

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 21, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Pusey, Fred Bryan, Russ Kilmer, Rose Ann Swift, Bob Cleveland, Jerry Poe Absent: Pat Longen

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Glenn Diehl, Tom Lowry, Joe DiMatteo, Everett Butcher, Jr., Pat Harrison, Harold Brown, Howard Thompson, Rob Walters, Maurice Boyer

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Pusey called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

RESIDENT COMMENT/REQUEST/COMPLAINT

EVERETT BUTCHER, JR.

Mr. Butcher talked about how Avondale was in the past and ways to bring the community back to the foundation basics of what this community was, can be, should be.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Tom Lowry gave the following report:

DEFINITION OF FAMILY

Tom said one of the issues he has been facing since he started is the use and occupancy certificate, which is done for a resale of a home. After reviewing the ordinance, a definition of "family" needs to be added to the ordinance to put a halt to "multi-family" dwellings and this can be done through an amendment to the present ordinance. Council approved the advertising of the amendment at the April 2005 Council meeting but wanted the Borough Solicitors approval before advertising. Glenn Diehl said he reviewed the ordinance with Tom and feels that the addition of the definition of a family will be helpful and will give you code compliance for health safety issues and it will let you know who is suppose to be in the building. Glenn said he will advertise the amendment.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

WILKINSON-DUPONT SUBDIVISION

Spoke with Joe Riper regarding adding a note to the subdivision plan stating that "no nonconforming zoning parcel would be created". Mr. Riper gave an extension until August 16, 2005 and he will resubmit the plans with the change.

BOVE SUBDIVISION

Comments were received from the Walter Barcz and Tom Lowry and Glenn discussed the subdivision plan with Council. Bob Cleveland made a motion to adopt Resolution #2005-11 approving the Bove subdivision plan subject to the following conditions:

1. Add a note to the plan identifying the above Resolution number
2. Off Street Parking be provided and shown on the plan

3. Add a note to the plan that a sidewalk will be added on lot number one upon the sale of the lot and add detail for the construction to the plan.
 4. All fees associated with the review on the plans be paid by the applicant.
- 2nd by Rose Ann Swift, motion carried. The applicant has fifteen days to resubmit the corrected plan.

SLEIMAN SUBDIVISION

Comments were received from Walter Barcz and Tom Lowry and Glenn discussed the subdivision plan with Council. The following items needs to be added to the Plans.

1. Show impervious coverage calculation.
2. Off Street Parking – show 22' from right-of-way line.
3. Sidewalk detail should show at least 4 inches of stone beneath sidewalk and extend sidewalk.
4. Show handicapped ramp at the northwest corner of Fourth and Chatham Streets.

The Secretary will contact the applicant with the changes. The Applicants has an extension until July 19, 2005.

MILLER ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Joe DiMatteo gave the following report:

Monthly Water Production – 3,407,200 gallons / average daily flow – 109,910 gallons

Monthly Effluent Flow – 14,104,000 gallons / average daily flow – 397,000 gallons

New Garden Flow – 3,955,670 gallons / average daily flow – 113,019 gallons (4/27/05 to 6/1/05)

Unaccounted Monthly Wastewater Flow – 6,741,130 gallons (47.8%)

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

- Performed three additional reading related to quarterly water billing throughout Borough.
- Installed new water meter at 109 Chatham Street.
- Shut water off and then on at 215 Pennsylvania Avenue so owner could have water line repaired inside of basement.
- Dug up curb box at 210 New Street and aligned valve so water could be shut off to residence. Turned water back on after a new water meter and fittings were installed supplied by Miller Environmental.
- Did three Pennsylvania One Call throughout Borough.
- Investigated interconnection vault from London Grove Township for possible interconnection with Borough system.
- The #2 influent pump VFD unit was repaired and reinstalled. The internal repairs were completed by manufacture at no charge as the unit was still under warranty. There was a service charge for troubleshooting removal and installation of the unit by the instrumentation firm.
- Inspected new sanitary sewer lines installed at 3 & 48 Clay Creek Road by Gaebel Construction
- Continued to attend construction meetings on a twice per month basis for the plant upgrade.

WATER LINE CONNECTION – LONDON CROFT

Spoke to London Grove Township's Engineer and found out that the vault and meter are in place but is not connected to the Borough's water system. The vault is approximately 90' away from the Borough's water main. Asked Gaebel Construction to give an estimate to connect the water line, but he will need to do exploratory work first. Joe said he will put it in writing once he has more information.

FIRE HYDRANT AT 3 CLAY CREEK ROAD

This fire hydrant has been out of service since it was installed and the water line would need to be frozen to connect the hydrant. There is no way to shut the water off coming from the reservoir. A verbal estimate of \$6,000 was received and about 70% of this cost is for the line freezing equipment. Jerry Poe asked what else are we trying to service besides the hydrant. Joe said there are 6 homes tied into the water line; one home in Avondale and the other five homes are located in London Grove Township. Russ Kilmer said that we are planning to upgrade the water system in the near future so we should not spend that kind of money to connect the hydrant. We have the hydrant at Indian Run Road to supply water to the homes in the case of a fire. After some discussion, Rose Ann Swift made a motion to remove the fire hydrant and place an "out of order" bag over the hydrant until it is removed, 2nd by Russ Kilmer, motion carried.

WATER LEAK ON MORRIS STREET BEHIND FIRE HOUSE

A water leak was discovered on the east side of Morris Alley behind the firehouse on Monday, June 20th. The leak was from an oddball size 1" service style main that as far as we know feeds the Verizon Building and the residence on the east side of the street behind the fire house. We do not know where this service style main come from but we assume it comes off First Street with no valve to shut it off. To make matter worse, the pipe that was exposed approximately 3" is in very poor condition. A few clamps were tried to stop the break and finally after going after a special outside diameter clamp we got the leak stopped but do not have a good feeling with the condition of the pipe. The fire hydrant by the First Financial Bank had to be drained to slow down the pressure to make the repair. The repair was made and restoration was not completed at this time since the pipe may not hold. Modified stone is in the hole and we want to give it a few days if there is not a leak to make restoration.

FLOW AND LOADING CONCEPT

Russ Kilmer said the Water and Sewer Committee will be discussing this issue next week at the water and sewer meeting.

HERITAGE BUILDERS LETTER

Walter Barcz said the letter needs to be put on Borough letterhead and approved by Council. Walter read the letter. Bob Cleveland made a motion to approve the letter, 2nd by Fred Bryan, motion carried.

ENTECH REPORT

Walter Barcz gave the following report

HENSON AND MAPLE STREETS

A pre-construction conference was conducted with the County on June 9, 2005. Everything except for one thing went well. The one thing was Wage Rates for the

project. The Wage Rates from the County were different from the Wage Rates which were the basis for bidding. The County explained that someone in authority at HUD, the source of funding had ruled that new Wage Rates must be used. This is a difference of \$6,135.00. Melchiorre is not willing to absorb the cost and the County may increase the Grant for the difference. After some discussion, Russ Kilmer said we should see if the County grants the difference and we can go from there. Council approved a letter to be written to the County asking for the grant increase. Bob Cleveland made a motion to approve Melchiorre to physically begin this project, 2nd by Jerry Poe, motion carried.

ADOPT RESOLUTION #2005-10 – EPA GRANT

Fred Bryan made a motion to adopt Resolution #2005-10, 2nd by Jerry Poe, motion carried. This Resolution appoints Jesse D. Pusey and Becky Brownback as authorized representatives to transact and sign any and all documents related to the securing of funds from the Federal Grant awarded to the Borough.

WALABAX PAYMENT #5

Fred Bryan made a motion to approve Walabax payment #5 in the amount of \$245,799.00, 2nd by Rose Ann Swift, motion carried.

1 MILLER DRIVE – PRESSURE SEWER

The Secretary said the pump was ordered on June 13, 2005.

MS4 STORMWATER

The annual report is being prepared.

DEP REQUEST – OLD WAWA

Walter promised to have a draft letter to the Secretary by Monday, June 27th.

TASK 016 – TAPPING FEES

Russ Kilmer made a motion to approve Entech's Task 016 for \$8,500.00, 2nd by Jerry Poe, motion carried. Council gave Walter a July 29th deadline date.

NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP

Russ Kilmer made a motion to approve the CVS and Bernard Office Building sewage planning modules, 2nd by Jerry Poe, motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fred Bryan gave the following report:

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The Finance Committee reviewed the bills to be paid and recommended that Council approve them. Fred Bryan made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, 2nd by Russ Kilmer, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Finance Committee reviewed the financial statements and recommended that Council approve them. Fred Bryan made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2nd by Russ Kilmer, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob Cleveland made a motion to approve the minutes from May 17, 2005, 2nd by Rose Ann Swift, Fred Bryan-abstained, motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Bob Cleveland gave the following report:

The Committee thanks Becky and Sandy who spent the better part of four days moving furniture and supplies from the Borough office, Sandy's office, and the Council Chamber in preparation for the installation of the new carpeting.

STREETS COMMITTEE

Bob Cleveland gave the following report:

OLD BUSINESS

1. Council received a letter from PENNDOT regarding the State Street Bridge. The horizontal clearance signs need to be reset per standards, and the deteriorating concrete deck needs to be repaired. Council has until the end of June to comply.

Streets Committee spoke with the Borough Solicitor regarding the ownership of the bridge, and he is investigating. Also, at the Committee's request, Becky spoke with the engineer who submitted the report on the condition of the bridge, and it is the engineer's opinion that the Borough, if Borough ownership is proven, may want to lower the tonnage on the bridge if pot holes develop. A further report concerning this matter will be presented to Council at the July meeting.

2. Request from residents for a crosswalk at Pomeroy Ave. and State St. is currently being reviewed and discussed as is the cost effectiveness of installing additional crosswalks at several other intersections in the Borough along with the painting and repair of the street markers at the State Street/Pennsylvania Avenue intersections. This will be discussed under new business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. There are currently 12 Abandoned/Expired/Inoperative vehicles in the Borough. Letters were sent to the residents. C.E.O. has tagged several of the vehicles.
2. Dominick collected compostables in the Borough on 13 Jun 2005.
3. Dominick & Andy cleaned the curbing, and painted curbing on Pennsylvania Avenue, and will be continuing on to State St.
4. Storm drains are scheduled to be pulled and cleaned the last week of June and first week of July.
5. Storm drains were stenciled in accordance with MS4 requirements, except Pennsylvania Avenue, and two drains on State Street.

6. Streets Committee met with A.S.C. Inc. of Chester Heights, PA and received an estimate to perform the following work:

Re-stripe existing street markings back to original design and color to include: stenciling, arrows, curbing, and single white lines, double yellow lines at the following intersections: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sts.; Pennsylvania Avenue, State St. & Pomeroy. including crosswalks at 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and State St. at Pomeroy at a cost of \$ 3400.00.

The cost of the above from Guidemark, using thermo-plastic, was between \$ 9,000-\$ 10,000.

The Streets Committee is satisfied with the estimate, there are sufficient funds in the Streets budget, and requests Council approval. If approved, work will commence in either the last week of June, or first week of July. Bob Cleveland made a motion to approve the line painting, 2nd by Russ Kilmer, motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Russ Kilmer gave the following report:

FIRE COMPANY – INSURANCE COVERAGE

Went to a fire company meeting with their insurance carrier and they have good coverage. We should not have any concern as a Borough about changing insurance vendors.

POLICE

Met with Chief Sheller and talked about trying to increase the police coverage hours and trying to stay within the budget. So far this year, we have spent half of the budget. Last week, Patrolman Anderson ticketed \$2,300 in vehicle violations and red tagged several trucks that were unsafe to be on the highway. Council discussed some of the problems in the Borough and approved two extra evening shifts for July and August. Russ will notify Chief Sheller.

PARKS AND COMPOSTING FACILITY

Pat Longen was absent from the meeting and Russ Kilmer gave the following report:

INDIAN RUN PARK

The grass is growing well. Left message for Dominick to spread out the two piles of dirt along Indian Run Road. Dominick has been very busy cleaning the streets.

POMEROY PARK

Good shape.

WATSON PARK

Purchased paint, paint remover and two chain links for the swing and play set. The paint remover works great. Got most of the graffiti off. Painted the trees and the tables. Spoke to Eddie from the creek project and he said his equipment was moved around and the lights were left on. The picnic tables that were painted have the same stuff back on again. Going to paint the tables black. Found a used Co2 cylinder from a bb gun next to broken Corona bottles near the picnic tables.

OLD BUSINESS**LONDON GROVE RUN OFF AT MILLER DRIVE**

Russ Kilmer said the work has been completed by Wilkinson. Curbs and stones were put in to direct the water run off from the resident's properties to the drainage area.

PUBLIC COMMENT**EVERETT BUTCHER, JR.**

Mr. Butcher asked Council to entertain a revision to the Rules and Regulations under Paragraph 9 (parking at the Third Street Park) and Paragraph 14 (fires in the park). President Pusey said that he will have to speak with the Parks Committee Chairman regarding the revisions. Bob Cleveland said at one time there was a Park Commission set up and it worked under the Park Committee and it functioned for ten or fifteen years and then stopped functioning. Maybe it is time to bring that back, but it would need to be coordinated with the Chairman of the Parks Committee.

HOWARD THOMPSON

Mr. Thompson said if the Henson and Maple Streets project is not started soon, then we are not going to get any money for next year.

Russ Kilmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M., 2nd by Rose Ann Swift, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary