

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
September 15, 2009
6:00 P.M.**

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

Guests Present: Mayor Howell, Dennis O'Neill, Michelle Steele, Pete Lau, Bill Romanelli, Bill Reilly, Pat Harrison, 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 asked if there was an update on water runoff problem coming on to his property. Dennis O'Neill said that Jamie MacCombie met with Steve Brown from London Grove Township last week at the site and they discussed a method to correct the problem. Mr. O'Neill said London Grove has to wait until the ground dries from all the rain before they can begin the work. London Grove Township plans to open up the area more where it has already been opened and this will direct the water into the storm basin. President Bryan told Mr. Strawhecker that the Borough is trying to communicate with London Grove Township and suggested to Mr. Strawhecker to attend a London Grove Township meeting and speak to the Supervisor's.

PATRICK HARRISON – AVON GROVE LIBRARY BUDGET

Patrick Harrison gave the following report:

The State's budget has not been formalized but the Governor put a budget forward calling for a 14% State cut to the library funding. This was defeated and the Republican senate came up with a proposal of 53% or a 38%. Last year the library received \$88,000.00 from the State. A 53% or 38% cut is going to be devastating to the library. During July of last year, the library had 7, 410 patrons come in, this year we had 16,364 patrons for the same period which is an increase of 120%. Last year, Avondale increased the budget to the Library from one dollar per resident to two dollars per resident and the library appreciated the Borough's generosity. The library is asking if Avondale could increase the amount a little more or at least stay even. President Bryan said the Finance Committee is meeting and will discuss the budget for the library.

EEMA REPORT

Bill Reilly gave the following report for August 2009:

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Wastewater Treatment Plant Flows:

Total Monthly Flow	8,307,000 gallons
Daily Flows Min.	190,000 gallons
Daily Flows Max.	371,000 gallons
Daily Flows Avg.	268,000 gallons

New Garden Township Weekly Flows (Average Gallons/Day)

WEEK	August 5 – 11	August 12-19	August 19-26	August 26-Sept 2
ROUTE 41	33,577	45,337	39,039	37,420
RAIL ROAD	55,381	64,947	63,899	65,299
Total	88,958	110,284	102,938	102,719

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	2,383,700	Minimum	28,700	Minimum	10,800
Total Well #2	558,200	Maximum	141,000	Maximum	39,000
Total:	2,941,900	Average	76,894	Average	18,006
Avg. gpd	94,900				

Water Actions:

- Total Water Action (0)

Waste Water Treatment Plant

- Semi annual calibration of effluent meter.

Collection and Distribution System

- Morris Alley – Water draining in basement from curb drain 8/3 & 8/4
- Collected bacteria sample for new main near Church Development 8/19
- Sampled water distribution for Stage 2 Standard Monitoring Plan for DEP 8/19.
- PA 1 Calls - 8
 - 1319 Clay Creek Road
 - 4972 Gap Newport Pike
 - State Street
 - 240 Church Street
 - Church Street
 - West State Street
 - Minor Street
 - Church Street

PERMIT VIOLATIONS:

No permit violations for the month.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

WILKINSON PROJECT

Working with Bill Romanelli and the engineer getting the homeowner's association capital reserve fund and the stormwater management operations agreement sorted out and hopefully have Council agree to it at next weeks meeting.

SOLICITATION IN AVONDALE

There are two components to the analysis. One is called solicitation and the other is vending. The vending side is selling stuff, solicitation is not selling stuff. Solicitation is related to non-profit and politics and you can not regulate this other than have people come in and register and maybe get a criminal background check. The Borough can do a lot on the vending side. West Chester has an ordinance that requires the vendor to come in and buy an annual license and a get a criminal background check. They are registered and issued a badge with their identification on it by the Borough.

President Bryan said the problem the Borough was having is that someone was soliciting and evidently wouldn't leave the person alone and was causing a problem. Mr. Diehl said this is something that an ordinance of this type is not designed to solve. The solution is to call the police. Council needs to decide how they want to proceed with this issue.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dennis O'Neill gave the following report:

WILKINSON PROJECT

We were asked to investigate muddy water coming off the Wilkinson site during the recent rain storm. There is a rather large pipe coming down Minor Street underground and the water coming out of this pipe was muddy. Followed that pipe up to the Church Street intersection and there are no signs of disturbance, so we suspect it may be the bottom of the pipe is starting to deteriorate and may be picking up heavy rain stuff that comes through that pipe. This was no runoff problem from the Wilkinson Project; the water was muddy coming unto the site not leaving it as suspected.

I & I PROJECT

PECO is scheduled to de-energize the electric poles on September 22nd so that the work can continue.

WATERLINE REPLACEMENT ON STATE STREET

Weather permitting, there will be another week of putting in curb and then they will start milling and paving.

INFLUENT METERS

Technivate's price to install the two Flo-Dar meters is \$70,661.05 and will be investigating other options to see how this cost compares. There is no recommendation at this point.

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

Fred Bryan made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to September 15, 2009, 2nd by Sali Cosford Parker, motion carried.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

2010 BUDGET

All budget requests are to be given to Glenn Allen by September 24th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Steve Frye said in one of the minutes, Glenn Allen is listed as absent but yet he seconded a motion. Steve Frye made a motion to approve the minutes from August 18, 2009 and August 25, 2009 with the correction, 2nd by Sali Cosford Parker, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howell gave the following report:

LED LIGHTS – GRANT

The Request for Proposals for the LED lamps will be opened tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

STREET AND STREET LIGHTS COMMITTEE

Bob Cleveland gave the following report:

- Streets Committee discussed the closing of the State Street Bridge. Discussions are ongoing and the Committee is in the process of gathering additional information.
- Tar and Chipping delayed due to weather. Tar and Chipping will be tomorrow, weather permitting, for Thompson, Poplar, E. Third Street, Miller Drive and Williamson Drive.
- All the damaged and missing signs in the Borough have been replaced.

NEW GARDEN LIAISON COMMITTEE

Fred Bryan said the Committee met with New Garden Township and discussed the numbers that Jamie MacCombie came up with to double the size of the treatment plant for New Garden. The cost came to just a little over three million dollars. New Garden doesn't want to act on it at this time.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Steve Frye gave the following report:

HEATING UNIT FOR SALT SHED

The cost for a 5KW ceiling hung heater with freeze protection thermostat with installation in the salt bin is \$940.00. The estimated cost for the lumber to enclose the area to be heated is \$460.00. Steve Frye made a motion to spend up to \$1,400.00 for this project, 2nd by Sali Cosford Parker, Fred Bryan-yea, Bob Cleveland-nay, motion carried with a 3-1 vote.

NEW BUSINESS**TRICK OR TREAT**

Sali Cosford Parker made a motion to approve Trick or Treat on October 31, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., 2nd by Steve Frye, motion carried. The Secretary will contact the Fire Police and acquire the flares.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Sali Cosford Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m., 2nd by Steve Frye, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary