

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 18, 2006  
6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jay Pusey, Russ Kilmer, Bob Cleveland, Pat Longen, Patrick Harrison  
Absent: Fred Bryan, Rose Ann Swift

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Walter Barcz, Lew Christy, Mike Short, Glenn Diehl, Howard Thompson,  
Harold Brown, Jerry Poe, Bill Romanelli, Bob Oates

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Pusey called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**RESIDENT COMMENT / REQUEST / COMPLAINT**

**HAROLD BROWN**

Harold Brown said that someone cleaned up all the bottles and papers on Church Street and it looks really nice. We should commend whoever did it. Russ Kilmer said that Charles Wilkinson's company did it.

**BOB OATES**

Bob Oates said he resides behind the baseball field at 306 E. Third Street and he was wondering when the Borough was going to remove the dirt and wood piles because he is starting to see rats and mice coming from the pile. President Pusey said the piles are from the creek restoration project which was suppose to be cleaned up by a volunteer contractors that did not follow through and now the Borough has to do it. Russ Kilmer said if he is starting to see mice we should expedite Dominick to at least clean up the wood pile. Council agreed and the Secretary will address this issue with Dominick.

**MILLER ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

Mike Short gave the following report:

Monthly Water Production – 3,221,200 gallons / average daily flow – 103,910 gallons

Monthly Effluent Flow – 11,041,000 gallons / average daily flow – 356,000 gallons

New Garden Flow – 2,787,966 gallons / average daily flow – 99,570 gallons (3/1/06 to 3/29/06)

Unaccounted Monthly Wastewater Flow – 5,031,834 gallons (45.6%)

2006 1st Quarter Billed Water Production – 6,147,310 gallons

2006 1st Quarter Unaccounted Wastewater Flow – 16,331,729 gallons (42.78%) Using billed water production as requested by Solicitor.

The following activities were reported for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant:

- Continued adding air into the sludge holding tank as requested by the DEP
- The #1 influent pump motor was pulled out of the volute to removed rags two times from the impeller. Also, the #2 influent pup motor had to be pulled out to remove rags from its impeller.
- The #2 RAS pump was taken off line so a pieced of metal could be cut out of the olute. The piece of metal has gotten lodged in the volute causing the impeller to stop turning.

- Verizon repaired broken telephone wires at the plant on 3/15/06.
- Started adding Sodium Hypo-Chlorite (Chlorine) to the influent wet well to prevent possible odors.
- New Garden Township flow meters were calibrated on 3/16/06. The flow meter at the railroad tracks did not run for approximately 36 hours during the period of 3/16/06 to 3/22/06. The flow for this period was adjusted.
- The Chester County Health Department and DEP were at the facility to check on the location for chemical storage at the new wastewater plant. The future chemical storage locations are acceptable to them.
- Completed 2005 Consumer Confidence report for the water plant.
- The 1st quarter water meter readings were recorded on 3/14/06.
- Repaired wires to water meters at 302 and 406 Church Street and installed a new remote for water meter at 402 Church Street.
- Inspected water meters at different businesses inside Borough.
- Ordered 2 meters from National Waterworks.
- Tested for Total Coliform in water distribution system on 3/7/06. Results were negative.
- Performed 5 Water Action Forms, 2 PA One Calls and 7 water meter rereads.

### **WWTP LIAISON REPORT**

Howard Thompson gave the following report:

Visited the treatment plant on April 4th and April 18th. Large fluid valves have been installed on top of the reactor. These valves direct flow to any section of the reactor. There is an amazing amount of concrete work that is involved in making the headworks building. The grit grinder and the metal screens will be installed after more concrete work is done. The metal steps and the hand railing have been installed to the headworks. The pump house still has some electrical work to be done. There is still some mechanical work is to be done inside of the clarifier. The chlorine analyzer which adjusts the adequate flow of chlorine has been installed. Duct work and electrical work have been done in the Electrical Building.

### **ENTECH REPORT**

Walter Barcz gave the following report:

### **STATUS OF HENSON AND MAPLE STREET PROJECT**

The County said the final check will be disbursed to the Borough either today or next Tuesday.

### **ODOR CONTROLS**

Working on a plan to control the odors at the treatment plant and will have it ready for the next meeting.

### **CHAPTER 94 REPORT**

The report was submitted by the March 31, 2006 deadline.

### **WWP NPEDS PERMIT APPLICATION**

The application was due on April 6, 2006 and was submitted on April 3, 2006. Waiting on comments from the Department of Environmental Protection.

### **PLANT DISCHARGE**

Pat Longen said about three weeks ago he was walking along the creek by the plant and he saw a gray substance coming out of the plants discharge pipe and he asked what it was. Walter said it could be "color" but he didn't have an explanation for it.

FINAL COMPLETION OF THE PLANT UPGRADE AND EXPANSION

Patrick Harrison asked what the completion date of the project was. Walter said July 14th.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

THOMSON ZONING HEARING – 201 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

The Zoning Hearing Board granted an apartment with a home occupation and a rental apartment. The trailer will be removed for off street parking. The Opinion that goes along with the Decision will be forthcoming from the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor.

PROPOSED STORMWATER ORDINANCE

Attended a Stormwater Symposium and received some good information. Will have a draft ordinance to Council soon.

PROPOSED MASTER SEWER AND WATER ORDINANCES

In the process of preparing the proposed ordinances.

COMMERCIAL INSPECTIONS

In the process of preparing a resolution for the inspections.

BARRY CASSIDY – GRANTS

Barry Cassidy submitted a report and President Pusey read his report.

Applied for two grants for Avondale Borough. One I charged the Borough for and the other I did not charge because I don't like to run up a bill without producing results.

Had discussions with the county concerning the status for both the 21st century fund and CDBG. They said that you need to close out the project that you have in order to secure more money.

Prepared to submit two applications on the Borough's behalf for water and sewer infrastructure and one for streetscape when your project is completed. Have been in contact with Glenn concerning my progress. If the scope of my services were widened I would be able to submit more grants on your behalf. Will seek anything the Borough wants if given a list of potential projects.

The best thing for the Borough to do is close out your projects ASAP and we will apply for the CDBG again. There is no engineering dollars for CDBG. We could package that with 1 million dollars from the 21st century fund and have a 1.25 million dollar water system project. We can also look toward the 21st century money for streetscape improvements and then package the next round of enhancements dollars to have a 2 million dollar project.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Council reviewed the report and Russ Kilmer said he would like to see a placard displayed when a permit is issued. The Secretary will address this issue.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Fred Bryan was absent from this meeting

**APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

Under the instruction from Chairman Bryan, the Secretary said the committee reviewed the bills to be paid and recommend that Council approve them. Russ Kilmer made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, 2nd by Pat Longen, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Under the instruction from Chairman Bryan, the Secretary said the committee reviewed the financial statements and recommend that Council approve them. Russ Kilmer made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, 2nd by Pat Longen, motion carried.

**WALABAX PAYMENT #15 - \$278, 603.29**

Under the instruction form Chairman Bryan, the Secretary said the committee recommends to pay \$200,000 because of the lack of funds in the WWTP account. After some discussion regarding interest penalties for failing to pay the entire amount, Russ Kilmer made a motion to take the money out of the reserve account and pay the full amount of \$278,603.29, 2nd by Pat Longen, motion carried.

**MONACACY PAYMENT # 8 - \$52,980.05**

Under the instruction from Chairman Bryan, the Secretary said the committee recommends payment to Monacacy for the amount of \$52,980.05. Russ Kilmer made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$52,980.01 to Monacacy, 2nd by Pat Longen, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Russ Kilmer made a motion to approve the minutes from March 21, 2006 as corrected, 2nd by Pat Longen, motion carried.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

President Pusey gave the following report:

The meeting for proposing re-zoning on Pennsylvania Avenue will take place next month depending on the availability of the firehouse hall. We will ask that Glenn and Tom be present at the meeting. Letters will be sent to the owners on Pennsylvania Avenue. Gave the Secretary a list of items to type up that will be discussed at the public meeting.

**STREETS AND STREET LIGHTS COMMITTEE**

Bob Cleveland gave the following report:

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Council received a letter from PENNDOT regarding the State Street Bridge. It has been determined that the bridge was built by the county in 1921. It was previously reported in last month's Streets report that ownership of the bridge rests with the Borough. However, no supporting documentation has yet been found to support this. The Borough Solicitor is still researching the matter.
2. Streets Committee has met and, in conjunction with the Borough Solicitor, and Borough Engineer, is in the process of formulating 1 year, 3 year, and 5 year plans pertaining to infrastructure and streets repair. A report, when completed, will be submitted to Council.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. There are currently 12 known Abandoned/Expired/Inoperative vehicles in the Borough. Letters were sent to the residents by the Borough Secretary.
2. The transition from BFI to Penn Container went smoothly thanks to Becky, and to Cheree from Penn Container. Several residents are still setting out additional trash. Letters were sent to the property owners explaining the new trash procedure.
3. Dominick will continue patching potholes in the borough streets as soon as the borough receives it's order of cold patch. The company which provides the cold-patch is not yet manufacturing it. Becky has been in continual contact with the company.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Russ Kilmer gave the following report:

**POLICE COVERAGE**

We have been gradually increasing the police hours for the Spring and Summer. Had a meeting with the Chief Sheller and Patrolman Anderson regarding police issues and are targeting the "hot spots" in the Borough. We are on budget and about two-thirds of the cost of the police is covered by money from citations.

**WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE**

President Pusey gave the following report:

**405 MAPLE STREET – SEWER ADJUSTMENT REQUEST**

This property has had a water leak under their mobile home for sometime. A sewer adjustment was granted for the 3rd quarter of 2005 and they are requesting another adjustment for the 4th quarter of 2005. The committee is recommending that we do not grant an adjustment until there is proof that the water leak has been repaired, Council agreed.

**PARKS COMMITTEE**

Pat Longen gave the following report:

The Parks Committee and the Environmental Composting Facility Committee had a combined meeting last week. Did a site inspection of the composting facility and the parks. Will contact the Chester County Parks and Recreation Department to see if we can use the insurance money to put swings, lighting and a narrow play set behind the basketball court on Third Street. Before this can be addressed, this area will need to be surveyed. Will try to see if the insurance money will cover the surveying. There are trees on Indian Run Road that need to be taken down before they fall on the power lines. Glenn Diehl suggested calling PECO about the trees.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMPOSTING FACILITY COMMITTEE**

Patrick Harrison gave the following report:

The composting facility is completely ready to go and will be opened this Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and every 2nd and 4th Saturday. The signs at the facility with the old information were spray painted with gang wording and were taken down. Will purchase tarps to cover the piles before cold weather comes. By next Spring, we should have good soil to send out to the residents. Bob Cleveland said the composting facility is the best it has ever looked. Russ Kilmer asked if driver's licenses are going to be checked to ensure they are Avondale residents. Patrick said he will verify.

**ORDINANCE AND FEE SCHEDULE COMMITTEE**

Patrick Harrison gave the following report:

Some of the zoning fees are behind schedule and a copy of the changes the committee is recommending were given to Council. Glenn Diehl said if council approves, he will make the changes by resolution or ordinance, depending on the way the current ordinance reads. Patrick Harrison made a motion to make the changes recommended by the committee to be adopted, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DAMAGED SIGN**

Pat Longen said a school bus hit a street sign at Miller Drive and Williamson Road. He said he plans to attend a school board meeting to recommend that they change the bus stop and have it moved to where the school bus has more room to turn around. The Secretary will inform Dominick of the damaged sign.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Russ Kilmer made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:10 P.M., 2nd by Pat Longen, motion carried

President Pusey called the meeting back to order at 8:55 P.M.

Russ Kilmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M., 2nd by Pat Longen, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback,  
Borough Secretary