

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Bryan, Glenn Allen, Bob Cleveland, Patrick Harrison, Steve Frye
Absent: Russ Kilmer and Pat Longen

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Herb MacCombie, Tom Lowry, Pete Lau, Bill Reilly, Michelle Steele, Dave Friedman, Jerry Poe, Bill Shore, Glenn Diehl, Bill Parker

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPOINT VACANCY BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Bob Cleveland made a motion to appoint Howard Thompson as Vacancy Board Chairperson, 2nd by Patrick Harrison, motion carried.

EEMA REPORT

Michelle Steele gave the following report:

OPERATIONS REPORT

Wastewater Treatment Plant Flows:

Total Monthly Flow	7,691,000 gallons
Daily Flows Min.	119,000 gallons
Daily Flows Max.	370,000 gallons
Daily Flows Avg.	248,000 gallons

NEW GARDEN WEEKLY FLOWS (gpd)

WEEK	Dec. 5-12	Dec. 12-19	Dec. 19-26	Dec. 26 – Jan. 2
ROUTE 41	45,459	47,718	39,207	39,319
RAIL ROAD	32,085	45,321	35,970	47,760

- Removed 18,000 gallons of sludge from Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Replaced dual backflow preventer and water meter for the plant.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

- There was (1) one PA One Call.
 - 28 Gap Newport Pike
- There were (0) Action Request forms received resulting in the following;

WATER QUALITY REPORT:

Water System Flows

Total Well #1	3,616,000 gallons
Total Well #2	954,900 gallons
Total Monthly Flow	4,570,900 gallons

Daily Flows Min. Well #1	47,200 gallons	Min. Well #2	8,500 gallons
Avg. Well #1	116,645 gallons	Avg. Well #2	30,803 gallons
Max. Well #1	202,500 gallons	Max. Well #2	53,100 gallons

OPERATIONS REPORT

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

MONTHLY GRIEVANCES:

There were no grievances for the month.

PERMIT VIOLATIONS: None**NEW TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR**

Michelle Steele introduced Bill Reilly as EEMA's new employee to work at the treatment plant. Ms. Steele said that Mr. Reilly was hired the beginning of January. Everyone welcomed Mr. Reilly.

IPP PROGRAM

Dave Friedman gave the following report.

EEMA conducted the 2007 Industrial Pretreatment Program sampling on December 18, 2007. Avondale has one Significant Industrial User, Edlon. The sampling and analysis was conducted based on Edlon's IPP Permit. The parameters of concern (copper, iron and zinc) have not caused any impacts on the wastewater treatment plant. Edlon has exceeded the parameters of copper and zinc and in discussing the manufacturing activities at Edlon with company representatives; it is not clear why these parameters were chosen for sampling. Based on a site visit at Edlon, it appears that the great majority of the wastewater to the sewer system is wash-down water generally free of significant contaminants. Edlon's permit has expired and EEMA will meet with Edlon personnel to assess the on-site activities to re-define the parameters of concern. Based on the capabilities of the recently upgraded treatment plant, new limits will be established and a new IPP permit will be issued to Edlon.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

MILLER ENVIRONMENTAL LAWSUIT

The preparation of the trial is going quite well with the cooperation of EEMA, Jamie MacCombie, Entech and Mark Bubel the designer of the treatment plant that existed prior to the upgrade and expansion. Mr. Diehl said he was in court today with the Judge and the attorney's for Miller Environmental working through the way the trial is going to be put together. Next week we should know when the trial will start.

ENVIRO-AIR LAWSUIT

The Borough has a \$21,560.00 claim against Enviro-Air and they have offered \$20,225.00 to settle. The settlement will be cash on January 29th and he recommends taking the offer. Patrick Harrison made a motion that we settle with Enviro-Air for \$20,225.00, 2nd by Glenn Allen, motion carried.

GROWING GREENER GRANT

F.X. Browne has agreed to put together a grant application for the restoration of the White Clay Creek. F.X. Browne understands that they will not be paid unless we get the grant. Patrick Harrison made a motion to approve F.X. Browne to submit a Growing Greener grant application to DEP, 2nd Glenn Allen, motion carried.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Herb MacCombie gave the following report:

I & I STUDY

The first area of study is behind the treatment plant and we are in the process of acquiring the proper permits.

TRAFFIC WARNING LIGHTS – FIRE COMPANY

PENNDOT has developed a traffic signal plan and not a traffic warning signal. This plan would actually stop traffic but the cost compared to a signal light is considerably different. If Council's decision is to go with a warning signal, PENNDOT will have to be notified to change the plan. No decision was made.

MS4 STORMWATER

The permit has been extended by one year which takes us to March 2009. We are still working on the requirements so that we do not get behind.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Tom Lowry gave the following report:

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

Council has not made any formal action on whether they wanted to go with the County plan. Discussing with Glenn Diehl regarding the update.

HISTORIC STRUCTURES

Sent a memo out regarding a resolution for historic structures. President Bryan said he gave the information to the Avondale Historical Commission. Bob Cleveland asked Council if they had a problem with the Historical Commission chairperson calling Tom Lowry regarding the resolution. Council approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE**APPROVE BILLS TO BE PAID**

Glenn Allen made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

2007 AUDIT

President Bryan said Haggerty and Haggerty's fee remained the same as last year, \$18,500. Patrick Harrison made a motion to approve Vince Barbone to do the 2007 Audit, 2nd by Glenn Allen, motion carried.

UTILITY BILLING SYSTEM TRAINING

The Secretary and the Treasurer had training last week. There are a few problems and will be solved by the software company.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Glenn Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on December 18, 2007, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

Glenn Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Reorganization Meeting on January 7, 2008, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howell gave the following report.

RESOLUTION #2008-03 – LED LIGHTS

The grant application for LED lights has been discussed in the past and Council needs to approve the application submittal by adopting a resolution. The resolution states that Avondale with the cooperation

from New Garden Township will support the shared municipal services program to convert the traffic signals to LED Signals. Patrick Harrison made a motion to approve Resolution #2008-03, 2nd by Glenn Allen, Motion carried.

INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE (ISO)

Received a certified letter from ISO. ISO did a site inspection of the Borough and they are going to move the Borough's rating from 6 to 7, with 10 being the highest (worst). We need a certain water pressure from the hydrants to score a better rating and homeowners insurance will probably go up for some parts of the town. The letter also states that the fire company doesn't have enough 2 ½ inch hose for a knock down fire. This is an incorrect statement and it needs to be corrected. After some discussion, Council approved Herb MacCombie to respond to this letter.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Bill Shore said he wanted to remind Council about the orientation that the Chester County Department of Emergency Services is hosting to help better understand what they do and how they can help in a variety of ways. The sessions are being held on February 19 and 21, 2008 from 6:45-9:30 p.m. and on February 23, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. President Bryan asked that anyone that wanted to attend to contact the Secretary.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Bill Parker gave the following report:

Regular meeting was held January 9, 2008 at the Borough Hall.

Membership:

- Louise Langille's membership on the Historic Commission was approved by Borough Council.
- Glenn Allen made a motion to appoint Bob Cleveland as a member of the Avondale Historical Commission, 2nd by Patrick Harrison, motion carried.

“REMEMBER WHEN . . .”

The oral history project was formalized under the title “Remember When . . .” and the January meeting was devoted to project plan development. A completed project plan will be presented to the Commission for approval at the February meeting.

In the interim, the following activities are undertaken by the Commission members:

- A. Developing lists of individuals and contact information as interview candidates.
- B. Developing lists of local/area service organizations, church and social groups as group interview venues.
- C. Identifying neutral meeting places for interviews outside private homes.
- D. Inviting a few local “long-timers” to participate in initial or test interviews in February.
- E. Contact area newspapers for “Remember When . . .” coverage.

PROJECT STATUS

1. Church Street Area Photography continues.
2. African American History outreach restarted, but is suspended pending implementation of oral history project.
3. Historical Records Digitization: no activity.
4. Third Street Bridge: AHC activity complete until such time as potential traffic patterns relating to the Church Street area development are assessed.
5. Avondale Historic Symbol: no new activity.

STREET AND STREET LIGHTS COMMITTEE

Patrick Harrison gave the following report:

CHATHAM STREET

The Committee met and decided that things are working out on Chatham Street and there is no need for any changes at this time.

AVONDALE FIRE COMPANY REQUEST

The fire company is asking the Borough to salt and plow the fire company driveway and parking area. Council approved the Borough to plow and salt for the fire company as long as we received a request letter from them.

SIGNS

1. Committee is looking into putting “no parking” signs on the east side of New Street. Most people do not park on that side. The street is pretty narrow and Dominick has a hard time getting the plow up there.
2. Looking into putting up small pedestrian signs under existing signs coming in and out of the Borough.
3. Looking into painting “no parking” in front of some mail boxes on Chatham Street so the mail will be delivered to them.
4. Will take inventory of all signs in stock.
5. Picked up four pedestrian signs from PENNDOT and now we have a total of eight. PennDOT will replace the signs if they are damaged. All we have to do is take a picture of the damaged sign and PennDOT will replace it.

TRACTOR TRAILERS ON EAST THIRD STREET

East Third Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to Church Street is a State road. Is there any way we can limit tractor trailers along this road for safety reasons? President Bryan said what happens is the truck crosses over the double line when coming out from Third Street to Pennsylvania Avenue and making the turn which makes it dangerous and causes a safety concern. Herb MacCombie said the first thing the State is going to ask us is if a traffic study been done. Mr. MacCombie will contact PennDOT to see what can be done.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE REPORT**515 HENSON STREET**

Patrick Harrison made a motion to give a sewer adjustment to 515 Henson Street, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried. The customer had a water leak and did not go into the sewer system. This customer will pay for the water and the average gallons per quarter on the sewer portion of the bill.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Fred Bryan gave the following report:

POLICE ACTIVITIES

Parkesburg Borough has come to an agreement and is retaining Avondale for police services on a month to month basis. Spoke to New Garden Township regarding police services for Avondale and we are better off with Parkesburg because there is a big difference in costs.

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Steve Frye gave the following report:

BOROUGH BUILDING HEATING SYSTEM

Last month, Russ Kilmer said that the heating system in the Borough building was not working properly. Council approved up to \$1,000 to have it looked at and repaired. Chelsea Heating came out and found the problem to be the vents in the duct work were turned off. They just turned them on and adjusted them. The Secretary said they didn't charge the Borough for this service call and would like to recommend that we send them a letter to thank them for this free service. Council approved to send a letter to Chelsea Heating.

CHARGE ACCOUNT AT LOWE'S

The Secretary has the credit application for Lowe's and would like permission from Council to fill it out. The Secretary asked what names are to be put on the account. Council agreed that Steve Frye and Glenn Allen's names are to be on the charge account.

NEW GARDEN LIAISON COMMITTEE

Mayor Howell said New Garden Township would like to meet on February 20th at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the billing. President Bryan said New Garden would also like to meet to discuss other matters. The Committee decided to meet with them on January 29th at 6:00 p.m.

Glenn Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary