

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
July 17, 2007  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Glenn Diehl, Jamie MacCombie, Pete Lau, Michelle Steele, Dave Friedman, Stuart Bruce, Bill Romanelli, Steve Frye, Billie Jean Massey, Walter Barcz, Jim Howard, Kevin Smith, Jerry Poe, Bob Hotchkiss

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

**RESIDENT AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

**BOB HOTCHKISS – MEDIC 94**

Mr. Hotchkiss said he is the Chief Executive Officer for Southern Chester County Medical Center Medic 94 Unit. Medic 94 is the paramedic advance life support service that serves Avondale Borough and 17 other municipalities. Every year we go out to municipalities and ask for funding because Medic 94 is not able to survive and provide paramedic services throughout without municipal support. Mr. Hotchkiss said he will be sending out donation requests in September and asked Borough Council for their support for the 2008 budget year. The Finance Committee will meet and discuss this matter.

**KEVIN SMITH – WALABAX**

Mr. Smith said he is here to ask Council for a specific reason why final payment has not been made. Mr. Smith said that Walter Barcz outlined two items as to why payment was not made and they are the certification of payroll documents not submitted and the recent concern regarding the front lawn at the treatment plant. President Cleveland said that Council's understanding from Entech is that Walabax does not get final payment until the payroll situation is satisfied as far as the County is concerned.

Walter Barcz said the County is now satisfied with the documents and the problem is now resolved as far as the certified payroll documents are concerned. The lawn problem is a correction period issue and was resolved with a plan of action that should satisfy everyone. We have an approach outline that would clean up all the objectionable areas and give a smoother finish. Walabax and the subcontractor are willing to do that within the next week. The subcontractor indicated that he will weed wack it, inspect it, and make it mower friendly. Mr. Barcz said Entech's recommendation is to pay Walabax \$51,975.00, pending the inspection of the product in the next week.

Fred Bryan said Council approved payment to Walabax in June, pending Entech and the Finance Committee's approval. We are waiting on a letter from Entech stating that the project is complete before releasing the funds. Council agreed that when the Borough receives a letter from Entech, payment will be made.

Russ Kilmer said this is for the record. The lawn was not done correctly and it was not from settling. It was from a junky job. Dominick fell in a hole with metal rods in it that almost rammed up his leg. There was wire that got wrapped up in the mower blades and there were big rocks in the yard, so whoever graded it did not do an appropriate job. It is not that we are being picky that our grass didn't grow; it is that the land was not prepared appropriately with trash, junk, rocks, wire, metal rods, you name it, and it was in there.

**EEMA REPORT**

William Fansler gave the following report:

**OPERATIONS REPORT**

Wastewater Treatment Plant Flows:

Total Monthly Flow	5,411,000 gallons*
Daily Flows Min.	134,000 gallons*
Daily Flows Max.	252,000 gallons*
Daily Flows Avg.	193,000 gallons*

**NEW GARDEN WEEKLY FLOWS**

<b>WEEK</b>	<b>5/30 to 6/6</b>	<b>6/6 to 6/13</b>	<b>6/13 to 6/20</b>	<b>6/20 to 6/27</b>
<b>ROUTE 41</b>	45,309	45,791	42,437	43,688
<b>RAILROAD</b>	82,065	76,191	70,924	70,782

- Removed 19,000 gallons of sludge from the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Replaced one (1) blower that was part of the old plant
- Total Rainfall 2.76 inches.
- Temperature high was 90°F and the low was 39°F.
- \*Missing data for June 30 and July 1.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT**

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

- There were four (3) PA One Calls.
  - 5 North Williamson Road
  - 7 Cook Court
  - Pomeroy Avenue
- There were six (3) Action Request forms received resulting in the following;
  - 314 East Third Street – installed new meter
  - 606 Poplar Street – water leak
  - 19 West Second Street – reread meter
- There were four (4) leaks and 1 (one) blockage for the month.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Street (Main Line)
  - 214 Chatham Street (Service Line)
  - 606 Poplar Street (Main Line)
  - 326 Pennsylvania Avenue (Service Lateral)
- Maintenance budget reconciliation.

**PROJECTED OPERATION & MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR JULY:**

- Preventative maintenance on all scheduled equipment.
- Numbering of Borough's fire hydrants. EEMA O & M Services Group has added all of the hydrants into the CMMS and will be conducting quarterly inspections.

**WATER QUALITY REPORT:**

Water System Flows

Total Well #1	2,800,100 gallons
Total Well #2	763,900 gallons
Total Monthly Flow	3,564,000 gallons

Daily Flows Min. Well #1	3,700 gallons
Min. Well #2	800 gallons
Avg. Well #1	93,337 gallons
Avg. Well #2	48,600 gallons
Max. Well #1	180,900 gallons
Max Well #2	763,900 gallons

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

- Read all of the water meters for the quarter.

#### SAFETY AND TRAINING REPORT

There were no safety issues to report.

#### MONTHLY GRIEVANCES:

There were four (4) grievances for the month.

- One odor
- Two dirty water.
- Road not paved after leak. Stones in the road hitting cars at Chatham Street.

PERMIT VIOLATIONS: None

#### BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report

#### PYLE PROPERTY

Waiting on Crossan and Raimato Surveyors to finish subdividing the property. After this is finished, the plan will get recorded with the County and then we can move forward with settlement. Need to discuss with Council the costs associated with settlement which we will be discussing later.

#### VERIZON AGREEMENT

Have been in contact with Verizon and they will be sending a revised agreement for our review. It should take about two months to finalize the agreement.

#### DEP RESPONSE

Spoke to Martha Blasberg and Jesse Goldberg at DEP and proposed a long term payment plan of \$20,000 a year for the fines and penalties and a condition in an agreement that would allow us to get relief should we do some or all of the permit modifications within the next 18 months. DEP is deciding whether they are going to agree to this proposal. President Cleveland asked if DEP is considering this verbal response as Council's response to the letter. Glenn Diehl said yes. Patrick Harrison said he feels a written response should be made so the Borough has a record. Jamie MacCombie said he would like to have the letter from DEP releasing the 115,000 gpd before sending any written response. President Cleveland asked Council if they were satisfied with the verbal contact or would they prefer a letter. The majority of Council voted to send a written response. Glenn Diehl said he would send a letter.

#### BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

#### MS4 STORMWATER

The yearly report has been submitted and we are waiting to hear comments back from DEP.

**I & I STUDY**

DEP requested that the flow meters be in place through the end of October. We have the downloads from the meters that were in manholes 28, 5, and 30 and we will be adding this to the data already given to DEP with regard to the documentation for the flows. The meters are now in manhole's 61, 69, 70 and 30, one of which is at the Cutone Mushroom property.

**ENGINEERING STUDY – CHATHAM STREET**

The Traffic Study has been completed and these are the results from the study. The average daily traffic is approximately 600 cars per day with 56% of the vehicles heading southbound. The recommendation based upon the study undertaken and an evaluation of same, it is recommended that Chatham Street be made "ONE WAY" Southbound from the intersection of Fifth Avenue to just north of the existing driveway at First Street. Patrick Harrison made a motion to make Chatham Street a "one way" from Fifth Street through First Street just north of the existing driveway at First Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Howard Thompson, motion carried. President Cleveland said the Streets Committee will need to get together to figure out what signage we will need.

Billy Jean Massey thanked Borough Council for considering making Chatham Street a one way street because Chatham Street is dangerous, there are kids playing in the street all the time and most vehicles do not stop at the stop signs.

**ENTECH REPORT**

Walter Barcz gave the following report

**FINAL CONSTRUCTION PAYMENTS**

As agreed, final payment to Walabax will occur as soon as the Borough receives a letter from Entech stating that the project has been completed. There needs to be a final walk through with Monacacy. Entech will notify the Borough when payment should be made.

**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. Russ Kilmer made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Longen, motion carried.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Committee reviewed the financial statements and recommend Council's approval. Russ Kilmer made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Howard Thompson, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Pat Longen made a motion to approve the minutes from June 19, 2007 as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patrick Harrison, motion carried.

**STREET AND STREET LIGHTS COMMITTEE**

Howard Thompson gave the following report

1. Jamie MacCombie gave the status of Chatham Street survey.
2. The Committee is working on the "Yield to Pedestrian" signs for Pennsylvania Avenue and State Street. A report was submitted to PennDOT but there has been no response.
3. Dominick will fix the storm drain at Chatham and Fourth Streets as soon as possible.

4. There are two sink holes on State Street between Earls Sub Shop and Avon News. Dominick will do some exploratory digging to find out the cause of the sink holes and what we have to do to fix them.
5. The Scouts want to do some renovations at the Boy Scout cabin and Chip Ramberger wants permission to allow tri-axle trucks to haul some stone up to the cabin. A few Council members were concerned whether trucks should go over the culvert on Pomeroy. The Committee is asking Jamie MacCombie to take a look at the culvert to see whether it can hold the weight of the tri-axle. Mr. MacCombie said he would take a look at it this Friday but the Borough needs to get Certification of Insurance from the trucking company.
6. Would like to start a storm drain cleaning program. We will have Dominick clean storm drains on a regular basis.
7. The Community Service person has been painting curbs for the last month.

#### **WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE**

Howard Thompson gave the following report

1. There was a severe water leak at Church and Pennsylvania Avenue. It took Dominick several days to fix the leak.
2. Dominick put black top down where the past leaks were fixed.

#### **DEBORAH HAMPTON (POP'S GRILLE) INVOICE**

Russ Kilmer said Ms. Hampton sent a letter asking for relief on the sewer portion of her bill. She had a water leak outside the diner and the water did not go into the sewer system. The diner was closed during this quarter billing. The water and sewer committee is recommending to Council to give relief on the sewer portion of her bill. Council agreed.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Russ Kilmer gave the following report

#### **POLICE ACTIVITIES**

The police are continuing with their normal routine patrol. They have stepped up their stop sign enforcement. They did truck inspections at Pop's Diner parking lot, teaming with other police organizations. Another truck inspection day is scheduled for September.

#### **PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE**

Russ Kilmer gave the following report

#### **STATUS OF QUARRY PROPERTY**

Bob Smith is continuing to clean up the property and he is mowing the grass and keeping it maintained.

#### **PARKS / ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMPOSTING COMMITTEE**

#### **DEAD TREES IN WATSON AND INDIAN RUN PARKS**

Pat Longen said he met with a Chip Pusey and received an estimate to remove seven trees, five in Indian Run Park and two in Watson Park. Start date would be August 14<sup>th</sup> and the estimate is between \$2,800 and \$3,100 and this is lowest estimate. Russ Kilmer made a motion to hire Chip Pusey Tree Service to take down seven trees for up to \$3,200, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patrick Harrison, motion carried.

Fred Bryan said there is a tree down in the creek near the Third Street Bridge. President Cleveland asked Jamie MacCombie if the Borough can have the tree removed from the creek without getting a permit. Mr. MacCombie said if it is considered maintenance, you do not need a permit. Pat Longen said he would look into getting the tree removed.

**SNAKE PROBLEM AT COMPOSTING FACILITY**

Patrick Harrison said he sent Council an e-mail regarding the snake problem at the Composting Facility. After all the responses, Atlantic States/Eastern Termite & Pest Control's (APM) proposal was the majority of Council's vote. Met with APM at the site and they put a granular chemical around the perimeter of the facility. This granular substance will keep snakes out and keep the existing snakes in. Twelve traps were put down and will come back in August, September and October to repeat the process. The cost for this treatment was \$375.00; the three additional treatments are \$225.00 each, for a total of \$1,050.00. Patrick Harrison made a motion to approve APM to resolve the snake problem at the Composting Facility, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Bryan, motion carried.

**DIRT PILES IN WATSON PARK**

Glenn Allen said he contacted the airport and they are interested in getting the dirt. They are going to work with New Garden Township to get the dirt moved. Pat Longen said he will get a quote to get the brush, wood and other debris moved out of the park.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

President Cleveland announced that there will be an executive session after this meeting to discuss legal matters.

Pat Longen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patrick Harrison, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary