

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
August 26, 2008**

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

Guests Present: Mayor Howell, Jamie MacCombie, Dave Friedman, Nick Fabbriatore, Lenee Bryan, Faith Shore, Bill Shore

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

AVONDALE FALL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Faith Shore, Chairperson for the Avondale Fall Festival Committee gave the following statements. We are going into our fifth year for the festival and it was brought to the committee's attention that Council was considering giving the Historical Commission permission to use the meeting room during the Fall Festival. The committee is here to clarify what is happening with this issue because the committee uses this facility as the main logistics for whatever needs to be done days before and during the festival.

Sali Cosford Parker said she had made a motion last week to allow the Historical Commission use, just the meeting room, for the fall festival for the historical artifacts because they are too fragile to be outside and need to be in an environment where it can be controlled. Because of the discussion last week, the motion was tabled until this meeting and no decision was made. There was some sense last week that if the Historical Commission were granted the right to use this part of the building, the festival may not take place. Mayor Howell said the committee needs to get a yes or a no from Council if the committee will have use of this room for the Fall Festival. Ms. Cosford Parker said she will bring this up during the Historical Commission segment of the meeting.

BOROUGH'S ENGINEER REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

WATSON PARK

The Parks Committee had a question regarding where the flood plain is in Watson Park. The park is 100% in the flood plain.

EAST PENN RAILROAD – DEP'S RESPONSE

DEP sent a letter and they have not yet determined if the railroad has to comply with state regulations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Glenn Allen gave the following report:

PERMIT FEE RESOLUTION – 2008-08

The Committee reviewed the permit fee resolution and recommend to Council to adopt it. Glenn Allen made a motion to adopt Resolution #2008-08, 2nd by Steve Frye, motion carried.

2009 BUDGET

Just a reminder that budget requests need to be in by the end of the month.

CELL TOWER ORDINANCE

Steve Frye said the proposed cell tower ordinance seems acceptable except for a sentence or two and Glenn Diehl has been aware of this and will make changes. Steve Frye made a motion to advertise the cell tower ordinance, 2nd by Glenn Allen, motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Glenn Allen said the committee met and reviewed the Parkesburg police agreement. The agreement is for three years; however there is a clause in the agreement for a 60 day termination. Glenn Allen made a motion to approve the police agreement, 2nd by Steve Frye, Patrick Harrison-nay, Sali Cosford Parker-nay, Fred Bryan-yea, motion carried with a 3-2 vote.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION – USE OF BOROUGH HALL

Sali Cosford Parker said she is going to remove her motion for this year, but will revisit this issue for next years Fall Festival. Glenn Allen made a motion to allow the Avondale Fall Festival Committee use of the Borough building and Borough grounds for this year only, 2nd by Sali Cosford Parker, motion carried. Patrick Harrison abstained and did not give a written or voice reason for abstaining, which is required under the Pennsylvania State Ethics Statute.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Bill Shore said for security reasons he needs a letter from Council concerning the parking of the ethanol rail cars that are parked in the Borough limits that are not fenced in. Mr. Shore said he needs the letter addressed to him so that he can add his comments and forward to the Federal Railroad Administration. Council agreed to the letter with the understanding that Mr. Shore gives Glenn Allen the letter for his review before he sends it to the Federal Railroad Administration.

WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE RESOLUTION #2008-09

Patrick Harrison made a motion to adopt the revised Resolution #2008-09 as discussed, 2nd by Sali Cosford Parker, motion carried. Glenn Diehl will make the changes to the resolution and forward to the Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS**TRASH REMOVAL – STOP SERVICE?**

Patrick Harrison said he received an e-mail regarding a lady that wanted to stop her trash removal and the last e-mail he read was that we needed a letter from her and wanted to know if the Borough received the letter. The Secretary said we did receive the request in writing. Mr. Harrison asked if we should address this issue now. President Bryan said this is being handled by the Streets Committee.

Sali Cosford Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m., 2nd by Patrick Harrison, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary