

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 27, 2004**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fred Bryan, Jerry Poe, Bob Cleveland, Rose Ann Swift, Russ Kilmer, Jay Pusey arrived at 7:30 p.m. Absent: Ann Bush

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Jim Marlowe, Lori Walmer, Walter Barcz, Harold Brown, Howard Thompson

Vice President, Fred Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The purpose of this Special Meeting is to discuss the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion.

Rose Ann Swift made a motion to recess at 7:02 P.M. to hold the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting and Planning Commission Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

President Pusey called the meeting back to order at 7:30 P.M.

**I & I MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Jerry Poe said the Water and Sewer would like to make a recommendation to Council to give Walter Barcz authority to send the I & I Management Plan to DEP, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Bryan, motion carried.

**LETTER TO MILLER ENVIRONMENTAL – REQUEST TO CHANGE CONTRACTORS**

Bob Cleveland made a motion to send a letter to Miller Environmental expressing Councils displeasure with the charges the Borough has received in the past, and are presently receiving from their current contractor, William F. Gaebel, regarding water and sewer repairs and to request they change the contractor to Dominick DiFilippo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ Kilmer, motion carried.

**GRANTS AND LOAN**

Walter Barcz discussed the spreadsheet that is attached and they will be a permanent part of the minutes.

- (1) Alternate A shows the WWTP project moving forward with the bids received and with the benefits of \$2,192,700 in Grants, and with New Garden contributing 35% of after-grant costs = \$1,385,930.
- (2) Alternate B shows the WWTP project moving forward with the bids received and with the benefits of \$2,192,700 in Grants, but includes no contribution (yet) by New Garden.
- (3) Alternate C shows the WWTP project being delayed beyond the August 12, 2004 award deadline, then later being forced to move ahead without the Grants. It does not account for costs inflating, and supposes another PennVest 1%, 30-year Loan would be obtained. In this case, New Garden's 35% share would rise by \$767,445 to \$2,153,375.
- (4) Alternate D shows the WWTP project being delayed beyond the August 12, 2004 award deadline, then later being forced to move ahead without the Grants. It does not account for costs inflating, and supposes another PennVest 1%, 30-year Loan would be obtained. It does not (yet) include a New Garden contribution.

Besides other comparisons, it seems worthy of particular note that Alternates B and C result, within the spreadsheet's whole number rounding, in the same costs to Avondale customers. This is because Alternate C's New Garden share of \$2,153,375 is so close (98.21%) to Alternate B's total Grant amount of \$2,192,700.

Jay Pusey said if Council decides not to accept the bids, how much money would it cost to re-bid the contracts. Walter Barcz said he estimates it to be between \$5,000-10,000.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

Jerry Poe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rose Ann Swift, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary