

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

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Kim Venzie, Vince Barbone, Nick Baccino, Bob McCue, Paul Morgan, Toni Morgan, Deputy Chief Mike King, Officer Dave Madonna, Fred Walton, Faith Shore, Janet Kruger, Henry Schlimme, Susan Rzucidlo

There was a problem with the recording device. These minutes are taken from meeting notes.

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

2020 BUDGET – ADOPTION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Henry Schlimme

Mr. Schlimme asked multiple questions on the proposed budget and his questions were answered. Mr. Schlimme said he wants to know how the Borough is going to sustain the amount in the budget. Vince Barbone explained that the Borough is not deficit spending and there are much more funds than what is budgeted. A copy of the 2018 audit was given to Mr. Schlimme.

Susan Rzucidio

Ms. Rzudidio wanted the comment clarified that was made regarding receiving more fine money from Parkesburg Police than the SCCRP. President Shore explained when Parkesburg Police was here, a lot of the fine money came from overweight trucks going across the State Street Bridge. We do not have that income anymore since the bridge was replaced by the County. The contract with Parkesburg gave the Borough all the fine money. The contract we have with Regional is different and not a lot of fine money is coming to the Borough.

Ms. Rzudidio said after what is happening in Kennett Township shouldn't we start looking at Avondale's process and bring someone in to make sure the process is as tight as can be. Kim Venzie suggested having the bank statements looked at every month by a board member(s) and signing off on them. Vince recommended a board member(s) have access to the Borough's online banking so it can be monitored every day and you can catch things right away. Council will discuss this matter at the Work Session.

BOROUGH BUILDING RENOVATIONS

There were several questions from Susan Rzucidlo, Paul Morgan and Janet Kruger on whether or not the borough building renovations are something that was required. President Shore stated the reason for the renovations is that it is out of ADA compliance and the Borough is required to bring it in compliance.

2020 BUDGET ADOPTION

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt the 2020 Budget, 2nd by Steve Cummings, Wilson Lysle-yea, Becka Schlimme-nay, Bill Shore-yea, motion carried with a 4-1 vote.

TAX RESOLUTION #2019-5

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Resolution #2019-5, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried. There was no increase in real estate taxes. The tax rate is 4.0% (.40 cents on each \$100 dollars of assessed valuation of taxable property)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jose Guerrero

Mr. Guerrero said he is here to share a business initiative that he hopes to have in town and to get some feedback and guidance. Mr. Guerrero currently owns Fresco's which is the store located next to the old Sunoco gas station. Right now, he negotiating with Sunoco to renovate the existing building into a store front to put in his market and partner with Sunoco to sell their gas. This is not a done deal yet but he hopes to finalize soon. Everyone supported Mr. Guerrero and wished him the best in his plan for his new business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on November 19, 2019 and the Work Session on December 10, 2019, 2nd by Becka Schlimme, motion carried.

SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Deputy Chief Mike King gave the following report:

The 2019 Annual Report will come out in Late January and copies will be provided. Officer Dave Madonna said that on January 13th he will be going to the National Guard for basic training and will be back home in June. Deputy Chief King said things will change in the Borough. Instead of having one officer assigned to the Borough, we will have multiple officers taking shifts in Avondale. The schedule should be coming out soon.

Mayor Howell thanked SCCRP for their assistance in bringing Santa Claus to the Christmas Tree Lighting. The tree lighting was again a success.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton gave the following report:

DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

All systems online and ok. The wells are operating about 9 hours a day.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Everything is running well; there were not exceedances.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

NEW WATER SUPPLY - CONSTRUCTION RELEASE - \$26,177.25

Jamie said he has a construction release for \$26,177.25. We are still looking for a Verizon connection. The Contractor will be back in the Spring to reseed, etc. Council did not approve the release because there are some punch list items that still need to be completed.

RESERVOIR COVER

We didn't get any bids. Dennis reached out to two contractors to find out why. There was a provision to provide storage which would be costly and the other reason is there wasn't any bracket details and where they are to be located. Jamie's office is working on these items.

MILLER DRIVE - RELINING STORMWATER PIPES

Jamie's office looked at the video tapes and all is good except for one issue that Herb found. Don Taylor will be back to repair.

TAPPING FEES

Jamie recalculated the water tapping fees and it brings the water tapping fee was recalculated at \$4,835.00 down from \$7,392.00. Previously, the sewer tapping fee was re-calculated at \$4,486.00 down from \$7,392.00. A copy of the calculations was given to Kim to draft an ordinance.

GREASE TRAP ENFORCEMENT

Sent letters out both certified and by regular mail.

PORTABLE METERS

The meters were removed and getting checked and re-calibrated for re-installation. The meter was pulled in front of Dunkin Donuts and Domino's and 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.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

BOROUGH BUILDING RENOVATIONS - APPROVE TO ADVERTISE

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve to advertise for bids, 2nd by Steve Cummings, Becka Schlimme-nay, Wilson Lysle-yea, Bill Shore-yea, motion carried with a 4-1 vote.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR 1% WATER RATE INCREASE AND DECREASE IN TAPPING FEES.

Kim will have a draft ordinance for the January Council meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to December 17, 2019, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dottie gave the following report:

TRASH CONTRACT

Working on the trash contract for Kim's review. Janet Kruger said her only request is to keep the lidded recycling bins because when they had the small bins there was so much stuff blowing all over the Borough.

OLD BUSINESS**MEDIC 94 – FUNDING FORMULA**

Becka Schlimme said they want to recalculate the way Medic 94's funds are distributed among the municipalities they serve. They are looking for a vote from Avondale to stay with the current or go with the new funding formula. For Avondale, the difference is minimum. Dave Besselman made a motion to agree to stay with the current funding formula, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried. Becka will reply with the vote.

NEW BUSINESS**CAD SYSTEM**

Becka Schlimme wants to make sure the County has Avondale's correct information in their CAD System. She was sent a form from the County to update the information. Becka will forward to EMC, Bill Shore. **Kim suggested to add updating our CAD information to our first meeting of the year process and Council was in agreement.**

RESOLUTION #2019-6 - STEVE CUMMINGS

President Shore read the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING RECOGNITION AND GRATITUDE TO STEVE CUMMINGS FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF AVONDALE

WHEREAS, Steve Cummings has served faithfully and performed the duties as a member of Avondale Borough Council since April 27, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Steve gave his time generously to represent and serve all Avondale Borough residents while a member of Borough Council,

WHEREAS, Steve served as Vice President of Borough Council and always had the best interest of the residents of Avondale Borough.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that Avondale Borough Council recognizes and thanks Steve Cummings for his integrity, and for his unselfish dedication and commitment to the residents of the Borough of Avondale and wishes him the best in the future.

PASSED and APPROVED by Avondale Borough Council this 17th day of December, 2019.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-6, 2nd by Becka Schlimme, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2019-7 – Wilson Lysle

President Shore read the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING RECOGNITION AND GRATITUDE TO WILSON LYSLE FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF AVONDALE

WHEREAS, Wilson Lysle has served faithfully and performed the duties as a member of Avondale Borough Council since May 15, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Wilson gave his time generously to represent and serve all Avondale Borough residents while a member of Borough Council,

WHEREAS, Wilson as chairperson for the Streets Committee overseen and accomplished many projects,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that Avondale Borough Council recognizes and thanks Wilson Lysle for his integrity, and for his unselfish dedication and commitment to the residents of the Borough of Avondale and wishes him the best in the future.

PASSED and APPROVED by Avondale Borough Council this 17th day of December, 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Reorganization Meeting – Monday, January 6, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Work Session – Tuesday, January 14, 2020 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting - Tuesday, January 21, 2020 @6:00 p.m.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary