

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
February 17, 2009  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**Guests Present:** Mayor Howell, Herb MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Bill Reilly, Nick Fabbriatore,  
Pete Lau, Michelle Steele, Dave Friedman, Jim Duffy, Bill Romanelli, Jerry Poe, Jim Duffy, Everett  
Butcher, Jr., Patrick Harrison

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Due to a technical difficulty, the tape recorder did not record this meeting.**

**AVON GROVE LIBRARY BOARD**

Patrick Harrison gave the following report:

The library has a lot of different programs to offer for all ages free of charge. For every \$1.00 that goes into the library, \$8.00 comes out of it in various ways. There are going to be two fundraisers: Books & Bordeaux at the Hartfield Golf Course on March 21<sup>st</sup>, and a book sale at the Library on March 13<sup>th</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Harrison thanked Council for their generous contribution and continued support to the Library

**EEMA REPORT**

Bill Reilly gave the following report for December 2008:

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Wastewater Treatment Plant Flows:

Total Monthly Flow	8,112,000 gallons
Daily Flows Min.	106,000 gallons
Daily Flows Max.	430,000 gallons
Daily Flows Avg.	262,000 gallons

**New Garden Township Weekly Flows (Average Gallons/Day)**

Week	Dec 31- Jan 7	Jan 7 - 14	Jan 14 - 21	Jan 21 - 28
Route 41	38,784	41,119	41,843	40,356
Railroad	30,344	49,040	34,783	33,813
Total	69,128	90,159	76,626	74,169

WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

## Production Summary:

<b>Water System</b>		<b>Well #1</b>	<b>Gallons/Day</b>	<b>Well #2</b>	<b>Gallons/Day</b>
<b>Total Well #1</b>	2,366,600	Minimum	26,100	Minimum	6,300
<b>Total Well #2</b>	565,700	Maximum	145,700	Maximum	52,800
<b>Total:</b>	2,902,300	Average	75,374	Average	18,248
<b>Avg. gpd</b>	93,623				

Water Actions:

- Total Water Action – 8
  - 8 rewiring meters

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REPORT:Wastewater Treatment Plant

- M.V. LaFrance replaced florescent tubes in all fixtures in control building, assessed the electrical service for the EPWPCOA meeting and repaired wiring to chlorinator.
- Austin & Pruitt inspected all extinguishers.

Collection and Distribution System

- 9 PA 1 Calls
  - Church Street & Route 41
  - Newark Road
  - W. State Street
  - 312 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
  - Church Street & 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
  - 180 W. State Street
  - 8830 Gap Newport Pike
  - 200 Church Street
  - West State Road & Indian Run Road
- Continued the water meter upgrade program.

PERMIT VIOLATIONS:

No permit violations for the month.

WATER METER UPGRADE

Nick Fabbriatore gave the following report:

As of December 31, 2008, 238 water meters have been installed. Our goal is to have all the meters installed by the next meter reading.

CURB STOP LOCATION PROGRAM

Nick Fabbriatore gave the following report:

60 curb stops have been located.

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (PUC)**

Filed the application to the PUC for approval for the installation of the 12" Water Main where State Street crosses at the railroad tracks of East Penn Railroad. This is required before we can install the water line. A field conference is being set up by the PUC. East Penn Railroad is going to give an estimate on their cost of the construction.

**WILKINSON PROJECT – DEVELOPMENT & SECURITY AGREEMENT**

Pat Longen made a motion to authorize the Borough's officer's to sign the Development & Security Agreement with the condition that Jamie MacCombie and Glenn Diehl gives their approval to sign, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glenn Allen, motion carried.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Herb MacCombie gave the following report:

**WATERLINE REPLACEMENT ON STATE STREET**

A Pre-Bid Meeting was held this morning at 9:00 A.M. at the Borough Hall. Bids are due on February 24, 2009 and will be opened and read aloud at the Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**CARILLON - THOMPSON/BROWN DEVELOPMENT**

Pat Longen made a motion to approve the letter from Jamie MacCombie to Wilkinson Builders regarding the revision of the I & I upgrades to the existing sewer line within the Thompson Brown Development, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

Note: 70% or \$35,000.00 will be credited against Wilkinson construction commitment of 2,800,000.00 of improvements.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Glenn Allen gave the following report:

**APPROVE THE BILLS TO BE PAID**

The Finance Committee met last week and we went through the bills and financial statements and recommend to Council to approve them. Glenn Allen made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to February 17, 2009, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Longen, motion carried.

**APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Glenn Allen made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Longen, motion carried.

**DIGITAL RECORDER**

The tape recorder is dying and the Finance Committee is recommending replacing it with a digital recorder. Glenn Allen made a motion to spend up to \$300.00 for a digital recorder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Longen, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Pat Longen made a motion to approve the minutes from January 20, 2009 and January 27, 2009 Council meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Hessenauer, motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Howell gave the following report:

**LED LIGHTS GRANT STATUS**

We had the bid opening at New Garden Township and the lowest bid was from Signal Service for \$91,784.00, which is way under budget. With the money left over, we are going to try to buy generators. Pat Longen made a motion to accept the bid from Signal Service at a cost of \$91,784.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

**REGIONAL POLICE STUDY – FEASIBILITY STUDY**

The Study will tell us what coverage we could get and how much it will cost for regional police. Glenn Allen made a motion to authorize the Borough's Officers to sign the Feasibility Study at no cost to the Borough, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Longen, motion carried.

**STREET AND STREET LIGHTS COMMITTEE**

Bob Cleveland gave the following report:

**TRASH CONTRACT**

The Committee and the Mayor met with Penn Container regarding the rollover of the trash contract. Penn Container is offering a rollover with a 4% increase. This brings the total to a monthly fee of \$5,537.84. Bob Cleveland made a motion to approve the rollover with Penn Container at a 4% increase, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Longen, motion carried. At this time, there will be no increase to the residents.

- The Committee is exploring the best way to mark the intersection of Clay Creek Road and State Street.
- Received a coup of complaints regarding pot holes on State Street. Dominick will repair as soon as he can get the black top thawed.
- Street light out at Miller Drive and Cook Court. The Secretary contacted PECO.
- Firehouse sign down on Gap Newport Pike, Dominick fixed.
- Received a letter from Signal Service regarding some work that needs to be done at the intersections. The Committee was not able to meet because two of the committee members were ill.

**WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE REPORT**

Bob Cleveland gave the following report:

1. The Solicitor reminded the committee that we still need an easement agreement between Mr. Hessenauer and Mr. Morales for the water line that runs from Mr. Morales house through Mr. Hessenauer's property. Mr. Hessenauer said he will work on getting this done.
2. Received three complaints regarding dirty water. Bill Reilly said there was air in the water line and it has been corrected.
3. Since we are working on the water ordinance fee schedule, the committee would like to recommend to Council that the individuals who tamper with the water meters be fined half of the maximum cost for the first offense and the maximum for the second offense. Council agreed and Mr. Diehl will incorporate those fees into the fee schedule.

**EARNED INCOME TAX COMMITTEE**

President Bryan said we have received about one-third of the forms back from the property owners.

**PARKS/ENVIRON & COMPOSTING COMMITTEE**

Pat Longen gave the following report:

**THOMPSON-BROWN PARK**

The sign is finished and ready to be installed. The Committee wants to hold off from installing the new sign until the vehicle access to the park can be blocked.

Pat Longen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary