

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

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

**Guests Present:** Mayor Howell, Herb MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Michelle Steele, Pete Lau, Bill Reilly, Ellis Snyder, Bill Shore, Bill Webb, Jim Duffy, Bill Romanelli, Everett Butcher, Sr., Everett Butcher, Jr., Jeff Pilgrim, Bill Romanelli,

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

**Sali Cosford Parker announced that she is recording this meeting.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**JEFF PILGRIM – EDLON**

Mr. Pilgrim said he has some comments on the situation at Edlon regarding East Penn Railroad's intent to close the crossing at Pomeroy Avenue. If this happens, Edlon will require some facility modifications to the back of the building to allow egress for the trucks. Mr. Pilgrim asked if there was any information from the Borough's point of view about the facility that may have some affect on how Edlon moves forward with this issue. At the present time, the Pomeroy entrance is opened during the day and closed at night to prevent theft. The State Street entrance is only opened periodically. Glenn Diehl said it would be good to know whether that section of Second Street is a Borough Street. Mr. Pilgrim said he has found information that the street was being treated as private and in other documents it shows being treated as public and we don't know where it will end up if Edlon has to go to court.

Bill Shore asked how it will affect the emergency response to the building if Edlon has to use the State Street entrance. Mr. Pilgrim said he is concerned about that because Edlon handles quite a bit of hazardous chemicals so he is sure they will have to do some facility modifications or look into another facility. Glenn Diehl asked if there are issues with the turning radius, staying in the correct lane using the State Street egress. Mr. Pilgrim said there may be an issue with running over the curbs. Herb MacCombie said there would be a problem and Edlon would have to provide some kind of a grading plan on how they are going to address the life safety issues in terms of vehicle movement for emergency response and also in terms of the drainage and how it will affect the street.

Glenn Diehl said he has a set of railroad maps and copies of the documentation. Council needs to decide whether we want to look into the ownership of that piece of property. Sali Cosford Parker made a motion to authorize Glenn Diehl to look into who owns the piece of land from the railroad tracks to the intersection of W. Second Street and Pomeroy Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Longen, motion carried.

**EEMA REPORT**

Bill Reilly gave the following report for November 2009:

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Wastewater Treatment Plant Flows:

Total Monthly Flow	8,258,000 gallons
Daily Flows Min.	155,000 gallons
Daily Flows Max.	648,000 gallons
Daily Flows Avg.	275,000 gallons

New Garden Township Weekly Flows (Average Gallons/Day)

WEEK	Oct 28 – Nov 4	Nov 5-Nov 10	NOV 11-18	NOV 18-25	NOV 25-DEC 2
<b>ROUTE 41</b>	40,740	38,927	39,117	38,817	36,826
<b>RAILROAD</b>	92,113	64,917	66,140	68,773	68,034
<b>Total</b>	132,853	103,844	105,257	107,590	104,860

WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

## Production Summary:

Water System		Well #1	Gallons/Day	Well #2	Gallons/Day
<b>Total Well #1</b>	1,842,700	Minimum	3,300	Minimum	12,500
<b>Total Well #2</b>	516,400	Maximum	81,300	Maximum	28,800
<b>Total:</b>	2,359,100	Average	61,423	Average	17,213
<b>Avg. gpd</b>	78,637				

Water Actions:

- Total Water Action (3)
  - 105 Chatham Street
  - 221 Church Street
  - 314 Pennsylvania Avenue

**Facilities Maintenance Report:**Collection and Distribution System

- Flushed Hydrants on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.
- PA 1 Calls - 7
  - Third and Pomeroy
  - 240 Church Street
  - Clay Creek Road to Indian Run Road
  - 5 Cook Court
  - Pomeroy Avenue and State Street
  - Minor Street to Church Street

PERMIT VIOLATIONS:

No permit violations for the month.

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

TONY TSAGANOS – STRIP MALL

Mr. Tsaganos signed the agreement and paid the fees. He can now move forward with getting the permits for his available space.

STATE STREET BRIDGE

Completed the chronology with respect to the State Street Bridge. Chris Ross and the County Solicitor were given a copy. Bob Cleveland made a motion to authorize Glenn Diehl to proceed with getting the ownership issue of the State Street Bridge resolved with the County authorities to get the County to agree that it is a county bridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sali Cosford Parker, motion carried.

### **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Herb MacCombie gave the following report:

#### **WILKINSON PROJECT**

Wilkinson is completing the second set of townhouses. Mr. MacCombie's office has been taking care of overseeing the water and sewer installation at the project.

The Secretary received a call from a resident concerned about a flooding issue at the project. This concern was addressed and was found that the stormwater was not coming from the development; it was coming from upstream of the development. The creek was overflowing and there was very little water coming from the project. The detention pipes were working the way they are intended to work. The detention area fills up and lets it out at a certain rate. Pictures were taken so there is no confusion.

#### **I & I PROJECT**

We have completed Mr. Webb's property and recently finished Mr. Cutone's line. The lines were videoed and some areas were grouted and sealed. We are metering that area so we can go back to DEP for allocation of additional flows. Mr. MacCombie asked Mr. Diehl to get the sewer regulations adopted before going back to DEP. We need to show DEP that we have adopted the sewer regulations and show the flows for the last three years before and after the I & I work. The meters have been in for about three weeks, if we have the rain, in another three weeks we would like to meet with DEP.

#### **WATERLINE REPLACEMENT ON STATE STREET**

The Contractor is now working on a punch list.

#### **PROJECT FUND RELEASE - ANRICH**

Glenn Allen made a motion to release \$138,722.34 from the projects escrow account, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Longen, motion carried. The total cost of the project to date is \$447,117.71. The amount left is \$52,777.29. We are asking DCED rather than to close out this grant, if we can use that money toward the next grant that we are working on now from the area that we stopped to Pennsylvania Avenue.

#### **WELLHEAD PROTECTION PROJECT**

This is on hold pending funding.

#### **STATE STREET BRIDGE**

Alfred Benesch and Company will inspect the bridge this Wednesday and a full report will follow.

#### **INFLUENT METERS**

W.G. Malden will install the meters sometime the first or second week in January. Pete Lau said the meters are required to be installed by January 1, 2010; we will have to resolve this with DEP.

#### **2010 COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION GRANT APPLICATION**

The grant application has been submitted by the December 11<sup>th</sup> due date. The grant is for the continuation of the water line extension from Pennsylvania Avenue at First Street to Chatham Street to Second Street. The grant application is in the amount of 824,961.25, a 95% - 5% grant with the Borough portion being 5%.

#### **MS4 PROGRAM**

The Borough is required to do certain things in terms of water quality for the MS4 Program. There is a PECO Green Region Open Space Program Grant available that the Borough is not required to do. This is a matching grant up to \$10,000 to install a riparian buffer at the James Watson Park along the White

Clay Creek. Council wanted more time to review the application and will vote at the next Council meeting.

#### MORRIS STREET

There has been a problem with the stormwater runoff coming from the Verizon property unto the property of 121 Morris Street. Mr. MacCombie was asked to look into this problem. Some of the problem is the inlet installed by Verizon is not draining properly. The water is supposed to run in the pipe under the private alley owned by Verizon to Chatham Street. The pipe needs to be cleaned by Verizon.

Verizon has been contacted and he is waiting for a return call. Ms. Bladen needs to extend the downspout away from her property and install a small bituminous curb along the alley way to alleviate some of the problem. Bob Cleveland asked when does this issue become a homeowner's issue and not a Borough issue. Mr. MacCombie said it is a private issue, it is not so much a Borough issue, but in a sense it is acerbated by the water that is coming from up above and coming down the alley into their facility. Mr. MacCombie will continue to resolve this issue.

#### 517 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE - STORMWATER RUNOFF PROBLEM

There is a stormwater drainage problem at 517 Pennsylvania Avenue. One of the problems is the property at 525 Pennsylvania Avenue put in a curb to mitigate the water coming off of 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The water drains to the garage and backyard areas of 517. The property at 523 Pennsylvania Avenue is about a foot higher which makes the low point in the swale their sidewalk and garage the water runs into their house.

There are two potential resolutions. There is a storm drain at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Basically, this drain runs across the road and drains onto the Presbyterian Church property. This is about 350 feet and then to put it in the back yard would be another 50 feet, which is not a cheap solution to pick up the stormwater. Another potential solution is to look at putting in some kind of an infiltration bed where you could dig a pit and put an inlet in front of the drive way and connect it to a pit where it would infiltrate so much of that area. This cost would drastically be cheaper to correct the situation. The Water and Sewer Committee will look into this issue and make a recommendation to Council.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

##### APPROVE THE BILLS TO BE PAID

Glenn Allen made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to December 15, 2009, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sali Cosford Parker, motion carried.

##### APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

##### CHRISTMAS BONUS

Glenn Allen made a motion to approve a Christmas bonus of one days pay for the Secretary and Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Longen, motion carried.

##### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sali Cosford Parker made a motion to approve the minutes from November 1, 2009 and November 24, 2009, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glenn Allen, motion carried.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howell gave the following report:

##### LED LIGHTS

We now have the battery back ups installed on both traffic lights. There is money left to purchase generators.

**NEW GARDEN LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**UCC APPEALS BOARD**

President Bryan said the Borough received a letter from New Garden Township approving Avondale to share their UCC Appeals Board.

**PARKS COMMITTEE**

Pat Longen said he would like to recommend to the next Parks Committee not to put up any additional signs due to the graffiti.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

- President Bryan announced that the Reorganization Meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
- The Water and Sewer Committee Meeting and the Council Meeting is cancelled on December 22, 2009

Sali Cosford Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Longen, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary