

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
November 19, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wilson Lysle

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Kim Venzie, Bob McCue, Henry Schlimme, Dave Seace, Sue Walker, John Jaros, Andrew DiFonzo, Fred Walton, Chief Simpson

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

PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE #266 - AIRPORT ZONING

Solicitor Kim Venzie stated that this ordinance is amending the Avondale Borough Zoning Ordinance to provide airport hazard zone regulations and provision to enhance public safety. This proposed ordinance was shared with New Garden Township.

There are four procedural exhibits on behalf of Borough Council:

B-1: Proof of Publication in the Daily Local News on October 29, 2019 and November 5, 2019

B-2: Email from Mattie Merlino to the Daily Local News providing proposed amendment for public inspection.

B-3: Email from Mattie Merlino to the Chester County Law Library providing proposed amendment for public inspection.

B-4: Letter dated October 14, 2019 from the Chester County Planning Commission.

Public Comment:

Henry Schlimme asked how this will affect anything that is currently built; would there of been any approvals needed to build anything that is existing? Ms. Venzie said no, but if someone wanted to come in and build a high rise there would be restrictions within the path of the airplane. There are different zones within the Borough so each zone would have to be reviewed. The Hearing was closed.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2019-266, 2nd by Becka Schlimme, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUE WALKER - DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR REPRESENTATIVE HOULIHAN

Ms. Walker said she is the District Director for Representative Chrissy Houlihan who is the new congress person for District 6 since January 3rd of this year. District 6 is a new congressional district which serves all of Chester County and the Southern end of Berks County. We are reaching out to introduce ourselves to all municipalities. We have two offices; one is in West Chester and the other is in Reading. Our staff can offer assistance to our constituents in many different areas such as: veteran's benefits, social security, passports, immigration, etc. If the Borough needs any assistance with federal grants please contact our office and we can write a letter of support.

DAVE SEACE

Mr. Seace said he is a tenant at 505 Pennsylvania Avenue and he has a real concern about the stormwater in the road after a hard rain. In the last three years one of the inlets have been changed and when we have a hard rain there can be as much as a foot of water in the road and it is becoming very dangerous. The water goes to the inlet at the corner of 5th and Pennsylvania Avenue then flows to the drain across the street then to the creek. For some reason the same volume of water is not going through the pipes to the creek.

Jamie MacCombie said the inlet in in a state highway and the storm system is designed for a ten-year storm. The storms recently have been recording breaking with one being a thousand-year storm. A hundred-year storm is a 1% chance that we will get 8.4 inches of rain in a 24-hour period in any given year. The only thing the Borough can do is ask PennDOT to look at the storm sewer system. President Shore said we had the pipes videoed and we know there isn't a blockage but there is a problem with the leaves; you clean them out then it fills back up again. Jamie will contact PennDOT, Council agreed.

JERRY POE - CHARITY'S PLACE

John Jaros introduced himself along with Andrew DiFonzo representing Jerry Poe's Charity's Place. Mr. Andrew presented a three-acre sketch plan for a nine-unit townhouse under the Uniform Community Act. There was much discussion on the plan but most of the concern fell on stormwater issues and the plan showing only one sewer lateral. A preliminary plan will be the next step.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on October 15, 2019 and the Work Session on November 10, 2019, 2nd by Becka Schlimme, motion carried.

SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Simpson gave the following report:

- ❖ The Agreement between West Grove Borough and the SCCRPD has been extended through 2023.
- ❖ The 2020 budget has been approved.
- ❖ We hosted an Emergency Management Coordinator's meeting this month and will schedule one in January.
- ❖ Sometime in January we will have a newly elected orientation meeting.
- ❖ Officer Madonna will be leaving for a military commitment and we will be reassigning personnel into Avondale Borough.
- ❖ There have been a lot of car break-ins and package thefts.
- ❖ A police officer will be on duty at the tree lighting on December 6th. Mayor Howell said she may need two officers. Chief Simpson said to call and they will provide whatever is needed.
- ❖ Chief Simpson handed out the 2019 3rd Quarter Report.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton gave the following report:

DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

All systems online and ok. A new injection booster pump was installed in well house #1. The gas injection system is working normally. Back up hypochlorite feed is ready to go if needed. Fred attended an operator

training meeting for the new well house control and treatment systems. Modifications were made to the lead and copper sample site plan to replace troublesome sites with more assessable ones. A materials survey is still needed to satisfy the last DEP list of deficiencies.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

All systems are online except the influent screener and grinder. Utility pump #1 is out of service and will need to be replaced. The other 2 utility pumps will likely need replaced soon as they are the same age and show signs of heavy wear. MGK installed bar screens on both discharge paths of the clarifier splitter box.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dennis O'Neill gave the following report:

NEW WATER SUPPLY - CONSTRUCTION RELEASE #6 - \$37,468.00

Dave Besselman made a motion to release \$37,468.00, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried. There is a leak outside the well building which will be repaired. Pact One has agreed to repair the leak at 6th and Pennsylvania Avenue for \$6,780.00.

RESERVOIR COVER

The bids for the new reservoir cover are scheduled to be opened at the December 10th Work Session.

MILLER DRIVE - RELINING STORMWATER PIPES

Mr. Rehab has finished the relining project. Don Taylor will be on site to finish the project. (sidewalks, curbing, paving, etc.)

INDIAN RUN ROAD – STREAMBANK STABILIZATION

The General Permit from DEP does not have an expiration date. The Army Corps permit expired July 1, 2016. Jamie's office is working with DEP to confirm that the permit was renewed.

PORTABLE METERS

The meters were removed, getting checked and re-calibrated for re-installation. While the meter was pulled in front of Dunkin Donuts and Domino's there was a grease log 4 inches in diameter and 18 inches long. Council agreed for Jamie to move forward with sending notices to enforce the grease trap ordinance.

SCADA RELEASE

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the release of \$2,633.00, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

WATER RATE 1% INCREASE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Since the tapping fees are changing Kim is recommending to do everything at once to save on the cost of advertising. Council agreed.

2020 TAX RESOLUTION

There has been an amendment to the Borough Code that if the tax rate isn't increased you can do it by resolution instead of an ordinance. The Resolution will be presented at the December 17th meeting.

BARLOW REQUEST

Back in December 2018, an agreement was made with Mr. Barlow to pay \$2,000 for a zoning enforcement action. After Mr. Barlow makes 10 monthly payments, he will be allowed to petition Council to forgive the remaining balance. Mr. Barlow's lawyer is now reaching out and asking Council to waive the balance since Mr. Barlow has made 10 timely monthly payments for a total of \$500.00. All of Council voted no because he had already gotten a break in the original total costs.

FINANCE COMMITTEEAPPROVAL OF BILLS

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to November 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.

2020 BUDGET – APPROVE TO ADVERTISE

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve to advertise the 2020 Budget, 2nd by Dave Besselman, Becka Schlimme-Nay, Bill Shore-yea. Motion carried with a 3-1 vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dottie gave the following report:

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The Christmas tree lighting will be held on Friday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. More information to follow. Signs will go up all over town.

TRASH CONTRACT

The trash contract is up on April 1, 2020. We would like to put some roll overs in the contract. Mayor Dottie will send a marked-up copy to Kim for her review. We will bid the project sometime in January.

OLD BUSINESSBANNERS - HOMETOWN HEROES

Dave Besselman said we have 51 Hometown Heroes Banner up with 4 more ordered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, December 10, 2019 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting - Tuesday, December 17, 2019 @6:00 p.m.

Steve Cummings made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. 2nd by Becka Schlimme, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary