

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
June 24, 2008**

Members Present: Glenn Allen, Bob Cleveland, Steve Frye, Patrick Harrison, Sali Cosford Parker
Absent: Fred Bryan and Pat Longen.

Guests Present: Dave Friedman, Bill Reilly, Michelle Steele, Pete Lau, Dave Biloan, Rob Walters, Tony Crognale, Jerry Poe.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Vice-President Glenn Allen called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

RESOLUTION #2008-06 – Regional Police Study

Glenn Allen stated that this proposed resolution is for a regional police study with New Garden Township and other local municipalities. New Garden will be taking the lead and Avondale will be actively involved in this study. Mr. Allen said he is willing to be the liaison if Council approves. Bob Cleveland made a motion to adopt Resolution #2008-06 and appoint Glenn Allen as the liaison for Avondale Borough, 2nd by Sali Cosford Parker, motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Glenn Allen announced that there will be a Public Safety Committee meeting on June 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Borough building.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Bob Cleveland made a motion that if the water and sewer bills for the following properties are not paid by the 5th of July, the water will be disconnected: 405 Maple Street, 93 Pennsylvania Avenue, 60-1 W. State Street, 214 South Church Street, 2nd by Steve Frye, motion carried.

PARK'S COMMITTEE

Sali Cosford Parker gave the following report:

The Parks Committee met and one of the idea's we came up with is to have a park clean up day on the 27th of September. Even though the details are not worked out yet we would like Council to consider this so we can make the newsletter. What we want to do is ask for volunteers to work with the committee in the morning of the 27th to clean up the parks and then provide hot dogs and cold drinks as an incentive or reward. We will contact the high school, Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups, and local service organizations as well.

Glenn Allen asked what we have to do for insurance purposes, do we have to get the names of each individual that volunteers. The Secretary said there is a log book that each person can sign in and sign out and that will take care of the insurance. Ms. Cosford Parker said she would like Council's approval for this event and will let Council know when all the details are worked out. Sali Cosford Parker made a motion to approve the park clean up day on the morning of September 27th, 2nd by Patrick Harrison, motion carried.

AVONDALE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Sali Cosford Parker made a motion that allows the Historical Commission earn money as a commission without affecting the Borough's contribution of \$1,500, and any monies that the commission does not spend in a fiscal year be carried over to the next year without impacting the new years contribution. Ms.

Cosford Parker said one of the aims of the commission is to literally start amassing enough funds so that if we come up with a project we will have the funding. The only way we can assure that funding is through fundraisers like Bob Cleveland's book and then we will be able to do some special things for the Borough. Glenn Allen said he believes Ms. Cosford Parker is essentially saying that any money the commission makes will not be subtracted from the amount the commission has been budgeted. Ms. Cosford Parker said the commission also wants to be allowed to carry over money the commission did not spend.

Bob Cleveland asked who is going to hold the money the commission makes. Ms. Cosford Parker said it will be put in a bank account that is established for the commission and either the chairperson or the treasurer will have control of the account. Mr. Cleveland said since the commission is under the auspices of the Borough, can you do it. Ms. Cosford Parker said she looked into it and it can be done, but there is paperwork with the fund raising money, not the Borough's contribution money. Mr. Cleveland said he would like to add to the motion that if for some reason the Historical Commission goes belly up, the money belongs to the Borough.

Ms. Cosford Parker said she is thinking of Malvern for example. Malvern had a Historical Commission and they raised \$11,000 and then the Historical Commission went defunct. Something like seven years later it was re-established and they handed the money over to the historical commission and they have done some wonderful things there. Mr. Cleveland said if you are going to use taxpayer's dollars to buy the books and make money on taxpayer's dollars doesn't that money actually belong to the taxpayer's. Ms. Cosford Parker agreed and amended her motion to state that if the Historical Commission ceases to exist then the money will revert back to Council, Bob Cleveland-yea, Steve Frye-nay Glenn Allen yea, motion carried with a 4-1 vote.

EAST PENN RAILROAD - ETHANOL

Dave Biloon said he spoke with PennDOT and they are satisfied with the road access because it was pre-existing. There has been not response from DEP.

Bob Cleveland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., 2nd by Steve Frye, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary