

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
August 18, 2009
6:00 P.M.**

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

Guests Present: Mayor Howell, Jamie MacCombie, Michelle Steele, Pete Lau, Bill Romanelli, Jim Duffy, Ken Strawhecker

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

KEN STRAWHECKER – 235 W. STATE STREET

Mr. Strawhecker said he is grateful for the effort the Borough is taking to fix his water runoff problem but it has not been totally remedied and he is hoping that some more work can be done. Jamie MacCombie said the issue is in London Grove Township and he has spoken with the London Grove Township manager, Steve Brown four times to get to the point where it is now. The developer is not done the development yet and London Grove Township is still holding the escrow money. Mr. MacCombie said he will meet with Mr. Brown in the next week or so.

JIM DUFFY – 11 N. WILLIAMSON ROAD

Mr. Duffy said solicitors came into Avon Mohr about two weeks ago and one was extremely aggressive. The State Police were called and they said that the solicitors were checked out and they were not a problem. Mr. Duffy asked if there were rules and regulations for solicitation in the Borough. President Bryan said there were no regulations and this issue was brought up sometime ago but Council decided not to pursue it. President Bryan said he will speak to Glenn Diehl about this matter. Jamie MacCombie said a lot of towns require solicitors to register so you know who they are.

EEMA REPORT

Bill Reilly gave the following report for July 2009:

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Wastewater Treatment Plant Flows:

Total Monthly Flow	8,572,000 gallons
Daily Flows Min.	220,000 gallons
Daily Flows Max.	384,000 gallons
Daily Flows Avg.	277,000 gallons

New Garden Township Weekly Flows (Average Gallons/Day)

WEEK	July 1 – 8	July 8 - 15	July 22 - 29	July 29 – Aug 5
ROUTE 41	41,964	35,920	34,303	36,637
RAIL ROAD	49,860	50,000	52,663	63,414
Total	84,000	85,920	86,966	100,051

OPERATIONS:

- Hauled 48,000 gallons of sludge.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

Production Summary:

Water System		Well #1	Gallons/Day	Well #2	Gallons/Day
Total Well #1	2,313,100	Minimum	61,400	Minimum	6,400
Total Well #2	488,900	Maximum	139,200	Maximum	19,900
Total:	2,802,000	Average	74,616	Average	15,771
Avg. gpd	90,387				

Water Actions:

- Total Water Action (0)

Waste Water Treatment Plant

- Had electrician down to help with electric to PLC units.
- July 7th Incident – Influent pumps failed.

Collection and Distribution System

- 238 Church – Dominick fixed curb stop 7/17/09
- Found water valves at reservoir for Anrich 7/20/09
- Worked with Anrich and MacCombie on new line on State Street by flushing hydrants and help with locating lines and valves.
- PA 1 Calls (5)
 - 238 Church Street
 - Pennsylvania and Church Street
 - Indian Run and State Street
 - Church and 3rd Street

PERMIT VIOLATIONS:

No permit violations for the month.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

WILKINSON PROJECT

Building permits were issued for the first four townhouses. Glenn Diehl is reviewing the homeowner's association documents for Carillon with regard to security for some of the improvements.

WATER AND SEWER REGULATIONS

The Borough has no regulations to follow for water and sewer connections. Mr. MacCombie stressed to Council the need for the regulations that has been in Glenn Diehl's hands for sometime. Mr. MacCombie said he actually wrote the sewer regulations and gave the hard copy and CD to Mr. Diehl and there is a necessity to get them adopted.

I & I PROJECT

We are waiting on PECO to schedule to de-energize the electric poles.

WATERLINE REPLACEMENT ON STATE STREET

All the service line connections have been made. Anrich will start restoration work next week with the possibility of paving in two weeks.

WELL HEAD PROTECTION

Waiting on a cost from Technivate.

INFLUENT METERS

Waiting on a cost from Technivate.

STATE STREET BRIDGE

The County has admitted that they constructed the bridge. The County believes that they turned the bridge over to the State and then the State turned the bridge over to the Borough; however, there is no documentation. There are about \$60,000 worth of repairs identified in the report from PennDOT that the State believes is up to the Borough to do. It is still unclear who owns the bridge and the owner would be the required one to do the improvements. Mr. MacCombie's office will continue to investigate this matter.

MS4 PROGRAM

DEP has extended the permit for one year and it will expire in March 2011.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Glenn Allen said the Committee met and reviewed the bills and financial statements and the Committee is recommending Council to approve them.

APPROVE THE BILLS TO BE PAID

Glenn Allen made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to August 18, 2009, 2nd by Sali Cosford Parker, motion carried.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Glenn Allen made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2nd by Sali Cosford Parker, motion carried.

2008 AUDIT

Glenn Allen made a motion to approve the 2008 Audit, 2nd by Sali Cosford Parker, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Glenn Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from July 21, 2009 and July 28, 2009, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howell gave the following report:

LED LIGHTS – GRANT

All of the lamps have been replaced in Avondale, Pennsbury and New Garden. We are still trying to determine how to do the electrical work without the prevailing wages. There is enough grant money to finish the project.

FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival is scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 10th.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Sali Cosford Parker gave the following report:

HISTORIC WALK

The Historical Commission has spent untold hours working on getting ready for the Avondale Historic Walk which is this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

STREET AND STREET LIGHTS COMMITTEE

Bob Cleveland gave the following report:

- Replacement of damaged/missing Borough signs is continuing, as is the painting of the curbs.
- Committee received a quote from Martin Paving to tar and chip the following streets:

- Thompson Street from East Third to Maple Street
- Poplar Street
- Miller Drive from Indian Run Road to the end of Miller Drive
- Williamson Drive

Total cost would be \$18,727.50. We understand the funds for this project are available.

Bob Cleveland made a motion to approve the tar and chipping for \$18,727.50, 2nd by Sali Cosford Parker, motion carried.

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Steve Frye gave the following report:

TRAILER

The Committee is working on writing up a bid advertisement to sell the trailer.

BOROUGH SHED

Purchased the fireproof paint for the shed and will start work when the weather cools.

RENTAL PROPERTY

Steve Frye made a motion to spend up to \$250.00 for paint and caulk to fix up the rental property, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Bob Cleveland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m., 2nd by Sali Cosford Parker, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary