

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
April 21, 2009  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**Guests Present:** Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Bill Reilly, Pete Lau, Michelle Steele, Dave Friedman, Bill Romanelli, Jim Duffy, Detra Brison

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**DETRA BRISON – 403 THOMPSON STREET**

Ms. Brison said she has a problem with her water and sewer bill. The bill was past due and she paid her bill at the Borough Office. The water was shut off after the bill was paid and the Borough is charging for a reconnect fee which has not yet happened. Bob Cleveland said Ms. Brison is being charged a penalty late fee, a disconnect fee and a reconnect fee before the water is turned back on. Mr. Cleveland said the other issue which Ms. Brison didn't state was that Ms. Brison had promised to pay the bill by April 10<sup>th</sup> and the water was shut off April 13<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Brison said it was an over sight on her part and the Borough is charging for something that has not happened yet as far as the reconnect fee. Mr. Cleveland said you have to pay the reconnect fee in order to have the water turned back on. Ms. Brison said it is not reconnected so why should she have to pay prior to be reconnected. After some discussion, Ms. Brison agreed to pay the penalty amount due and the disconnect fee and when she is ready to have the water turned back on she will pay the reconnect fee.

**JIM DUFFY – 11 NORTH WILLIAMSON ROAD**

Mr. Duffy asked if something could be put in the newsletter that the recyclables need to be cleaned or rinsed before you throw them in the recyclable bin. We are getting a lot of pest, mice, skunks and raccoons. The mice could turn into a rat situation and then we have disease factors. President Bryan said we will add that the next time we send out a newsletter.

**EEMA REPORT**

Bill Reilly gave the following report for March 2009:

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Wastewater Treatment Plant Flows:

Total Monthly Flow	7,715,000 gallons
Daily Flows Min.	108,000 gallons
Daily Flows Max.	365,000 gallons
Daily Flows Avg.	249,000 gallons

New Garden Township Weekly Flows (Average Gallons/Day)

<b>WEEK</b>	<b>March 4-11</b>	<b>March 11 -18</b>	<b>March 18-25</b>	<b>March 25-April 1</b>
<b>ROUTE 41</b>	37,750	38,301	40,101	40,283
<b>RAIL ROAD</b>	44,744	40,524	44,080	41,486
<b>Total</b>	82,494	78,825	84,181	81,769

OPERATIONS:

Hauled 6,000 gallons of sludge.

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>	2,695,100	Minimum	73,000	Minimum	2,100
<b>Total Well #2</b>	602,000	Maximum	136,100	Maximum	41,700
<b>Total:</b>	3,297,100	Average	86,939	Average	19,419
<b>Avg. gpd</b>	106,358				

Water Actions:

- Total Water Action - 0 -

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Wastewater Treatment Plant

- M.W. LaFrance on site to assemble breaker box and outlet for EPWPCOA Meeting
- Continued work on Chlorine Analyzer – Ordered parts from Environmental Services & Equipment

Collection and Distribution System

- PA 1 Calls
  - Church Street (ongoing)
  - 65 Baltimore Pike
  - 240 Church Street
  - Route 41
  - 10 Miller Drive
  - West State Street (ongoing)
  - 1830 Baltimore Pike

Water leak on PA Avenue and Route 41 fixed on 3/17/09

PERMIT VIOLATIONS:

No permit violations for the month.

WATER METER UPGRADE

All the meters are installed except for four properties and we are waiting on guidance from Council.

CURB STOP LOCATION PROGRAM

85 Curb Stops have been located.

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

When we were going through the Thompson/Brown approval process, there were several requests for modifications to the previous ordinance and terms and conditions of the previous Conditional and Use approval. One of the modifications is the subject of this amendment which is unit size. Council discussed this several times and Council voted to go forward with it. The Zoning Ordinance for which the development was approved provided for a minimum of 1700 square feet in the townhouses. The applicant asked for some relief down to 1450 square feet on individual units so long as the average of 1700 square feet was maintained throughout the development so we end up with a mix of structural sizes. Mr. Diehl said he would like Council to approve sending the proposed amendment to the County for their comments. Council approved.

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

Met with Tom Lowry to start the process for the zoning ordinance amendment. Tom put a memo together and identified some of the problems. Mr. Diehl said we would like to recommend to Council is to codify the existing ordinances and get them all in one place. The first focus we are going to hit on is the parking problems and making sure the basic definitions are in place. Council agreed that this is a good approach.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Herb MacCombie gave the following report:

WILKINSON PROJECT

Started the relocation of the sanitary sewer on Third Street to prepare for the fill to cross the existing pipe.

I & I STUDY

Still ongoing and we are required to do this in conjunction with the sewer line replacements.

WATERLINE REPLACEMENT ON STATE STREET

Received copies of the signed contract and the Secretary has a copy for Glenn Diehl and Anrich, Inc. Mr. MacCombie said he will send one to Matthew Do at the County. A preconstruction meeting will be set up in the beginning of May and construction will start the later part of May.

PROJECT FUND RELEASE #2 – WILKINSON/TECHNIVATE

Glenn Allen made a motion to release \$32,793.04 from the projects escrow account, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

MS4 PROGRAM

The next report is due June 9<sup>th</sup>. DEP is requiring a new regulation and the Borough needs to adopt another stormwater ordinance to be in strict compliance with DEP's regulations.

**FLASHING WARNING SIGNALS AT FIREHOUSE**

If Council recalls, when we received the permit for the warning signals, we gave it to Russ Kilmer on behalf of the fire company and he said that was not the type of signal the fire company wanted. We got the permit reissued for another design and Wilkinson priced it according to the permit. There was a meeting with Paul Lutz from PennDOT at the firehouse regarding the emergency flashing warning signals. Mr. MacCombie said he did not attend the meeting but heard about the following. When PennDOT and people from the fire house were out at the site, apparently the decision was made to use the first signal design, which is now a different amount of money to Wilkinson. Council agreed that the Borough is not going to any additional funds for the flashing lights. Bill Romanelli said the difference is \$6,000.00. Mr. MacCombie will look into finding out more information.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE****APPROVE THE BILLS TO BE PAID**

Glenn Allen made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to April 21, 2009, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Frye, motion carried.

**APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Bob Cleveland made a motion to approve the minutes from March 17, 2009 and March 24, 2009 Council meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glenn Allen, motion carried.

**STREET AND STREET LIGHTS COMMITTEE**

Bob Cleveland gave the following report:

- Received a letter from Signal Service about some repair and replacement and the Committee is going to hold off until the State Street Waterline Project is completed.

**WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE REPORT**

Bob Cleveland gave the following report:

1. The Borough has not received the easement agreement between 101 Fourth Street and 320 Chatham Street.
2. The storm drain at the intersection of Chatham Street and First Street is about ready to collapse and Dominick looked into the cost to replace and rebuild the drain. It will be about \$2,000.00 to replace and \$1,000.00 to repair. After some discussion, the Committee will meet with Herb MacCombie next week regarding the storm drain. Bob Cleveland made a motion to approve up to \$250.00 for tubular marking posts for around the storm drain at First and Chatham Streets, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glenn Allen, motion carried.

**PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE**

Steve Frye gave the following report:

**NEW ROOF FOR WWTP**

We are waiting for three or four days of dry weather so the new roof can be put on.

**SALT STORAGE AREA**

The Committee still needs to get a price from an electrician for some type of a heating unit.

**EARNED INCOME TAX COMMITTEE**

President Bryan said the committee is compiling a list to send to Berkheimer.

**PARKS / ENVIRONMENTAL COMPOSTING COMMITTEE**

Pat Longen was absent from this meeting and Steve Frye gave Mr. Longen's report:

**THOMPSON / BROWN PARK**

The Committee put down railroad ties at Thompson/Brown Park to keep the vehicles from parking there and tearing up the grass.

**HOUSING COMMITTEE**

Steve Frye said the Committee is still compiling a list of the properties.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

President Bryan announced that the May 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting will be cancelled due to Election Day. The Council meeting will be on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Steve Frye made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glenn Allen, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary