

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
May 26, 2009
6:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Fred Bryan, Glenn Allen, Bob Cleveland, Steve Frye, Pat Longen
Absent: Fred Hessenauer & Sali Cosford Parker

Guests Present: Mayor Howell, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Bill Reilly, Michelle Steele, Dale Pusey, Dave Friedman, Bill Romanelli, Jim Duffy, Mike Shiring, Tom Lowry, Dave Grayson, Larry Steele

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bryan thanked Dave and Sandy Hughes, the owners of Servpro, for inviting Council to their Open House. At the Open House, they thanked Council and Tom Lowry for their assistance during the renovations.

President Bryan thanked EEMA for coordinating the EPWPCOA meeting. The meeting was a huge success.

EEMA REPORT

Bill Reilly gave the following report for April 2009:

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Wastewater Treatment Plant Flows:

Total Monthly Flow	9,421,000 gallons
Daily Flows Min.	200,000 gallons
Daily Flows Max.	438,000 gallons
Daily Flows Avg.	314,000 gallons

New Garden Township Weekly Flows (Average Gallons/Day)

WEEK	April 1 - 8	April 8 - 15	April 15 - 22	April 22 - 29
ROUTE 41	43,921	43,366	40,101	40,614
RAIL ROAD	51,843	50,591	out of service	out of service
Total	95,764	94,317		

OPERATIONS:

Hauled 12,000 gallons of sludge.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

Production Summary:

Water System		Well #1	Gallons/Day	Well #2	Gallons/Day
Total Well #1	2,342,600	Minimum	56,700	Minimum	3,900
Total Well #2	521,700	Maximum	100,100	Maximum	30,100
Total:	2,864,300	Average	78,087	Average	17,390
Avg. gpd	95,477				

Water Actions:

- Total Water Action (1)
 - Water Shut Off – 403 Thompson Street 4/14/09

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REPORT:Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Installed spare motor digester blower.

Collection and Distribution System

- Low pressure at Perry Auto – Resolved May 12, 2009 – Minor leak on owner's property.
- Low pressure at 6 Cook Court – Pressure issue on owner's property.
- PA 1 Calls (4)
 - 420 Pennsylvania Avenue
 - 5 Cook Court
 - Third Street Bridge – Technivate construction
 - Church Street – Technivate construction

PERMIT VIOLATIONS:

No permit violations for the month.

CURB STOP LOCATION PROGRAM

Putting together a book for the curb stop locations. By the end of the week, three streets with the pictures will be completed.

NEW ROOF AT WWTP

Everyone thanked Steve Frye for putting on the new roof at the treatment plant. Bob Cleveland said Mr. Frye saved the Borough about \$6,000.00.

EPWPCOA MEETING

Pete Lau said the meeting was well received thanks to the Borough's cooperation. We had a lot of good comments from the operator's association and that the meeting was one of the best they had in a while. The presentation from Walter Barcz was very well done.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT (CCR)

Michelle Steele said she will have the CCR to the Secretary by the end of the month to send out to the Borough's water customers.

INDUSTRIAL PRE-TREATMENT PROGRAM

Dave Friedman said he received a call from a company called Compliance Management and they are being retained by Edlon to help them go through their Industrial Pre-treatment Permit. Mr. Friedman said he will be meeting with Compliance Management and Steve Rau from Edlon on Thursday.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The advertisement will be in the paper on Thursday and will be ready for the June 16th Council meeting.

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

The first step is to go through the definitions and then give them to Tom Lowry for his input and then to Council for their review. One of the problems is that we do not have definitions that we need. The goal is to fix the existing ordinance as fast as we can and get the whole thing codified.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

WATERLINE REPLACEMENT ON STATE STREET

A pre-construction meeting was held with Anrich, Inc. We are trying to get some issues straightened out as far as boring under the railroad tracks. Anrich should be starting construction in the next two weeks.

PROJECT FUND RELEASE #2 – WILKINSON – CARILLON

Bob Cleveland made a motion to release \$45,033.51 from the projects escrow account, 2nd by Pat Longen, motion carried.

PROJECT FUND RELEASE #3 – WILKINSON/TECHNIVATE

Pat Longen made a motion to release \$43,359.12 from the projects escrow account, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

WELL HEAD PROTECTION

The well head protection design should be done by the end of next week and then forward the information to Wilkinson so they can get that project started.

MS4 PROGRAM

The next report is due June 9th.

DIRT PILES AT WATSON PARK

Jamie MacCombie said he would like to thank Herbie MacCombie and Mr. Wilkinson because they did a heck of a good job getting the dirt piles removed.

235 W. STATE STREET – WATER RUNOFF PROBLEM COMPLAINT

A site inspection was done and a letter was written to the property owner telling them that the problem is being addressed. Spoke to Steve Brown from London Grove Township and Mr. Brown said there is escrow money from the developer and if the problem is their issue they will fix it.

FLASHING WARNING SIGNALS AT FIREHOUSE

The lights were installed today.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Tom Lowry gave the following report

UNCERTIFIED BUILDINGS

The issue of uncertified buildings should go to the Housing Committee before it goes to Council. This pertains to the new law with the Uniform Construction Code on uncertified and certified buildings. Mr. Lowry said he would like Council's approval to meet with the Housing Committee on this issue, Council approved.

LANDSCAPING BUSINESS

Bob Cleveland asked why the landscaping business has to go to the Zoning Hearing Board when there was a landscaping business there before the existing business, Avondale Auto Sales. The prior landscaping business didn't go to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Lowry said he doesn't know why this happened because it was before his time in the Borough. The Zoning Ordinance states "and no other" in the ordinance and this use is not permitted.

Jamie MacCombie said if this particular use is not listed in that zoning district and it says "these uses and any one and no other", there is no choice but to go to the Zoning Hearing Board. Technically, he has to go for a use variance and only one use is permitted on that parcel.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Glenn Allen said the Committee met on May 13th and reviewed the bills and financial statements.

APPROVE THE BILLS TO BE PAID

Glenn Allen made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to May 26, 2009, 2nd by Steve Frye, motion carried.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Glenn Allen made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2nd by Pat Longen, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Glenn Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from April 21, 2009 and April 28, 2009 Council meetings, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howell gave the following report

LED LIGHTS GRANT STATUS

The lights were put out to bid again and we received five bids. The lowest bidder was \$22,000 from Public, the Engineer, McMahon and Associates, recommended we throw that bid out because they were not a pre-qualified bidder with PennDOT which was stipulated in the bid package. The next lowest bidder is C.A. Higgins and Sons for \$23,356 and that is just for installing the lamps. McMahon and Associates is checking to see if we have to pay prevailing wage for the electrical work. Mayor Howell asked Council to approve the amount of \$23,356 to C.A. Higgins and sons, which Avondale Borough's part is \$2200.00 (50% match, the other \$2200 is DCED grant money). Glenn Allen made a motion to accept the bid from C.A. Higgins and Sons at a cost of \$2200 to Avondale Borough, 2nd by Pat Longen, motion carried.

PLANNING COMMITTEE**WILKINSON PROJECT – CARILLON**

Glenn Allen made a motion to authorize the Borough's Officer's to sign the Improvement Security Agreement when Glenn Diehl and Jamie MacCombie approve, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Glenn Allen gave the following report

POLICE ACTIVITIES

The police hours will be increased in June and they will address several issues that were presented to them.

STREET AND STREET LIGHTS COMMITTEE

Bob Cleveland gave the following report

- We received two quotes for tar and chipping of Pomeroy Avenue from Third to State Streets, and West 2nd Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to Pomeroy Avenue, and New Street from Second to Third Streets. The two bids were from: Martin Paving for \$11,902.35 and a bid from Asphalt Industries for \$16,500.00. The Committee is recommending to Council to approve Martin Paving to do the tar and chipping. This amount has been budgeted for 2009. Bob Cleveland made motion to approve Martin Paving to do the tar and chipping for the above streets for \$11,902.35, 2nd by Pat Longen, motion carried.
- There has been \$500.00 set aside in the budget to get the streets cleaned, especially the streets that are going to be tarred and chipped. Bob Cleveland made a motion to approve up to \$500.00 for the street sweeping by SECCRA, 2nd by Steve Frye, motion carried.
- The Committee asked Jamie MacCombie to give a cost on surveying Welsh Alley. The cost is \$500.00 for the Southerly side and \$420.00 for the Northerly side. The Southerly Side of Welsh Alley goes

from E. Third Street to Watson Park and there seems to be a lot of encroachment such as sheds, buildings, and automobiles so we really need to get it surveyed to find out where the street actually goes. The Committee is suggesting just doing the Southside. Bob Cleveland made a motion to approve Jamie MacCombie to survey Welsh Alley from Third Street to Watson Park for \$500.00, 2nd by Glenn Allen, motion carried.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE REPORT

Bob Cleveland gave the following report:

- The Committee received a request from the rate payer at 90 W. State Street requesting relief on the sewer portion of their bill because they had a leaking boiler and it was leaking unto the dirt and stone floor in the basement. The owner did submit a copy of replacing the boiler. The Committee looked into it and their water usage was double the average. The Committee would like to recommend reducing the water and sewer bill by \$204.64 which is the sewer charges, not the water charges. This reduces the bill to \$601.44. Bob Cleveland made a motion to reduce the rate payer at 90 W. State Street by \$204.64, 2nd by Steve Frye, motion carried.
- Bill Reilly said 213 Chatham Street had a water leak by the service line right by the main and has been fixed. We are waiting for PECO to mark the gas line for the other leak on Third Street.
- Jamie MacCombie said he has a proposal for influent meters from ICE Systems for material and equipment at a cost of \$28,869.00. This does not include installation which is probably another \$10-\$15,000. Jamie said his recommendation to Council is to go with these meters since it is a requirement of DEP. Other than putting it out to bid and paying prevailing wage, the prudent thing to do is see if we can get a price from Technivate to add to the existing contract and install the meters. Bob Cleveland made a motion to add the influent meters, material and installation to the existing contract with Technivate, 2nd by Pat Longen, motion carried.
- Received two proposals for the repair and reconstruction of storm drains at First and Chatham Streets and on Church Street. The Secretary call Herb MacCombie and both proposals will use Brick Parge.

Buck Frank	\$3,400.00
Technivate	\$3,206.38

Bob Cleveland made a motion to approve Technivate to repair and reconstruct the storm drains in the amount of \$3,206.38, 2nd by Pat Longen, motion carried.

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Steve Frye gave the following report:

NEW ROOF FOR WWTP

The new roof is on at the treatment plant. Mr. Frye thanked Technivate for putting the two rolls of material on the roof. Again, Mr. Frye was thanked by all for donating his time to put on the new roof.

AIR CONDITIONER

We have a few problems with air conditioning units in the windows. During meetings it is hard to hear while they are running and the air conditioner in the board room overheated several times last year and it threw the reset switch. The Committee looked into getting proposals for central air conditioning and received several bids from \$3,500.00 to \$10,000.00. Not only will it be better to hear at Council meetings, it will be more efficient to run than three or four window units. There is no heat in the back office and these bids include installing a few new vents which will solve the heat problem. Steve Frye made a motion to accept the bid from Lafrance & Sons for \$3,500.00 for central air conditioning, 2nd by Pat Longen, motion carried.

EARNED INCOME TAX COMMITTEE

President Bryan said the Committee found 57 names not on Berkheimer's list. This list was sent to Jim Hunt at Berkheimer.

PARKS / ENVIRONMENTAL COMPOSTING COMMITTEE

Pat Longen said on behalf of the Borough Council and the Parks Committee he would like to thank Jamie MacCombie, Herb MacCombie, Charles Wilkinson, and Bill Romanelli for getting the dirt piles removed from the park.

THOMPSON / BROWN PARK

The Committee is picking out a spot for the new park sign. Have not heard any reports or have not seen any vehicles on the basketball court in the park since the railroad ties were put down. Steve Frye said he has seen a vehicle or two come from the parking lot at the house but no where near the damage that was there.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Steve Frye said the Committee is working on a new list of violations and turned it over to the Code Enforcement Officer.

NEW BUSINESS**HALLOWEEN PARADE AND CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**

The owner's of Servpro, Dave and Sandy Hughes have agreed to let the Borough use their building after the Halloween parade. In previous years, the children paraded from Third Street to the Firehouse where prizes and candy were given out to all. We didn't have the parade last year because the fire company did not own the building. Mr. & Mrs. Hughes have also agreed to buy and put up a tree for the Christmas Tree Lighting. Mayor Howell asked Council for a budget of \$500.00 for the Halloween Parade and the Christmas Tree Lighting to buy prizes, hot chocolate, cookies, etc. Glenn Allen made a motion to give Mayor Howell up to \$500.00 to buy prizes, hot chocolate, cookies, etc. for the Halloween Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting, 2nd by Pat Longen, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT

President Bryan announced that there will be an Executive Session after this meeting.

Pat Longen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., 2nd by Steve Frye, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary