

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

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

Guests Present: Mayor Howell, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Michelle Steele, Dave Friedman, Pete Lau, Bill Romanelli, Jim Duffy, Everett Butcher, Sherry Seace

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

EVERETT BUTCHER – 604 POPLAR STREET

Mr. Butcher said he is here to make a request. Roberto Rivera's funeral is tomorrow and lived on Poplar Street. There is going to be a lot of traffic in the area of Third, Thompson, and Poplar Streets and asked Council to borrow some cones to help to control traffic. Mr. Butcher said he will take full responsibility for the cones and bring them back. Council approved the borrowing of the cones as long as Mr. Butcher coordinates with the Funeral Director.

JIM DUFFY – 11 N. WILLIAMSON ROAD

Mr. Duffy said he was awoken on Sunday morning from the noise at the sewage treatment plant. Mr. Duffy said he walked along the creek side of the plant and the noise was coming from the vent pipes on the red building. Mr. Duffy suggested planting yews on the Indian Run Road side of the creek; put some plastic webbing in the cyclone fence, or possibly some type of barrier around the vent pipes. The Water and Sewer Committee will look into this matter. Mr. Duffy offered his assistance to go to the plant and help EEMA locate the noise. Council discussed this issue and decided to come up with a policy for allowing people at the plant. Mr. Duffy withdrew his offer.

TAX COLLECTOR – APPOINT DEPUTY

President Bryan said a letter was received from the Borough's Tax Collector Madeline Nicotera asking Council to appoint Sherry Seace as her Deputy. Steve Frye asked Ms. Seace if she had any type of background in bookkeeping. Ms. Seace said she was office manager for several mushroom houses and assistant manager for Jamesway. Bob Cleveland made a motion to appoint Sherry Seace as Deputy Tax Collector, 2nd by Steve Frye, motion carried.

EEMA REPORT

Bill Reilly gave the following report for June 2009:

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Wastewater Treatment Plant Flows:

Total Monthly Flow	10,015,000 gallons
Daily Flows Min.	220,000 gallons
Daily Flows Max.	547,000 gallons
Daily Flows Avg.	334,000 gallons

New Garden Township Weekly Flows (Average Gallons/Day)

WEEK	June 3 - 10	June 10 - 17	June 17 - 24	June 24 – July 1
ROUTE 41	41,964	37,457	38,616	41,010
RAIL ROAD	out of service	Meter install June 12, 2009	18,220	55,439
Total			55,510	92,066

OPERATIONS:

- Hauled 12,000 gallons of sludge.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

Production Summary:

Water System		Well #1	Gallons/Day	Well #2	Gallons/Day
Total Well #1	2,148,600	Minimum	35,000	Minimum	0
Total Well #2	368,600	Maximum	115,900	Maximum	22,600
Total:	2,517,200	Average	74,090	Average	12,710
Avg. gpd	86,800				

Water Actions:

- Total Water Action (0)

Collection and Distribution System

- 231 W. State Street / cloudy water – ran water for 1 hour to clear 6/10/2009
- 129 Pennsylvania Avenue – meter leaking in home, replaced washer 6/25/2009
- 217 Church Street – air in system, ran hydrant 6/4/09
- Read water meters 6/27 & 6/28
- Exercised all fire hydrants 6/9, 6/10, & 6/12
- Water Leaks:
 - Pomeroy & State Street – Anrich fixed on 6/11
 - Clay Creek Road and State Street – Anrich fixed on 6/16
 - State Road by Edlon – Anrich fixed 6/24
 - 319 Chatham Street – Dominick fixed 6/24
- PA 1 Calls (14)
 - 400 Chatham Street
 - 120 Chatham Street
 - 107 West State Street
 - 5 Cook Court
 - Pomeroy and State Street
 - West Third Street and Pomeroy
 - 50 Baltimore Pike
 - West State Street and Clay Creek Road
 - 319 Chatham Street
 - 240 Church Street
 - Church and Third Street
 - Church and Pennsylvania Avenue
 - State and Indian Run Roads
 - Route 41 and State Road

PERMIT VIOLATIONS:

No permit violations for the month.

JULY 7TH INCIDENT

The pumps clogged and we had to get some extra help to keep things flowing through the plant and we were back to normal at 4:00 p.m. the same day.

CURB STOP LOCATION PROGRAM

EEMA is working with the GIS people locating hard to find curb stops.

INDUSTRIAL PRE-TREATMENT PROGRAM - EDLON

Dave Friedman said he is in the process of drafting a letter for the Water and Sewer Committee's review to send to Edlon.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

CELL TOWER ORDINANCE

Council needs to make some policy decisions on whether we want to have a 135' tower in the Park and what districts so we want these to be permitted in.

GROWING GREENER GRANT

The grant application was filed and it is for the stream bank restoration. We applied for this grant last year and it was denied.

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

Working on the problems list along with the definitions.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

MUSHROOM EXPRESS SUBDIVISION

Reviewed the subdivision plan for Mushroom Express and wrote a review letter recommending Council to approve the plan subject to the preparation of easement descriptions for the proposed drainage easements. Steve Frye made a motion to approve the Mushroom Express subdivision plan subject to the letter from Mr. MacCombie dated July 16, 2009, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

WILKINSON PROJECT

The project is moving forward and they have applied for the first set of four townhouse units.

I & I PROJECT

Technivate is in the process of putting in the tank and commoneuter at the plant. Technivate has really struggled with getting the line under the stream because of hitting a lot of rock for the first several hundred feet. Technivate is doing a really nice job.

WATERLINE REPLACEMENT ON STATE STREET

The gas company called Mr. MacCombie's office and they want to replace the gas line on State Street and Anrich wants to pave it. Glenn Diehl said PECO was served plans and a copy of the order as part of the PUC permit application. Mr. MacCombie said he doesn't want to pave it and then have PECO tear it up. This matter is getting resolved.

ANRICH CONSTRUCTION RELEASE

Bob Cleveland made a motion to release \$165,025.13 to Anrich, 2nd by Sali Cosford Parker, motion carried.

WELL HEAD PROTECTION

The design was given to Wilkinson and we are waiting for a cost.

INFLUENT METERS

Waiting on a cost from Technivate.

MS4 PROGRAM

The report was submitted as required by DEP. In September, we are going to have to file for a permit renewal for the following year.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

RESOLUTION #2009-07 - Fee Schedule

Steve Frye made a motion to adopt Resolution #2009-07, 2nd by Sali Cosford Parker, motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fred Bryan said the Committee met and reviewed the bills and financial statements and the Committee is recommending Council approve them.

APPROVE THE BILLS TO BE PAID

Sali Cosford Parker made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to July 21, 2009, 2nd by Steve Frye, motion carried.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Steve Frye made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

2008 AUDIT

Vince Barbone will have the draft audit ready for the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob Cleveland made a motion to approve the minutes from June 16, 2009 and June 23, 2009, 2nd by Sali Cosford Parker, motion carried.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Sali Cosford Parker gave the following report:

DOCUMENT STORAGE AREA

Spoke to the POD people and you can get POD's that are fire retardant. The PODs are not for documents but for household goods. The government surplus boxes is a hit and miss thing, if it is available you can grab it, if not, too bad.

DOCUMENTS DIGITIZED

Ms. Cosford Parker said after a year of digitizing the Borough's document, she had two more books to totally finish translating. Everything was backed up to a server in the sky and this server burned out and all the documents were lost. Working on a way to get the information back and will report on it next month.

HISTORIC WALK

Avondale is part of the Chester County Historic Walk Program that takes place every summer. Our date is August 20th and the Historical Commission is looking for volunteers. We need people that will present a specific stop and to walk people from one tour stop to another.

STREET AND STREET LIGHTS COMMITTEE

Bob Cleveland gave the following report:

- Steve Frye and Matt Roane are working on painting the curbs and handicap areas.

- The signs and posts that were damaged have been replaced and a number of signs have been cleaned of graffiti.
- The streets were tarred and chipped on: Pomeroy Avenue from State Street to W. Third Street, Second Street from Pomeroy Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue, and New Street from Second to Third Streets.
- Received a number of complaints regarding State Street and the potholes. The Secretary has been telling people that it will be resurfaced.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE REPORT

Fred Bryan gave the following report:

EASEMENT BETWEEN 101 4TH STREET AND 320 CHATHAM STREET

Glenn Diehl said he needs a location description of the easement and he will write up the agreement. Mr. Diehl said that Fred Hessenauer had the description. Steve Frye said he will work on getting the description from Mr. Hessenauer.

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Steve Frye gave the following report:

TRAILER

Council needs to make a decision on what to do with the trailer. Council agreed to sell it. Glenn Diehl said you need to advertise the sale.

BOROUGH BUILDING

The painting of the Borough building has been completed and he thanked Matt Roane for all of his hard work. Mr. Roane is currently working on the inside of the building.

EARNED INCOME TAX COMMITTEE

President Bryan gave the following report:

CHESTER COUNTY TAX COMMITTEE

Council needs to appoint the committee by next meeting.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Steve Frye said a new list will be turned into the Secretary and the Code Enforcement Officer.

ANNOUNCEMENT

President Bryan announced that there will be an executive session after this meeting to discuss legal matters.

Steve Frye made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary