

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 17, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jerry Poe, Bob Cleveland, Rose Ann Swift, Pat Longen  
Absent: Jay Pusey, Fred Bryan, Russ Kilmer

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mayor Howell, Glenn Diehl, Walter Barcz, Mike Short, Howard Thompson, Harold Brown, Patrick Harrison, Jan Ramberger, Ryan Ramberger,

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Pro Tem Jerry Poe called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

**RESIDENT COMMENT/REQUEST/COMPLAINT**

JAN RAMBERGER – 401 CHATHAM STREET

Jam Ramberger said the house at 401 Chatham Street sold recently and there are at least 7-8 men living there and she believes it is being used as a barracks and not being used as a single-family dwelling. The Secretary said she gave the complaint to the Codes Enforcement Officer.

**MILLER ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

Mike Short gave the following report:

Monthly Water Production – 3,223,200 gallons / average daily flow – 107,440 gallons

Monthly Effluent Flow – 14,766,000 gallons / average daily flow – 517,000 gallons

New Garden Flow – 4,166,880 gallons / average daily flow – 148,817 gallons (3-30-05 to 4-27-05)

Unaccounted Monthly Wastewater Flow – 7,375,920 gallons (50.0%)

The following activities were reported for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Installed new remote at 302 Chatham Street.
- Performed annual hydrant flushing of all Borough fire hydrants.
- Purchased new portable battery and discharge hose for water removal off reservoir cover.
- Used Master Locators to locate water mains on Clay Creek Road, West State Street and Indian Run Road in regards to multiple ongoing construction repairs.
- Replaced portable water chlorine rotometer at #1 Well House, existing unit was sent out for repair.
- Identified problem with #2 adjustable frequency drive to #2 influent pump, contacted manufacturers representative who calibrated drive then returned to remove drive to ship back to factory. Presently operating influent pump on back up pressure switch until drive is repaired and installed.

3 & 48 CLAY CREEK ROAD – SEWER HOOK UP

Jerry Poe asked if there will be separate meters for 3 & 48 Clay Creek Road. The Secretary said that there are separate water meters and the meters were read when the Borough started to accept the sewer.

DISCHARGE INTO CREEK

Bob Cleveland said a couple of residents said they saw rare sewage being discharged into the creek. Mike Short gave the following report on this matter. On May 13<sup>th</sup> there was a small solids washout. With the continued ammonia problems we have been having and the high flows we had from the previous month, we have a young sludge and that does not help with the removal of the ammonia. We are trying to get the sludge a little older and keep it in the system a little longer. This is something that does not normally happen, but erupts suddenly. Miller Environmental has come up with a better strategy and are hoping this will prevent this from happening again. Bob asked if he knew how much was discharged in the creek. Mike said he did not know but that it was bio-solids, it was not actual sewage because everything is chlorinated before it goes out into the creek. Jerry Poe asked if the discharge was a violation with the DEP? Mike said they take 24 hour composite samples and it is not a violation.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Fred Bryan was absent – the Secretary gave the report

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The Finance Committee reviewed the bills to be paid and recommend that Council approve them. Pat Longen made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Finance Committee reviewed the financial statements and recommend that Council approve them. Pat Longen made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rose Ann Swift, motion carried.

2004 AUDIT

The Auditor was here today and the audit should be completed in two weeks.

FIRE COMPANY VEHICLE INSURANCE

The Finance Committee recommends keeping Francis Hall Insurance for the fire company vehicles. When the costs were compared apples to apples, Hall Insurance was cheaper by \$1800.00. Council agreed. Bob Cleveland said the Secretary requested a copy of the policy and to contact the Borough when they add or remove any vehicles.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 19, 2005 – Bob Cleveland made a motion to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rose Ann Swift, motion carried.

SPECIAL MEETING – MAY 4, 2005 – Bob Cleveland made a motion to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Longen, motion carried.

**ENTECH REPORT**

Walter Barcz gave the following report

**HENSON AND MAPLE STREETS**

Received the last document needed to execute the contract. The work should begin in two to three weeks and last between four to six weeks.

**WWTP UPGRADE AND EXPANSION**

There is a lot of activity and we are still outside of the old plant site. The clarifiers and reactor are very well along and everything is looking good.

**WALABAX PAYMENT 4 - \$190,346.62**

Rose Ann Swift made a motion to approve payment 4 to Walabax subject to the availability of funds, 2nd by Pat Longen, motion carried.

**1 MILLER DRIVE**

Still needs to prepare specifications to order the pump.

**MS4 STORMWATER**

Entech is preparing the annual report.

**AVON MOHR SWALES**

Reported on this matter on April 10<sup>th</sup> and since then, Russ Kilmer and some residents of Avon Mohr are discussing what can be done to alleviate the situation.

**NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP – PLANNING MODULE FOR BRITTANY HILLS**

The paperwork is in order and it needs Council's approval. Walter said he will be preparing a footnote letter to go with it referencing the old agreement among the Township, the Borough and DEP providing for a transfer of flows. Bob Cleveland asked if it was only for Brittany Hills. Walter said it is for two edu's for Brittany Hills. The Secretary said that Bill Romanelli dropped off this paperwork today and Walter has not had a chance to look at it. Walter said he knows what is needed and it is just a matter of properly conditioning it and making sure everyone knows how this came about. Walter said his recommendation is for Council to approve the planning module. Rose Ann Swift made a motion to approve the Brittany Hills planning Module for 2 edu's, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

**TAPPING FEES**

The Pennsylvania Act 57 of 2003 requires the Borough to calculate Tapping Fees, and adopt them by June 30, 2005. Entech has prepared a Task Order in a lump sum amount of \$8,500 for Council's approval. The Scope of Work consists of a written report and supporting calculations and a review meeting with Council. Jerry Poe asked what our penalty would be if we did not comply. Walter said it is not entirely clear because the Borough is in a unique situation because of the continuing moratorium. If we get to a point where you need to make a decision about a tapping fee for water and sewer and not have something on the books that is in compliance with the Act 57 then it would become more of an issue; other than that, it probably won't draw that much attention. Council did not approve the task order until verification from Fred Bryan that the funds are available.

BOVE SUBDIVISION

Entech submitted their review and recommendations to Council. The Secretary said she forwarded a copy to the applicant.

**PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION #2005-09**

The Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant application was opened. There were no comments from Borough Council or the Public. Bob Cleveland made a motion to approve Resolution #2005-09, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Longen, motion carried. The Public Hearing was closed.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**COMMISSIONER’S BUS TOUR

Mayor Howell said she took a bus tour of the Borough with the Chester County Commissioner’s and she showed them the problems with the traffic and the flooding in the Borough. The Mayor said she thanked the Commissioner’s profusely for the 1.5 Million Dollars for the treatment plant. The Mayor read a letter she received from Commissioner Carol Aichele. “Dear Dottie, Thank you so much for giving us the tour on Friday. I think I understand the issues, but there is nothing quite like seeing yourself.”

FALL FESTIVAL

Mayor Howell said she would like permission from Borough Council to hold the Fall Festival on October 15, 2005 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and to use Pomeroy Avenue. Rose Ann Swift made a motion to approve the Fall Festival, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Longen, motion carried.

WHITE CLAY CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

Mayor Howell said the project is going quite well and they are almost finished with the section on Indian Run Road. There is some wood they got out of the creek and some wood from cutting down some trees and Dominick is going to take care of that from both areas.

RYAN RAMBERGER

Mayor Howell said Ryan Ramberger is going for his Eagle Scout and as part of our Growing Greener Grant Project the Borough agreed to build an informational Kiosk as part as an in-kind service in one of the parks and Ryan is here to tell you about his project. Ryan said he is working on an Eagle Scout project and he needs 70 man-hours for his project. Ryan said he is interested in building a kiosk for Pomeroy Park and he would raise the money himself and construct it. Pat Longen made a motion to give Ryan Ramberger permission to build a kiosk at the Pomeroy Park and Council approved a donation of \$100.00 toward the kiosk, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rose Ann Swift, motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Cecil Hallman requested at the last meeting for Borough Council to review and consider adopting the following resolutions for the National Incident Management System (NIMS), which was explained by Mr. Hallman at the last meeting. Bob Cleveland made a motion to adopt Resolution’s # 2005-05, 2005-06 and 2005-07, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rose Ann Swift, motion carried.

**STREETS COMMITTEE**

Bob Cleveland gave the following report:

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Council received a letter from PENNDOT regarding the State Street Bridge. The horizontal clearance signs need to be reset per standards, and the deteriorating concrete deck needs to be repaired. Council has until the end of June to comply.

The committee requested the Borough Secretary to write a letter to PENNDOT to qualify their definition of “deck”, and to obtain any recommended repair specifications that may be required. To date, no response has been received from PENNDOT.

2. Request from residents for a crosswalk at Pomeroy Ave. and State St. is currently being reviewed and discussed as is the cost effectiveness of installing additional crosswalks at several other intersections in the Borough along with the painting and repair of the street markers at the State Street/Pennsylvania Avenue intersections.

\*\*Cost estimates have been received for this project and the committee will meet and review the estimates and make a recommendation to Council at the June Council Meeting.

3. The stenciling of the storm drains will be completed by the end of the first week in June.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. There are currently 15 Abandoned/Expired/Inoperative vehicles in the Borough. Letters were sent to the residents. C.E.O. has tagged several of the vehicles.
2. Dominick picked-up compostables in the Borough on 16 May. The next scheduled pick-up date for compostables is 13 June.
3. Installed “Slow, Children At Play” sign on Keating Alley per a resident’s request.
4. A concern was received from a resident of Poplar St. Run-off from a mushroom wharf located in New Garden Twp. is running down Poplar St. and into several residents’ yards. The C.E.O. was informed, visited the site, and then contacted New Garden Township.
5. Several complaints were received regarding the butchering of a live goat on 5 May in the back yard at 300 Chatham St. A letter was sent to the property owner.
6. Several complaints were received from residents regarding a non-resident bringing his trash into the Borough, and depositing it in trash cans at both 221 Church Street, and Mt. Tabor A.M.E. Zion Church. Letters were sent to both the home owner at 221 Church St., and to the church.

**PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE**

Jerry Poe gave the following report

**BOROUGH PROPERTY BEHIND HAROLD SMITH'S**

Glenn Diehl said it is different with private property from municipal property. Private property is if you get on it for 21 years, you have rights but you cannot have rights against the Borough. Glenn said that Council has to figure how what you want to do with the property and then it can happen. Jerry Poe said the Property and Equipment Committee will look into the matter and make a recommendation to Council.

**SOUNDPROOF BOROUGH RESTROOM**

Jerry Poe said the Property and Equipment Committee will discuss this issue and make a recommendation to Council.

**PARK AND COMPOSTING FACILITY COMMITTEE**

Pat Longen gave the following report

**WATSON PARK**

Spoke with Lenee Bryan about problems in the park and forming a Park Committee together. After doing a site investigation of the park the Committee recommends the following:

- All kinds of graffiti all over the playground equipment and the Committee recommends getting something to take off the graffiti.
- The swing set needs the swing repaired and the Committee will repair it.
- The Committee will speak with the people that use the park about keeping it clean.
- Installing a post and rail fence by the Third Street basketball court to keep the balls from going in the creek.
- All benches should be concreted in the ground to keep from being thrown in creek.

**THERE WAS NO NEW OR OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSED****ANNOUNCEMENT**

- Jerry Poe announced that there is a special meeting continuing the Wilkinson Conditional Use Hearing Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Avondale Fire House.

Pat Longen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rose Ann Swift, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary

