Dennis O'Neill, Kim Venzie, Jerry Poe, Davis Howell, Lori Schwaberbauer, Asst Chief Michael King, Cordelia Rosazza

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

AVON GROVE LIBRARY – LORI SCHWABERBAUER LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Ms. Schwaberbauer said the library is made up of the seven surrounding municipalities. Over the past few years the library has been increasing the programs and attendance and number one in 2018 for children's programs attendance in Chester County. We are doing a lot to make the library a community center and not just a book warehouse. We have E-books, E-audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, use of Computers with many databases with a lot of different subjects. Ms. Schwaberbauer thanked Council for all their support through the years.

SCCRPD – DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF

Michael King, Deputy Police Chief for the SCCRPD said he was here to introduce himself and to personally invite everyone to the dedication ceremony for the new police station on Saturday from 9 until 1. There will be speeches followed by a tour of the facility. We will have Avondale's Halloween event covered with one or more officers. Please contact Lt. Joe Greenwalt if you have any special requests for this event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on August 20, 2019 and the Work Session on September 10, 2019, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton gave the following report:

DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

All systems online and ok. Work is progressing with the new well treatment building installation. The lead and copper construction materials survey still needs to be completed. Lead and copper samples will be collected the week of September 16. Weekly distribution chlorine monitoring for method 334 compliance is ongoing at the designated bacteria sample sites. The chlorine gas feed was not working correctly for several days. We had a couple dips in the chlorine concentration. John from M & S evaluated the system. No problem was detected. The feed lines were replaced as a precaution. We should amend the permit to replace the chlorine gas to hypochlorite.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

All systems are online except the influent screener and grinder. The screener was serviced by MGK. Optimal Controls made a site visit to address the SCADA system concerns. They have reduced the number and frequency of the nuisance alarms, but there are still issues with the screen resolution causing faults and with the software or computer resetting. They still have to complete the remote access capabilities.

The hardware will need to be mounted on the wall preferably in a box. Optimum said that we need to mount the equipment. Utility pump #1 is out of service and will need to be replaced. The other 2 utility pumps will likely need replaced soon as well. We should complete a permit amendment to switch from gas chlorination to hypochlorite. We can also amend to remove the magnesium hydroxide feed. We should install the permitted dichlorination system.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dennis O'Neill gave the following report:

RESERVOIR COVER – ADVERTISE TO BID

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve to advertise bids for the reservoir cover, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried. Bid opening will be October 15th.

NEW WATER SUPPLY - CONSTRUCTION RELEASE #6 - \$51,062.50

The well is progressing. The generator has been installed and the electric service to the building is completed. A field technician from EFI is expected to be on site the week of September 30th. The Contractor is working with Comcast to extend internet and phone service to the building. We are working on getting the water leak repaired at 6th and Pennsylvania Avenue. We are reviewing the possibility of connecting the newly installed main to the existing 6" in Pennsylvania Avenue to provide an additional loop in that service area. The fence is ordered and scheduled to be installed in the next two weeks. There is a construction release in the amount of \$51,062.50 to be submitted to the County. This release is for the two submersible pumps and other onsite work. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the construction release, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried. The amount left in the grant is \$88,445.25.

AVON MOHR - STORMWATER PIPES – QUOTATIONS

Mr. Rehab is behind schedule and they won't be on site until the week of 10/14 and they will be done the week of 11/4. If there is any break in their schedule, they will put us first on the list.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

AIRPORT ZONING ORDINANCE

Kim asked Council to review the Ordinance. The Ordinance will be sent to Chester County Planning Commission and New Garden Township for their review.

WILKINSON PROJECT STATUS

No response.

2015 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE ORDINANCE – APPROVE TO ADVERTISE

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve advertise the ordinance, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried. This ordinance will update from the 2009 to the 2015 version of the IPMC.

LETTER FROM PENNDOT – SIGNS

PennDOT wouldn't budge on the sign at the shopping center so it must come down. The Secretary said the sign guy is working on updating a few signs on the Town Center sign. Kim's office is working on the application.

STORMWATER ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE - APPROVE TO ADVERTISE

DEP has mandated that all municipalities amend their stormwater management ordinance to exempt High Tunnel Facilities. Wilson Lysle made a motion to advertise the ordinance, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to September 17, 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.

2020 BUDGET

Worked on the budget at the Work Session. We need figures for the water and sewer so we can advertise in November. President Shore will get the water and sewer numbers.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dottie gave the following report:

RECYCLING MEETING

Becky and herself went to a recycling meeting in West Chester which was very informative. They handed out The Pennsylvania Recycling Manual which the Mayor is a charter member and helped to write it. There is a lot of has good information in it. See Becky if you want a copy.

TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Becky and Sandy will make up bags and deliver to Servpro to be handed out to the children.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The Christmas tree lighting will be held on the first Thursday in December. More information to follow.

WALKING BRIDGE

Working on costs and grants for the walking bridge.

OLD BUSINESS

BANNERS

Dave Besselman said some banners came in and Andy will start putting them up on State Street as soon as the bucket truck is available.

BOROUGH BUILDING RENOVATIONS

Dave Besselman said the plans are finished and he would like to get the Building Inspector Anthony Campbell to review them. Council agreed.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

SIDEWALKS AND TREE GRANTS

Becka Schlimme said she would like to pursue a Streetscapes grant for trees, sidewalks, streetlights, etc. Dennis O'Neill will look into a grant for this project.

WALKING OR JOGGING ON ROADWAYS

Wilson Lysle said he almost hit someone jogging on Church Street because he was jogging the same direction as he was driving. Wilson said he discussed with the jogger that when there is no berm or sidewalk you must walk or jog facing the traffic. This is a violation of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code.

2ND STREET PARK

Dave Besselman said we are having some issue at the 2nd Street Park with some spray painting and graffiti and also dumping trash all over the park. Dave suggested putting up a camera at the park. Becka Schlimme will look into getting a price for a camera. The Secretary emailed the SCCRPD to advise them of the problem.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, October 8, 2019 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting - Tuesday, October 15, 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 7:45 p.m. 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary