

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
May 22, 2007
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Cleveland, Fred Bryan, Glenn Allen, Howard Thompson, Russ Kilmer, Pat Longen, Patrick Harrison

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Glenn Diehl, William Fansler, Peter Lau, Ed Norman, Nick Fabricatore, Dave Friedman, Michelle Steele, Bill Shore, Bill Romanelli, Steve Frye, Vince Barbone

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Cleveland called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2006 AUDIT

Vince Barbone gave the following report:

The difference between the assets and the liability is 3.9 million of which 1 million can be used for future obligations. Only 1 million can be used because the rest is tied up in fixed assets. The Borough closed out the year with a surplus of \$892,000 for 2006. There is a large surplus because in the past two years the Borough has built a wastewater treatment plant which has committed itself to approximately 5 million in debt and will be coming due in large increments in the next two years. When the new residential construction takes place, the surplus will help subsidize the future commitments until the housing units come online which will share the cost of subsidizing the wastewater treatment plant and any other upgrades to the water system. The Borough had a good year and is on a good financial footing. Council will review the audit report and consider adoption at next month's meeting.

EEMA REPORT

William Fansler gave the following report:

OPERATIONS REPORT

Wastewater Treatment Plant Flows:

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| Total Monthly Flow | 11,260,000 gallons |
| Daily Flows Min. | 264,000 gallons |
| Daily Flows Max. | 891,000 gallons |
| Daily Flows Avg. | 375,000 gallons |

NEW GARDEN WEEKLY FLOWS

| WEEK | 3/28 to 4/4 | 4/4 to 4/11 | 4/11 to 4/18 | 4/18 to 4/25 | 4/25 to 5/2 |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| ROUTE 41 | 44,574 | 44,032 | 58,517 | 45,605 | 42,302 |
| RAILROAD | 91,070 | 76,031 | 151,351 | 127,007 | 391,818 |

- There were no reportable deviations from the Contract parameters or requirements this month.
- We had no reportable sanitary sewer overflows for the month of April.
- We are waiting for the additional quote for the control building heaters replacements.
- Total Rainfall 8.55 inches.
- Temperature high was 84°F and the low was 28°F.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

All the work orders in the CMMS were completed for this month.

- There were four (4) PA One Calls.
- There were nine (9) Action Request forms received resulting in the following;
 - Six (6) meter replacements
 - 215 Chatham Street
 - 304 East Third Street
 - 223 Chatham Street
 - 402 Church Street
 - 29 Gap Newport Pike
 - 315 Pennsylvania Avenue
 - One (1) water shut off notice
 - One (1) meter was reread
 - One (1) call for illegal bypassing
- There were no leaks or blockages for the month.
- We have installed 1 Bio-Block in manhole #36.
- Maintenance budget reconciliation.

PROJECTED OPERATION & MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR MAY:

- Work on the numbering and inspection of all manholes in Zone A and B.
- Preventative maintenance on all scheduled equipment.
- Removal of all remaining debris and unusable items that remain in the facilities
- Numbering of Borough's fire hydrants will continue thru the month of May and into the month of June.

WATER QUALITY REPORT:

Water System Flows

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Well #1 | 2,426,700 gallons |
| Total Well #2 | 663,300 gallons |
| Total Monthly Flow | 3,090,000 gallons |
| Daily Flows Min. Well #1 | 1,500 gallons |
| Min. Well #2 | 14,100 gallons |
| Avg. Well #1 | 80,890 gallons |
| Avg. Well #2 | 22,110 gallons |
| Max. Well #1 | 153,800 gallons |
| Max Well #2 | 29,900 gallons |

Water quality met all regulatory and contractual requirements during the month.

SAFETY AND TRAINING REPORT

There were no safety issues to report.

MONTHLY GRIEVANCES:

There were no grievances for the month.

PERMIT VIOLATIONS: None

PECO BILL

Peter Lau gave the following report:

A meeting was held with a PECO representative today to discuss the billing issue. PECO has been sending an old bill and no one at PECO was aware there was a new bill or a new meter because according to PECO the electrician who changed from the old meter to the new meter did not send PECO the paperwork. Because PECO did not get the paperwork, they continued to send an estimated bill on the old meter. EEMA changed the billing information on October 1st but at the same time PECO changed their billing system and lost the paperwork. When the electrician put in the new meter it tied into some kind of telephone computer monitoring system and everyday the reading off the meter was stored into the computer.

Around February 23rd, the electrician sent in the paperwork and the old meter became obsolete. PECO generated six or seven months of new bills dated February 23rd. PECO will generate a new bill and get rid of all the late charges. EEMA will calculate their share of the new bill because Miller Environmental will be responsible for their share up to October 1st when EEMA started operating the plant. The electric cost is almost double because with the old meter, the Borough owned the transformer and now with the new meter PECO owns the new transformer and being charged at a commercial rate.

Jamie MacCombie asked if it was possible for the Borough to install their own transformer and go back to buying primary power. Peter Lau said he does not believe you're allowed to do that anymore but he will look into it.

CUSTOMER'S WITHOUT WATER ON MAY12TH

Peter Lau said EEMA made a mistake. The wells were not running and EEMA put in procedures to make sure it does not happen again.

BOROUGH'S SOLICITOR REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report

PYLE PROPERTY SETTLEMENT

We need to set a settlement date at least 30 days out. Council agreed that July 2nd would be the settlement date.

STORMWATER DRAINS

Received a call from Mark Padula who is the engineer for Jerry Poe and they want to try and figure out how to connect to the stormwater drains. When you get Dominick under contract, Council may want to set a schedule for cleaning out the inlet boxes. If you don't get them cleaned out, the dirt will migrate down into the pipe and you will have to jet it out.

ENVIRO-AIR LAWSUIT

Enviro-Air and the bonding company have been sued and should be getting a response back from both.

VERIZON AGREEMENT

Ordered a model Verizon Agreement from Montgomery County. This agreement will be helpful to develop Avondale's agreement because Montgomery County put together a consortium and they have a great deal with Verizon.

SANITARY SEWER & WATER REGS / GRADING ORDINANCE

Jamie MacCombie and EEMA both need to review and comment on the sanitary sewer and water regulations before advertising. The grading ordinance will be advertised for adoption at the next meeting.

CHESTER WATER AUTHORITY (CWA)

Received a letter from Chester Water Authority concerning connection of Chester Water into our system. We got a proposal from them for either a 2" meter or 4" meter connection. Their water extends to approximately where the Borough's boundary is on Baltimore Pike. Any scenario would involve them extending their line into the Borough to a meter pit that Avondale will need to install. CWA will put a meter in the meter pit sized to the line that will come out the other end. That line will extend down Baltimore Pike, hang a right, go around the quarry property through Route 41 and back up Church Street. The two other proposals which is the least favorite way to go would involve pumping water into a new storage tank of approximately 175,000 gallons. Once it is in the tank it loses its pressure so in order to pressurize the system we would need booster pumps and this would connect into the Borough's system. To date, CWA would be the appropriate way to go. We need to send a letter to CWA to tell them what our use will be and the capacity we will need and they will send back the pricing. Fred Bryan made a motion to authorize Jamie MacCombie to investigate how much additional capacity will be needed with the new townhouses and give the information to Glenn Diehl and authorize Glenn to send a letter to CWA, 2nd by Howard Thompson, motion carried.

DEP – CONSENT AGREEMENT

Fred Bryan made a motion to pay DEP \$1,400.00 regarding the letter that was sent to the Borough from the incident at the WWTP on January 2, 2007, 2nd by Howard Thompson, Russ Kilmer-yea, Pat Longen-yea, Patrick Harrison-nay, Glenn Allen-yea, Bob Cleveland-nay, motion carried with a 5-2 vote.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

MS4 STORMWATER

The yearly report will be submitted to DEP by the June 11, 2007 deadline.

I & I STUDY

Two of the meters are in and we are waiting for Maulden to supply us with rings for the 8" lines. Within the next two weeks, we may have further response with the information we have collected.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There will be a pre-construction meeting at the church next Tuesday and Herb MacCombie along with Tom Lowry will be attending.

CHATHAM STREET –TRAFFIC STUDY

The traffic counts and the geometrics are done. West Brandywine Township is lending Avondale their speed machine at no cost to Avondale.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fred Bryan gave the following report:

BILLS TO BE PAID

The Committee reviewed the bills to be paid and recommend Council's approval. Fred Bryan made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, 2nd by Russ Kilmer, motion carried.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Committee reviewed the financial statements and recommend Council's approval. Fred Bryan made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2nd by Russ Kilmer, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pat Longen made a motion to approve the minutes from April 17, 2007 as written, 2nd by Fred Bryan, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howell gave the following report

MEETING WITH CHRIS ROSS

Will be meeting with Chris Ross on Friday morning. Plan to speak to him about helping us get caution lights from PennDOT for the new firehouse. Will also talk to him about getting grant money to buy a backup pump for the WWTP.

OLD FIRE HOUSE

The fire company has a 2" water line that goes directly into the storm drain that needs to be capped off or metered before it is turned over to SERVPRO. Russ Kilmer said we may want to talk to SERVPRO because the water line going into the firehouse that goes to the kitchen is old and decrepit and it may not give them the volume of water they need. EEMA will coordinate this with Tom Lowry.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Bill Shore gave the following report

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Looking into changing the traffic lights to LED for two reasons: one is to save money, and the other is to change over to an electric standby when the power goes out. President Cleveland asked Mr. Shore to meet with the Streets Committee to discuss this issue.

STREET AND STREET LIGHTS COMMITTEE

Howard Thompson gave the following report

1. The fire truck sign for the new fire house has been installed.
2. Need Letter from Borough – Fire house warning light – Blinking yellow that will overhang the Route 41. Jamie MacCombie said the Borough needs to adopt a Resolution and PennDOT will do the study for nothing. Jamie said he will forward the paperwork to the Borough.
3. PECO called Becky and they will install the three new lights next week at Pomeroy Park, Indian Run Road and at Thompson and Henson Streets.
4. Dominick cleaned out the drain at Third and Church Streets.
5. Chatham Street traffic survey was started.
6. The "left lane must turn left" sign at Baltimore Pike and Route 41 was knocked down and Dominick put the sign back up.
7. PennDOT sent an application form for the free Yield to Pedestrian signs for Pennsylvania Avenue. The Committee is discussing the application.
8. Vandals bent stop signs on Third and Church Streets and on Second Street. Will get Dominick fix as soon as possible.
9. Dominick said he may be able to fix the drain at Chatham and Fourth Streets.
10. Dominick will trim branches from a tree on W. State Street, so that the Avondale Borough sign will be visible.
11. Dominick will be filling potholes on State Street near the Borough line.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE REPORT

Howard Thompson gave the following report

1. The Committee agreed to have Fritz Gaebel fix the water leak at 6th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.
2. Dominick found the curb stop at 38 Gap Newport Pike.
3. Letters to residents regarding tampering with their water meters will be sent out within two weeks along with the water Consumer Confidence Report.
4. We still have not heard anything regarding the block grant.

GRADING ISSUES AT THE SEWER PLANT

Russ Kilmer said when they did the final grade at the sewer plant, they buried wood, bottles, electric wire and Dominick has been ripping the lawnmower digging this stuff up. We need to speak to Walter Barcz about this issue.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Russ Kilmer gave the following report

POLICE ACTIVITIES

The police are under the summer hours so they will now be here 5 days a week. They are stepping up enforcement on stop signs and speeding where it is a hazard. Most of the people they stopped were not residents of the Borough.

BUS STOP AT MILLER DRIVE

Pat Longen said the roads in London Croft are not dedicated so the bus can not pick up the children at London Croft. The children are now being picked up at the bus stop at Miller Drive which consists of about 35 children. The parents drive the children to the bus stop and it blocks the whole road causing major concerns. The bus has to turn around at Miller Drive, rutting out the lawns and is a big safety hazard. Jamie MacCombie said you can write to the school district and to the bus company and ask to meet with them. The Secretary will schedule a meeting with Rae Dunn to meet with Russ Kilmer.

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Russ Kilmer gave the following report

BOROUGH'S QUARRY PROPERTY

Mr. Smith is continuing to clean up the property and should be done in about three or four weeks.

PARKS / ENVIORNMENTAL & COMPOSTING COMMITTEE

Pat Longen & Patrick Harrison gave the following report

DEAD SWAMP MAPLES AT INDIAN RUN PARK

PECO did a site investigation and they will not cut any trees down unless it is at least ten feet from the power lines. The trees are not within the ten feet so the Committee will have to get a tree company to give us a proposal to cut them down.

COMPOSTING FACILITY

Still waiting on Dominick to complete installing the railroad ties at the facility. Dominick picked up the compostables on the third Tuesday of this month and will continue on the third of each month until further notice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Cleveland made the following announcements:

- The Planning Committee Meeting and the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting will take place after this meeting.
- An Executive Session will take place after the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting to discuss legal matters.

Pat Longen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., 2nd by Russ Kilmer, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary