

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Bryan, Patrick Harrison, Bob Cleveland, Glenn Allen, Steve Frye.
Absent: Russ Kilmer and Pat Longen

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Bill Shore, Lenee Bryan, Cari, Brian, Adam and Matthew Schroeder, Penny, Haley and Nathan Allen.

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:00 P.M., the meeting was brought to order by Mayor Howell.

ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TAKE OATH

Mayor Howell swore/affirmed in Fred Bryan, Glenn Allen, and Bob Cleveland as elected Council members.

NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

Mayor Howell announced that the nominations were open for President of Borough Council. Patrick Harrison nominated Fred Bryan. There were no more nominations. Mayor Howell took a voice vote and the vote was unanimous. Fred Bryan accepted the position. Mayor Howell announced that Fred Bryan is the President of Borough Council.

NOMINATION FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

Mayor Howell announced that the nominations were open for Vice President of Borough Council. Patrick Harrison nominated Glenn Allen. There were no more nominations. Mayor Howell took a voice vote and the vote was unanimous. Glenn Allen accepted the position. Mayor Howell announced that Glenn Allen is the Vice-President of Borough Council.

Mayor Howell turned the meeting over to President Bryan.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Bob Cleveland gave the following report

APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER – RESOLUTION # 2008-01

The Personnel Committee met and interviewed for Jay Pusey's two year unexpired term and the Committee would like to recommend Steven Frye for the position. Bob Cleveland made a motion to appoint Steven Frye to the two year term as Councilmember, 2nd by Glenn Allen, motion carried.

APPOINT CHAIRMAN PRO TEM

President Bryan announced that the nominations were open for Chairman Pro Tem. Fred Bryan nominated Bob Cleveland. There were no more nominations. President Bryan took a voice vote and the vote was unanimous. Bob Cleveland accepted the position. President Bryan announced that Bob Cleveland is the Chairman Pro Tem.

APPOINT CHAIRMAN OF THE VACANCY BOARD

This appointment was tabled until the January 22nd Council meeting. Patrick Harrison will ask Harold Brown if he is still interested in this position.

APPOINT BOROUGH SOLICITOR

Bob Cleveland made a motion to appoint Glenn Diehl as Borough Solicitor, 2nd by Glenn Allen motion carried.

APPOINT BOROUGH ENGINEER

Bob Cleveland made a motion to appoint James Mac Combie as Borough Engineer and Engineer for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant, 2nd by Patrick Harrison, motion carried.

APPOINT ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Glenn Allen made a motion to appoint Thomas Lowry as the Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer, 2nd by Patrick Harrison, motion carried.

APPOINT TREASURER

Patrick Harrison made a motion to appoint Sandy Masten as Treasurer, 2nd by Glenn Allen, motion carried.

APPOINT SECRETARY

Patrick Harrison made a motion to appoint Becky Brownback as Secretary, 2nd by Glenn Allen, motion carried

NEW BUSINESS**PYLE LAND DONATION**

President Bryan said Russ Kilmer spoke to the tenant of the building that Pyle's donated to the Borough and he was paying \$350.00 a month for rent of the building that included the carriage house. The carriage house is not part of the land donation and the tenant asked if the Borough would reduce the rent of the building because there is less square footage. Council agreed to reduce the rent to \$250.00 a month.

SEPA VOAD

President Bryan said that SEPA VOAD is a part of a national collaboration to meet community needs in the wake of a large-scale disaster. Trainers will do on-site training for groups of 15 plus, and it is a three hour basic training course preparing and responding to disasters. Mayor Howell said if anyone is interested in the VOAD training, they can join in with the fire company because they have new members that need to take the training.

BIKE LANE ON ROUTE 41

President Bryan said that Linda Ingenthron called him and asked how the Borough feels about a bike lane on Route 41. Mayor Howell said we have written a letter stating that the Borough would support "share the road" signs only through the Borough. Bob Cleveland said we also sent a letter saying that we opposed the bike lanes. Mayor Howell said the State wants migrant workers to be able to bicycle from West Grove to Kennett. Mr. Cleveland said parking is allowed on Pennsylvania Avenue, how can you put in a bike path? Council agreed to write a letter stating that the Borough is opposed to the bike lanes without a bypass and would only support "share the road" signs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bryan made the following announcements:

- The January 15, 2008 Council meeting is cancelled.
- The Council Meeting will be held on January 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. directly after the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting.

Patrick Harrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 P.M., 2nd by Glenn Allen, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary

