

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2009
6:30 P.M.**

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

Guests Present: Mayor Howell, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Bill Romanelli, Bill Reilly, Jeff Pilgrim

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

JEFF PILGRIM – EDLON

Mr. Pilgrim said Edlon was approached by the owner of the railroad and they are requesting that Edlon pay a maintenance fee and sign an agreement for the crossing at Pomeroy Avenue. Mr. Pilgrim asked if the Borough has been contacted from the railroad for a maintenance fee for the other side of the railroad tracks. Bob Cleveland said the railroad has approached Avon News and the home that is across the tracks from the Avon News and is requesting a maintenance fee from them because their parking area is on railroad property. Mr. Pilgrim said the owner of the railroad is threatening to close the crossing at Pomeroy so that Edlon can not use it and they would be forced to use the State Street entrance which would cause problems. Jamie MacCombie recommended to Mr. Pilgrim to file a complaint with the PUC because they will get it straightened out pretty quick.

Sali Cosford Parker thanked Mr. Pilgrim for allowing the Historical Commission to have access to the Edlon grounds for the Historic Walk last Thursday.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

PROJECT FUND RELEASE – WILKINSON – CARILLON

Bob Cleveland made a motion to release \$145,723.20 from the projects escrow account, 2nd by Sali Cosford Parker, motion carried.

STATE STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - CHANGE ORDER REQUEST

There is a net addition in the amount of \$20,817.51 and a net deletion in the amount of \$14,850.00. The project is still going to come within the grant budget of \$499,000.00. Mr. MacCombie asked Council to acknowledge the change order. Sali Cosford Parker made a motion to approve the change order, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

PROJECT FUND RELEASE – ANRICH, INC.

Bob Cleveland made a motion to release \$103,217.66 from the projects account, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

235 W. STATE STREET

Steve Brown, Manager for London Grove Township is setting up a meeting with his Road Master, Mr. MacCombie and any Council member that wants to attend. Mr. MacCombie will let Council know when the meeting is scheduled so we can get this matter resolved.

STREET AND STREET LIGHTS COMMITTEE

Bob Cleveland gave the following report:

TRAFFIC SIGNALS – BALTIMORE PIKE AND ROUTE 41

The preemption card and rack at the traffic signals on Baltimore Pike and Route 41 were damaged by a lightning storm. The cost to repair is \$2,043.00. After some discussion, Sali Cosford Parker made a motion to file a claim with Selective Insurance and pay the \$1,000.00 deductible, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

COUNCIL WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:50 P.M. PRESIDENT BRYAN BROUGHT THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M.**RAILROAD PROPERTY**

Sali Cosford Parker made a motion to authorize Glenn Diehl up to 5 hours to pursue what a reasonable price would be for the railroad property and to do an analysis report, 2nd by Fred Bryan, Steve Frye-yea, Bob Cleveland-nay, motion carried with a 3-1 vote.

STATE STREET BRIDGE

Mayor Howell said a group of people from Chatham asked her when Avondale was going to close the State Street Bridge. The group would like it closed because of what London Grove is doing with the zoning and they want London Grove to handle their own traffic, coming down Baltimore Pike and Route 41 rather than coming down State Street and creating a problem for Avondale. London Grove is trying to change the zoning from commercial to residential so they can put in the roundabout

President Bryan said he thinks that Council needs to support the community against London Grove for what they are going to do with the roundabout. We need to support the businesses in our area showing that we care what is happening and that we are against the roundabout..

Bob Cleveland said we need to address the State Street Bridge issue because there are structural problems with it and we need to decide whether we are going to close it. We have talked about it and beat it around but never made a decision. Bob Cleveland made a motion to close the State Street Bridge after the paving is done because the Borough does not have the funds to repair it, and notify the surrounding municipalities, the schools, and residents, 2nd by Steve Frye, motion carried.

Steve Frye made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary