

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 23, 2009
6:00 P.M.**

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

Guests Present: Dennis O'Neill, Glenn Diehl, Michelle Steele, Bill Romanelli, Dave Friedman, Pete Lau

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

LAND DONATION PROPERTY

The Chester County Tax Assessment Office has granted tax immunity for property donated to the Borough by the Pyle's.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dennis O'Neill gave the following report:

PROJECT FUND RELEASE – WILKINSON – CARILLON

Glenn Allen made a motion to release \$228,445.47 from the projects escrow account, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

PROJECT FUND RELEASE – WILKINSON/TECHNIVATE

Glenn Allen made a motion to release \$35,668.71 from the projects escrow account, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR – APPOINT DEPUTY

President Bryan said due to the Madeline Nicotera's illness, she needs to recommend a Deputy to fulfill her duty. Glenn Diehl said the Local Tax Collection Statute authorizes the tax collector to appoint in writing a deputy provided that the taxing authority (Council) and the Surety agree. The Deputy works under the tax collectors bond because the tax collector is responsible to the Borough for the collection. It is within the discretion of the tax collector who she recommends as Deputy.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

UNCERTIFIED BUILDINGS – ACT 95

Steve Frye said the uncertified buildings under Act 95 are for commercial properties. For example, if someone wanted to buy the bank building across the street and they can't prove they have a occupancy permit that was issued at sometime, the whole building has to brought up to code. If the Borough adopts the Act 95, the state allows the Borough to give some leeway on things like the egresses, etc. It depends on how much we want businesses to use existing buildings.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Bob Cleveland said he respectfully disagrees with the Solicitor about not going on record about how we feel about the situation on Indian Run Road. Mr. Cleveland said he feels we should do that at a Council Meeting and he wants it on record that he disagrees.

STREETS COMMITTEE

Bob Cleveland said the Streets Committee has been going around on Monday or Tuesday mornings collecting signs from individuals who have just stuck signs at random around the Borough. So, we have collected 60 signs. The amount of illegal signs has really decreased.

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Steve Frye gave the following report:

SHED

The Committee is looking into fireproofing the shed. Spoke to the Fire Marshall, Russ Kilmer and his recommendation is to put up 5/8" fireproof drywall and store stuff in metal file cabinets that we really need to protect and possibly a smoke detector that is hardwired to the alarm system. The Committee wanted to throw this suggestion out there for Council to think about and have comments for the next Council meeting. We are just thinking about getting the documents protected without spending a lot of money and instead of having buildings sitting around the property. The Committee will look into the costs. Sali Cosford Parker will continue her efforts into alternative storage.

OLD BUSINESS

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter was discussed with the editor, Ms. Cosford Parker. Ms. Cosford Parker said she will put out the newsletter and people can comment by a certain date.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Bob Cleveland announced that the Water and Sewer Committee meeting and the Street Committee meeting have been changed to Tuesday, July 7th rather than Monday, July 6th.

Steve Frye made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m., 2nd by Glenn Allen, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary