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**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2005**

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL – Klicker, McCormick, Narcisi, Pfeiffer and Sefick. Donnelly, Haslett, Repp and Tindle were absent. Also present were Mayor Bricmont, Chief Howie, Solicitor Vogrin, Secretary Dilmore, James Protin and Ethel Howie.

President Klicker announced there was no executive session before the council meeting.

Scott Keener of the Comprehensive Plan Committee announced that the Municipal Comprehensive Plan is now completed. They are now going to reorganize the Steering Committee. There will be a Joint Planning Commission with all (3) boroughs agreeing that Avalon will handle the money. They would like to have an escrow fund to draw down on and the Commission would pay the bills. Klicker said that the other two boroughs could send Avalon their budgeted \$15,000.00 and we can add Avalon's share and set up an escrow account.

Keener said Bellevue has put council members on the committee. Dilmore said this has worked so well for the past two years and now Bellevue has decided to change the rules. Klicker said the commission has always been removed from politics now we have one council that "have their fingers in the pot".

Keener said the only member on the committee from Avalon is Thomas Michalow and Dilmore said we will send someone since each borough has two votes.

Solicitor Vogrin said he has a problem with a non-member of Council spending money without approval of Council.

MINUTES – McCormick moved:

“To accept the December 21, 2004 Council Meeting and the December 29, 2004 Adjourned Meeting.”

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS - Dilmore stated he received a letter from the Avalon Fire Company asking for a meeting to discuss a plan to correct a number of building issues at the firehall.

We received a letter from the Local Government Academy informing us that we have received a grant for \$22,500.00 to continue the zoning phase of the Tri-Borough Comprehensive Plan study.

We received a letter from the US Dept. of Commerce on the census survey that select people will be receiving. Participation is mandatory. Brochures are on the Administration counter.

We received a letter from National City Bank who acts as custodian of the Pension Plan. A new person is now in charge of our account and a meeting is requested to discuss new things in the plan.

VISITORS - Charles Cherkes with the Northgate Athletic Association would like to meet with the Parks Committee to discuss plans to use the ball field.

MAYOR – None

SEC’Y/MGR. – Dilmore stated he met with FEMA officials on the IVAN flood relief matters and went over reports, sites and estimates to be reimbursed for flood damage and restoration.

We are currently working with representatives of Maher- Duessel on the 2004 Audit.

Kress Brothers are working on the demolition on Virginia Avenue. Camera work is completed on Spruce Run sewer line. Tapes are being processed and will be turned over to the engineers.

The TAN loan transfer of funds was completed.

Dilmore asked the Solicitor what to do about closing companies closing on properties in the borough without our closing papers. Vogrin said to contact the title company and we can put a lien on the house.

SOLICITOR – Vogrin suggested the next time the Borough sells real estate they should require the buyer to close in a certain number of days.

Vogrin stated he brought the first draft of the EMS Tax Ordinance and would like Council to study it. He said anyone making less than \$12,000.00 a year would be totally exempt. Payment will not be due in full unless you earn \$12,000.00 in the particular quarter.

ENGINEER – Protin said they are reviewing CCTV tapes. They will begin manhole inspections upon authorization of Council. Avalon has (260) manholes and cost is not to exceed \$15,000.00.

The Spruce Run Sewer rehabilitation is 100% eligible for funding through FEMA.

Demolition work has begun on 6515-6521 Virginia Avenue.

FINANCE – Pfeiffer read the finance report of Jan. 18, 2005.

Pfeiffer moved:

“To pay the List of Bills, \$158,507.56.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer asked the Secretary to read the caption of the proposed Emergency & Municipal Services Ordinance.

Pfeiffer moved:

“That Ordinance No. 1290 be accepted for first & second readings.”

The Mayor asked Council to table this Ordinance because he has some issues with it in its current form.

Pfeiffer noted council did not want to do this, it is from the State Legislature.

Pfeiffer moved:

“To table proposed Ordinance No. 1290.”

CARRIED

SAFETY – Narcisi asked the Secretary to read the proposed resolution for the Police Pension Plan and give it a number.

Narcisi moved:

“To adopt Resolution No. 1012 known as the Borough of Avalon Police Pension Plan.”

RES.NO.1012

CARRIED

Narcisi moved:

“To enter into a grant with the Justice Dept. to purchase bulletproof vests on a 5yr. cycle plan. Grant is to provide 50% of purchase price of vests. The Borough will pay the remainder.”

CARRIED

Narcisi moved:

“To erect a handicapped parking sign directly behind 514 Marie Avenue in Girard Alley until May 31, 2005.”

CARRIED

Narcisi noted that the Auxiliary Police would have to disband because we are not able to buy insurance on them. The Mayor stated that we should not authorize the use of Auxiliary Police because it would expose our general fund to liability and Solicitor Vogrin agreed.

Narcisi stated that Bellevue wants to charge Avalon for use of their jail cells. Avalon Council will not ask Bellevue for the cost of our crews wages when they cover a fire in Bellevue during the day.

STREETS – Sefick moved:

“To ratify the actions of the Personnel Committee giving raises to Borough Employees for 2005.”

CARRIED

Sefick moved:

“To ratify the actions of the Safety Committee to hire Jason Davies as a part-time police officer at a pay rate of \$11.00 per hour.”

CARRIED

Sefick moved:

“To permit the Manager to apply for internship for 2005 through the local Government Academy. Local government body paying \$4.00-\$4.50 per hour during the (12) week 480hr. project. Cost of project approximately \$2,000.00.”

CARRIED

HEALTH – Sefick asked the Secretary for the third & final reading of Ord. No. 1289 the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement.

Sefick moved:

“To adopt Ord. NO. 1289, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and ask for a roll call vote.” **ORD.NO.1289**

CARRIED Unanimous vote

PARKS – McCormick moved:

“To accept the proposal of Swim America to manage the Avalon Pool for the 2005 swim season at a cost of \$47,990.00.”

McCormick asked Pfeiffer if he felt we should accept the Swim America offer. Pfeiffer replied that since Swim America lowered their price, it would be in our best interest to accept their offer. Pfeiffer said we should have a finance meeting to discuss the EMS Tax and the Surcharge on sewage and water. That is how we can justify spending the extra money for Swim America to manage the pool. We can use the surcharge money for engineers fees and repairs on the sewage system and not touch our general fund.

CARRIED

Klicker called a recess for (10) minutes for the Parks Committee to meet to discuss raising rates on shelter house and swimming pool.

The Parks Committee returned and decided not to raise rates for the swimming pool, but they will raise rates for the shelter house fee.

McCormick moved:

“To change the rates for shelter house fees. Residents will be \$100.00 and non-residents \$120.00 with \$15.00 returned for clean-up. These rates go into effect after March 1, 2005. Refunds at Managers discretion.”

CARRIED

INTER-BORO – McCormick moved:

“To permit the Borough Manager to attend the Western Executive Development Conference at Nemaquin Feb. 23-25th at a cost of \$600.00.”

CARRIED

McCormick moved:

“To permit (3) members of the Official Family to attend the Spring ALOM Conference at Seven Springs.”

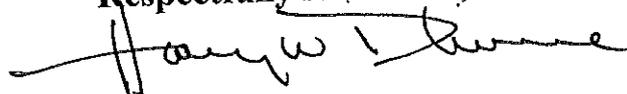
CARRIED

LIBRARY - None

Klicker announced there may be an executive session before the next council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Harry W. Dilmore, Mgr.

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**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2005**

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL – Donnelly, Haslett, Klicker, McCormick, Narcisi, Pfeiffer, Repp and Sefick. Tindle was absent.
Also present were Mayor Bricmont, Chief Howie, Solicitor Vogrin, James Protin, Secretary Dilmore and Ethel Howie.**

President Klicker noted that there was no executive session before the meeting.

McCormick moved:

“To approve the minutes from the January 18, 2005 regular council meeting.”

**CARRIED Donnelly abstained
Repp abstained**

VISITORS - Dave Natale, 636 Parkview Ave. spoke on behalf of the North Hills Panthers football team. He is concerned that the Northgate Athletic Association used the fields on Tuesday and Thursdays for fall ball and the Panthers were told to get off the fields. Then NGAA would only have maybe (6) kids play a pick-up game. He wants Council to be aware of the problem.

COMMUNICATIONS – Secretary Dilmore stated he received a letter from the West View Water Authority regarding the 2005 work projects for the Dept. of Public Works.

A letter and program booklet from PA One Call on classes for public works employees to become more aware of the system.

A letter stating that submission of application for the bullet proof vests has been completed.

We received a report on ACLA Funding Task Force. Copies given to Council for review.

A letter from Allegheny County Dept. of Human Resources regarding the Summer Lunch Program.

We also received a letter on Federal National Flood Insurance Program.

MAYOR - Mayor Bricmont expressed his regret for the resignation of Officer Richard Zilaitis.

MANAGER's REPORT = Quaker Valley COG will hold its Annual Recycling Day on May 7, 2005 from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. at the public works parking lot in Emsworth. The lot is located on Atlantic Avenue and a list of items collected will be posted.

Council met with Representative Tom Petrone and a staff member from Senator Pippy's office on various issues concerning municipal government.

Dilmore has applied to the DEP for a watershed grant application to look at monies of projects to improve conditions along our flood plain.

SOLICITOR – Vogrin stated the appeal of Jon Weston was ruled "not guilty" because the nuisance was abated. His properties on Virginia Avenue have been demolished.

Also, Vogrin has looked at Rule 5.1 creating the Eligibility List for police officers. Vogrin feels that a (1) year expiration period is grossly inadequate. Vogrin had a motion that the Commission, at its sole discretion, may void the eligibility list for any reason, but in no case should an eligibility list remain in effect for a period of time in excess of (2) years from its date of preparation.

ENGINEER – Protin stated Chester Engineers will begin manhole inspections on March 14, 2005. They will review the Borough dye testing records and the 3 Rivers Wet Weather GIS Mapping for compliance.

SAFETY – Narcisi moved:

“I move to ratify the actions of the Police Chief in hiring Scott Hodges as a part-time police officer at the rate of \$11.00/hour.”

CARRIED

Narcisi moved:

“To reappoint Kathy Wingert to the Avalon Civil Service Commission. Term to expire 12/31/2010.”

CARRIED

Mayor Bricmont then swore in Ms. Wingert.

Narcisi moved:

“I move to appoint Thomas O’Brien as an alternate to the Avalon Civil Service Commission term to expire 12/31/2010.”

CARRIED

Narcisi moved:

“To accept, with regret, the resignation of Officer Richard Zilaitis from the Avalon Police Department, effective 2/25/2005.”

CARRIED

Narcisi moved:

“To amend Rule 5.1 so that the Commission may, at its sole discretion, void the eligibility list for any reason, but in no case should an eligibility list remain in effect for a period of time in excess of (2) years from its date of preparation. Effective date is date of preparation and posting.”

CARRIED

Vogrin stated you can make the motion that it can’t become effective until the Civil Service ratifies it.

This will now be forwarded to the Civil Service Commission.

Chief Howie stated that the bullet proof vests will now cost the Borough \$350.00 each instead of \$500.00. The remainder will be covered by a grant.

Mayor Bricmont took a moment to acknowledge the passing of Nicholas Grande, the 23rd Mayor of Avalon.

FINANCE – Pfeiffer moved:

“To pay the List of Bills, \$152,914.00.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the Treasurers Report as submitted.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the Tax Collectors Report as submitted.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“That the Solicitor draft the Resolution under the Regional Asset District Law granting relief to senior citizens in the amount of \$25.00 for 2005.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To hire TruGreen Chem-lawn to do the landscaping at the Library for 2005 season at a cost of \$265.00 for the full years treatment.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer stated Council has discussed the Emergency Municipal Service Tax and we will adopt it this year, but it will not go into effect until 2006. Also discussed was the surcharge on water usage. The plan right now is to have a base rate and then charge so much per gallon. Average cost to taxpayer should be about \$30-\$40 per quarter. After the year 2010, the cost should end unless a future Council determines that it should continue.

INTER-BORO – Donnelly asked the Secretary to read the proposed resolution to appoint Michael Mckee and give it a number.

Donnelly moved:

“To adopt Resolution No. 1014 appointing Michael McKee to the Board of Appeals.” **RES.NO.1014**

CARRIED

President Klicker asked Ms. Donnelly to serve as our delegate to the Allegheny County Boroughs Association. Donnelly accepted.

Repp moved:

“To appoint Vicki Donnelly our official delegate to the Boroughs Association.”

CARRIED

STREETS – Haslett asked the Secretary to read the resolution regarding flood insurance.

Haslett moved:

“To adopt Resolution No. 1013 regarding Flood Insurance.”

CARRIED RES.NO.1013

Haslett asked the Secretary for the first & second reading of the proposed Ordinance for the issuance of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$75,000.00.

Haslett moved:

“To accept the first & second reading of Ordinance No. 1291 to enable Borough to purchase a streetsweeper.”

CARRIED ORD.NO.1291

PROPERTY – Repp stated we received bids on the new Borough Hall for general contractor and they came in high. Repp said we need to make a change.

Repp moved:

“That Marsico Corp. be discharged from any further responsibility for the new municipal construction.”

CARRIED

Klicker noted that at this point in time Marsico Corp. has been paid in full for their services.

HEALTH – None

CORP/PLANING – None

PARKS - McCormick moved:

“To have the proper officials sign the 2005 contract with Swim America for full management services at a cost not to exceed \$47,990.”

CARRIED

McCormick moved:

“To accept the Allegheny County Dept. of Human Services contract for the Summer Lunch Program for 2005. Program to run from June 13th thru Aug. 19, 2005 with a free of charge lunch for children 18yrs. and under.”

CARRIED

McCormick moved:

“To allow BABA to use the fields this summer pending an agreement with the Parks Committee.

Haslett moved “to table the motion”.

CARRIED Klicker –No

McCormick moved:

“To permit Northgate Athletic Association to use the fields for 2005.”

2 – yes 4 – no Donnelly - abstained

MOTION DENIED

Haslett made a motion “To delegate Mayor Bricmont to work with the baseball teams.”

Mayor predicted that if he is delegated to work with the teams, “there will be no ball this summer.”

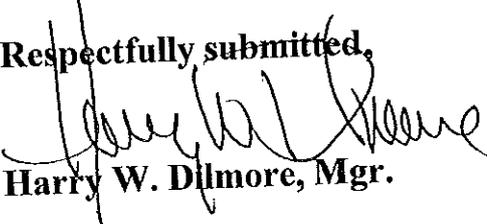
Haslett retracted his motion.

LIBRARY – Pfeiffer noted that the annual report for the Library was very good.

Klicker stated there may be an executive session before next months Council Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Harry W. Dilmore, Mgr.

Haslett

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 15, 2005**

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL – Donnelly, Haslett, Klicker, McCormick, Narcisi, Pfeiffer, Repp, Sefick and Tindle. Also present were Mayor Bricmont, Solicitor Vogrin, Chief Howie, Jim Protin and Ethel Howie.

MINUTES – McCormick moved:

“To approve the minutes from the February 15, 2005 Council Meeting.”

CARRIED

Tindle abstained

President Klicker then explained that Council had to disband the Auxiliary Police because the Borough is unable to find an insurance company for the organization. Council wanted to recognize all past and present members. The final members received a plaque as a token of the Borough’s esteem,

Mayor Bricmont then swore in Candy Guiy and Brittany Cammerotta as fire police.

COMMUNICATIONS – Dilmore stated he received a letter from the Estate of Alice Taylor asking if the Borough is interested in a piece of unimproved property that they would like to donate. Letter has been given to Solicitor Vorgrin.

Dilmore also received an E-Mail from Bellevue on border consolidation meeting dates. Meeting set for April 20th at 7:00p.m.

A letter from North Boros Panthers Football League, requesting fall field time for their organization.

A letter from PSAB on possible loss of CDBG block grants, and the effort mounting to save them.

VISITORS – Mrs. Daugherty, 116 Fisk Avenue spoke of her concern for the condition of Fisk Avenue.

Charles Cherkes of the Northgate Athletic Association appreciates Council reconsidering letting the Association use the ball field.

MAYOR – None

SEC’Y/MGR – Dilmore noted that the bulk of the work on the audit has been completed. He is meeting with the auditors to complete that report.

This year water shut-off will be April 18, 20, & 21st.

Dilmore has met with both pension plans in the past weeks and both groups were happy with their increases.

SOLICITOR – Vogrin noted he understand there is a “mold” problem at 203 S. Birmingham which is holding up the closing. That problem should be remedied shortly and if he doesn’t hear anything in the next two weeks, he will send a letter to Caroline Curtin giving a short period of time to close.

Vogrin noted that regarding the EMS tax, in Councils kindness in extending the period to December of the following year to make the payment, it appears the Borough will be cutting itself short, because if anyone who leaves before that time, you will not get that money. It is not that the employer must remit it one time, the employer need only deduct it one time a year. Vogrin asked Council to reconsider the extension period. The majority of municipalities are using April 30th.

Vogrin has also made the RAD tax effective 2006.

ENGINEER – Protin stated to hold the invoice from Macson Corp. for Semple Avenue, because we have a new problem there.

**FINANCE – Pfeiffer read the finance report of March 15, 2005.
Pfeiffer moved:**

“To pay the List of Bills, \$147,107.00.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the Treasurers Report as submitted.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the Tax Collectors Report as submitted.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To exonerate Inez Stauffer from collecting 2003 Real Estate Tax and turn it over to PA. Municipal Service for collection or liening.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To switch custody of both the uniform & non-uniform pension plans to the Bank of New York.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer asked the Secretary for the first & second reading of the proposed Ordinance providing for the establishment of a program of property tax relief and give it a number.

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the first & second reading of Ordinance No. 1292.”

Klicker -

CARRIED

ORD.NO.1292

SAFETY – Narcisi moved:

“To accept the resignation of Bernard Kersting, Jr. from the position of police clerk. Resignation effective March 31, 2005.”

CARRIED

Narcisi said that the last meeting of Northwest 911 is March 22nd, but this is also a Special Council Meeting, and he wanted to know which meeting Council wanted him to attend. Tindle stated he would go to the Northwest meeting and Narcisi could go to the council meeting. President Klicker thanked Narcisi for attending ten of the last twelve meetings at Northwest.

Narcisi also commended Chief Howie and the police department for arresting a counterfeiter passing money in Avalon.

Mayor Bricmont said he had a question about a towing issue and he wanted to thank Chief Howie for doing a great job having people come in and educate the Safety Committee about it.

INTER-BORO - None

STREETS – Haslett asked the Secretary for the 3rd & final reading of Ord. No. 1291 for the issuance of a General Obligation note and ask for a roll call vote.

Haslett moved:

“To adopt Ord. No. 1291 for the issuance of a general obligation note for \$75,000.00.”

Solicitor Vogrin stated that we may need DCED’s approval on this and Dilmore said he spoke with Angie Hicks from AIM and she said we do need DCED’s approval, but she doesn’t see a problem once we have the solicitor’s opinion letter and the ordinance that has been passed this evening.

Vote was unanimous

CARRIED

Ord. No. 1291

Solicitor Vogrin said now that everyone has voted the Manager must prepare a "certification of vote" indicating the name and the vote of each councilman.

Haslett asked the Secretary to read the proposed resolution authorizing the execution of a note pursuant to Ord. No. 1291 and give it a number.

Haslett moved:

"To adopt Resolution No. 1015 authorizing the execution of a note pursuant to Ord. No. 1291."

CARRIED

Haslett asked the Secretary to read and give a number to a proposed resolution with PennDot. This Agreement is for sweeping of state road section on Union & New Brighton Road for the 2005-2006-2007 seasons at a reimbursement of \$624.00 per year.

Haslett moved:

"To adopt Resolution No. 1016 to sweep state roads Union Ave. and New Brighton Road."

CARRIED

PROPERTY – None

HEALTH – Donnelly moved:

"To change the May 17, 2005 Council Meeting to Wednesday, May 18, 2005 due to election day."

CARRIED

Donnelly moved:

“To participate in regional flow monitoring with the 3 Rivers Wet Weather Monitoring Working Group, and to be included in the flow monitoring plan.”

CARRIED

CORP/PLANNING – None

President Klicker asked for volunteers to attend the April 20th meeting with Bellevue to discuss border consolidation. Repp, Tindle and Sefick offered to attend the meeting.

PARKS – McCormick moved:

“To allow the Northgate Athletic Association the use of Avalon ball fields for the spring season with a signed agreement. Days will be Monday night & Saturday.”

CARRIED

Haslett-No

McCormick moved:

“To allow BA/BA the use of Avalon ball fields for the spring season on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with a signed agreement.”

CARRIED

Haslett-No

McCormick stated that next year the fields may be useless and the ball teams should find another field to use.

McCormick moved:

“To permit the Northgate Winter Guard boosters to operate the concession stand at the Avalon Pool for the 2005 season.”

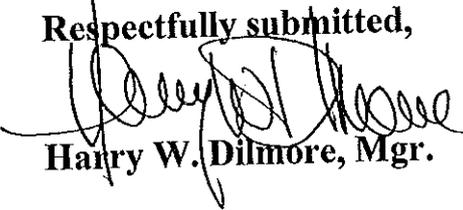
CARRIED

LIBRARY – Pfeiffer stated the library employees completed their sessions with Duquesne University.

4TH OF JULY – Klicker said we will celebrate 4th of July on Monday, March 21, 2005, rain date will be following Saturday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Harry W. Dilmore, Mgr.

**AVALON BOROUGH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 22, 2005**

Franus opened the bids for General Construction & Demolition:

Modany-Falcone, Inc.	10% Bid Bond	\$1,233,000.
Palmer Construction	10% Bid Bond	\$1,150,000.
Repal Construction	10% Bid Bond	\$1,136,000.

Painting Bids:

Allegheny Gen'l. Contr.	10% Bid Bond	\$ 26,700.
Patrinos Painting	10% Bid Bond	\$ 29,700.

**ROLL CALL – Donnelly, Klicker, McCormick, Narcisi, Pfeiffer, Repp, and Sefick. Tindle and Haslett were absent.
Also present were Secretary Dilmore, Dan Franus and Mayor Bricmont.**

Repp moved:

“To accept the bid of \$1,136,000. from Repal Construction for General Contractor for the new municipal building.”

CARRIED

Repp moved:

“To accept the bid of \$176,200. from Marsa, Inc. for the Masonry Contract.”

CARRIED

Repp moved:

“To accept the bid of \$68,892. from Window Systems, Inc. for windows.”

CARRIED

Repp moved:

“To accept the bid of \$177,725. From RAM Corp. for Drywall and Acoustics.”

CARRIED

Repp moved:

“To accept the bid of \$49,034. from Heritage Place Galleries for flooring.”

CARRIED

Repp moved:

“To accept the bid of \$26,700. from Allegheny General Contracting for painting.”

CARRIED

Repp moved:

“To accept the bid of \$123,376. From A. A. Samuels Co. for Heat and Air Conditioning.”

CARRIED

Repp moved:

“To accept the bid of \$88,800. from Babich Plumbing for the plumbing

CARRIED

Repp moved:

“To accept the bid of \$234,900. From Fallon Electric for the electric contract.”

CARRIED

Repp moved:

“To accept the bid of \$29,200 from Allegheny City Electric for the audio visual contract.”

CARRIED

Repp moved:

“To accept the bid of \$21,000 from Allegheny City Electric for the security system.”

CARRIED

Repp moved:

“To authorize Dan Franus to draw up contracts for all of the bids awarded tonight.”

CARRIED

The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Harry W. Dilmore, Mgr.

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**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 19, 2005**

McCormick opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL – Donnelly, Haslett, Klicker, McCormick, Narcisi, Repp, Sefick and Tindle. Pfeiffer was absent.
Also present were Chief Howie, Joseph Vogrin, Richard Canciello, James Protin, Harry W. Dilmore and Ethel Howie.**

Solicitor Vogrin stated he called an Executive Session before the meeting. He was present for the entire session to discuss litigation and it was in full compliance with the sunshine act.

MINUTES – Narcisi moved:

“To approve the minutes from the March 15, 2005 Council Meeting.”

CARRIED

Narcisi moved:

“ To approve the minutes from the March 22, 2005 Special Council Meeting.”

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS – Dilmore stated he received a letter from the North Boros Panthers requesting field time for the fall season.

A letter from the DCED on availability of Pennvest monies for infrastructure projects and they enclosed the guideline handbook.

A letter from Ben Avon Borough on Spruce Run Sewer project. Letters were exchanged with Bellevue and we have progress on the project.

A letter from DCED, Harrisburg that the Tri-Boros Comprehensive Plan Grant has been completed and officially closed out.

A letter from Cathleen Komorski requesting an Appeals Hearing with Council on a denial from the Zoning Board.

A letter requesting "Best 2 Weeks of Summer" program to run from July 18th-July 29th this year.

A letter from Chief Adams of the Emsworth Volunteer Fire Dept. thanking Council for the use of the abandoned building on California Avenue for training.

A letter from Columbia Hose & Ladder Company requesting assistance at their May 25th parade.

A letter from the Avalon Police Association regarding Council's intentions to commence collective bargaining for contract negotiations for 2006.

A request from Avalon Elementary School to waive fees for class picnics.

VISITORS – None

MAYOR – None

SEC'Y/MGR – Dilmore stated that they had the second negotiation meeting with Comcast on April 5, 2005. Progress is being made and Attorney Cohen will send us the minutes.

Dilmore met with Options Risk Mgt, our workers compensation provider. They outlined this years safety meeting topics, procedures for reporting accidents and hazards, and identified some improvements to job applications.

We met with the staff person from Rep. Melissa Hart's office on possibility of grants or programs that might be available to Council through her office.

SOLICITOR – Vogrin stated he sent in the AIM opinion letter on the street sweeper subject to receiving the approval of the Department of Economic Development which has not been received yet.

Also, there is an appeal to Council from a denial by the Zoning Hearing Board. You take that to the Court of Common Pleas and you have a 30 days window from the date of the Boards decision.

ENGINEER – See report

FINANCE – Repp read the Finance Report of April 19, 2005.

Repp moved:

“To accept the Treasurers Report as submitted.”

CARRIED

Repp moved:

“To pay the List of Bills, \$139,310.00.”

CARRIED

Repp moved:

“To accept the Tax Collectors Report as submitted.”

CARRIED

Repp asked the Secretary for the third & final reading of Ord. No. 1292, the Senior Citizen Tax Rebate Ordinance and ask for a roll call vote.

Repp moved:

“To adopt Ord. No. 1292, the Senior Citizen Tax Rebate Ordinance.”

Unanimous vote

CARRIED

Repp asked the Secretary to read the proposed resolution setting forth the maximum gentrification rebate and give it a number.

Repp moved:

“To adopt Resolution No. 1018 setting forth the maximum gentrification rebate for 2006 in the amount of \$25.00 pursuant to Ord. No. 1292.”

CARRIED

SAFETY – Narcisi commended Chief Howie for requesting the parking meters certified to be sure they are accurate. Narcisi said that when Mayor Bricmont is out of office he and Narcisi want to get people together to form an ad hoc group to address deteriorating properties in the Borough.

Narcisi asked the Secretary for the first & second reading of the proposed ordinance regarding the maintenance of the Borough Employees and Police Pension Plans & give it a number.

Narcisi moved:

“To accept the first & second reading of Ord. No. 1293 regarding the Borough Employees & Police Pension Plans.”

CARRIED

INTER-BORO – Tindle asked the Secretary to read the proposed resolution supporting the PSAB’S effort to stop elimination of Community Development Block Grants & give it a number.

Tindle moved:

“To adopt Resolution No. 1017 to stop the elimination of Community Development Block Grants.”

CARRIED

STREETS - Haslett moved:

“To award a \$200.00 stipend to each employee that was accident free and worked for the full year of 2004 and is still employed by the Borough and does not hold an elected office.”

CARRIED

Haslett noted we will pick up the street sweeper as soon as we get the approval from the DCED.

We also received a letter from Teamsters Local #249 to negotiate a new contract with the Dept. of Public Works.

PROPERTY – Repp moved:

“To hire Harry J. Dilmore as Project Superintendent of the Avalon Municipal Building Project at a cost of \$30.00 per hour.”

CARRIED

HEALTH – Donnelly moved:

“That Council accept the “Memorandum of Understanding” with 3 Rivers Wet Weather to provide direction with the terms of the Administrative Consent Order.”

CARRIED

CORP/PLANNING – Sefick stated that Council needs to decide on a franchise fee before the next Comcast meeting.

PARKS – McCormick stated that the pool rates will stay the same as last year.

McCormick moved:

“To allow Northminster Presbyterian Church the right to hold “The Best Two Weeks of Summer” program at the Avalon Park July 18th thru July 29, 2005.”

CARRIED

McCormick moved:

“To waive fees for class picnics for the Avalon Elementary School.”

CARRIED

McCormick moved:

“To allow the North Boro Panthers the use of the fields from July 23rd thru November 7, 2005 at night 5:30-8:30p.m.”

CARRIED

President Klicker said that the Panthers cannot use the field behind the shelter house.

LIBRARY – Klicker stated that the Library received a preliminary report from the state for increased funding next year.

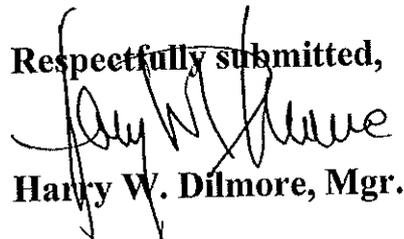
4th OF JULY – Fireworks will be on July 4th with a rain date on July 9th.

Klicker noted there may be an executive session before the next meeting.

Donnelly stated that Avalon received a check for \$35,863.00 from our Workers Compensation provider.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Harry W. Dilmore, Mgr.

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 18, 2005**

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Solicitor Canciello stated that he called an Executive Session before the meeting. He was present for the entire session to discuss possible litigation and it was in full compliance with the sunshine act.

**ROLL CALL – Donnelly, Haslett, Klicker, McCormick, Narcisi, Pfeiffer, Repp and Tindle. Sefick was absent.
Also present were Richard Canciello, Mayor Bricmont, Chief Howie, Chryssa Stanislaw, Harry W. Dilmore and Ethel Howie.**

MINUTES – Tindle moved:

“To approve the minutes from the April 19, 2005 Regular Council Meeting.”

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS – Dilmore stated he was given a letter from District Attorney Stephen Zappala’s office informing the Borough on mutual aid agreements.

A letter from Allegheny County Dept. of Emergency Services asking for a list of vacant properties in Avalon. List was forwarded to County.

A letter from PEMA that grant applications deadlines for the Hazard Mitigation Program or Declaration 1555 (Frances) or 1557 (Ivan) have been extended 180 days.

Dilmore received a letter and guidebook on Pennworks Program for 2005. These monies are designated for economic development projects.

A letter from Allegheny County Chief Executive’s Office on the 2005 Municipal Tour Schedule on August 18, 2005.

A letter from Allegheny County urging municipalities & school districts to adopt the Homestead Exemption Act.

A letter from COG on voting to be “in or out” of CDBG program for 2006-07-08.

VISITORS – None

MAYOR - Narcisi asked the Mayor to swear-in Officer Hodges and William McChesney, the Building Inspector.

MANAGER - Dilmore noted that council people who received (10) year award letters are to contact him as to whether or not they will attend the ceremony in Hershey.

Dilmore has a report & guidelines from PennDot on municipalities giving initial inspections to bridges over waterways after high water occurrences.

We completed the Governor’s Land Use Report and submitted it to Harrisburg.

The Liquid Fuels Reports were filed in March and we received confirmation that Borough’s share is \$80,238.34.

SOLICITOR – Solicitor Canciello stated that there has been a big change in the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation law and he will have to check to see how it affects Avalon Borough.

ENGINEER – See report at the end of minutes.

FINANCE – See report at the end of minutes.

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To pay the List of Bills, \$297,836.48.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer stated we have the proposed ordinance for the sewer surcharge fees. This surcharge will be used to offset administrative costs and Wet Weather costs. There also must be a “sunset clause” in the ordinance. There will be a special council meeting on June 2, 2005 for the first and second reading of this ordinance.

SAFETY – Narcisi asked the Secretary for the third & final reading of Ordinance No. 1293 regarding the Borough Employees and Police Pension Plans.

Narcisi moved:

“To adopt Ordinance No. 1293 and ask for a roll call vote.”

Vote was unanimous CARRIED ORD.NO. 1293

Narcisi moved:

“To erect a handicapped parking sign in the vicinity of 621 Parkview Avenue and has been evaluated by Chief Howie.”

CARRIED McCormick-No

Narcisi moved:

“To approve the purchase of emergency jackets for the fire department, Borough Manager, and the Mayor. These jackets will remain the property of Avalon and cost not to exceed \$4,800.00. If anyone wishes to purchase one, they may do so.”

CARRIED

INTER-BORO – Tindle moved:

“To rescind Avalon Borough Council’s previous motion to participate with Bellevue Borough and DCED for a border consolidation study.”

CARRIED

Tindle moved:

“To request assistance from the DCED to conduct a study identifying and developing ideas that would mutually benefit both Avalon and Bellevue in the area of shared services.”

No - Tindle, Donnelly, McCormick, Narcisi

Yes - Haslett, Klicker, Pfeiffer, Repp

TIED VOTE

Mayor Bricmont broke the tie by voting ‘No’

MOTION DEFEATED

Tindle moved:

“I move to be included in the Allegheny County CDBG Program for 2006-2007-2008.”

CARRIED

STREETS – Haslett moved:

“To hire Jonathon Pfeiffer of 232 McKinley Avenue as an employee of the Avalon Dept. of Public Works under the summer work program at the rate of \$8.50 per hour.”

CARRIED Pfeiffer abstained

Haslett moved:

“To hire Steven Zurbach of 12B Sedalia Avenue as an employee of the Avalon Dept. of Public Works under the summer work program at the rate of \$8.00 per hour.”

CARRIED Haslett abstained

Haslett moved:

“To hire Garrett Miller of 109 Grant Avenue as an employee of the Avalon Dept. of Public Works under the summer work program at the rate of \$8.00 per hour.”

CARRIED Repp - No

Haslett moved:

“To have the Secretary advertise for a full-time public works department position.”

CARRIED

Haslett moved:

“To approve the Borough of Avalon Sanitary Sewer Overflow Response Plan.”

CARRIED

CORP/PLANNING – Haslett moved:

“To send the PIRMA renewal application to enable them to work up a cost estimate for 2006 general liability insurance program.”

CARRIED

PROPERTY – Repp noted there is progress on the new Borough Building.

HEALTH - Donnelly stated she is contacting different agencies to discuss and review their services.

Dilmore noted we will use the option year in our garbage contract.

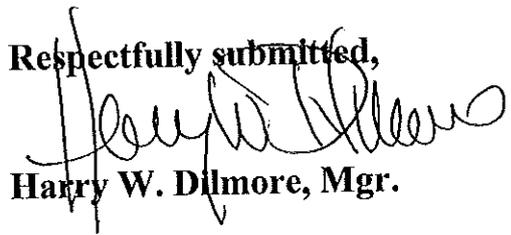
PARKS – McCormick stated the pool will open May 28th.

LIBRARY – Pfeiffer stated the Library received a \$2,400 grant from ACLA. Also, they will need a new board member for next year. Also, circulation and patron use has tripled in the last (3) years.

4th of JULY – Klicker stated this may be the last year for fireworks. Insurance and fireworks are too expensive.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Harry W. Dilmore, Mgr.

**BOROUGH OF AVALON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 2, 2005**

ROLL CALL – Donnelly, Haslett, Klicker, McCormick, Narcisi, Pfeiffer, Repp, Sefick and Mayor Bricmont. Tindle was absent.

VISITORS – None

Pfeiffer asked the Secretary for the first & second reading of the proposed Ordinance setting the sewer surcharge fees and give it a number.

Secretary Dilmore noted that Section 8 has been added to the Ordinance stating that this ordinance will expire in its entirety exactly (5) years from the date of enactment unless renewed by Council.

Mayor Bricmont objected to the “unless renewed by Council” at the end of Section 8. Council then agreed to delete it from the Ordinance.

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the first & second reading of Ordinance No. 1294 as amended.”

CARRIED

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry W. Dilmore, Mgr.

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**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 21, 2005**

Solicitor Canciello stated he called an Executive Session before this meeting regarding possible litigation. He was present for the entire session and it was in full compliance with the sunshine act.

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL – Donnelly, Haslett, Klicker, Narcisi, Pfeiffer and Repp. McCormick, Sefick and Tindle were absent. Also present were Solicitor Canciello, Mayor Bricmont, Chief Howie, Tom Pruzak, Manager Dilmore and Ethel Howie.

Avalon Council presented Ron and Shirley Franck with a clock to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Avalon Pharmacy.

Pfeiffer moved:

“To approve the minutes from the May 18, 2005 Council Meeting.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To approve the minutes from the June 2, 2005 Special Council Meeting.”

CARRIED

VISITORS – None

COMMUNICATIONS – Dilmore stated we received a letter from the Allegheny County Health Dept. on (2) violations at the pool, but they have been corrected.

A letter from Bellevue Borough (with their Solicitors opinion), on payment of repairs to the street sweeper and review of the contract.

A letter from the residents of the 500 block of Florence Avenue requesting painted lines for parking.

A letter from the Teamsters Local 249 that Mediator Robert Lavery has been appointed to serve in case of a deadlock during negotiations.

A letter from the North Suburban Chamber of Commerce on placing a banner for sidewalk days across California & Home Ave.

MAYOR'S REPORT – None

MANAGER'S REPORT – Dilmore stated we are in receipt of the required annual report to HUD on \$1.00 sales program. All information has been filed properly and Avalon is once again eligible for the 2005-2006 program.

Dilmore sent a letter to Waste Management exercising the option year for the garbage contract. This will terminate 12/31/2006.

Dilmore received a report on sewer manhole elevations from 3Rivers Wet Weather. Report was partial and work ongoing. Report to date was partial to meet standard for deadlines.

SOLICITOR - Canciello stated that a motion we made at a prior council meeting to appoint TALX Employer Services as borough attorney regarding unemployment compensation. At that time he stated you must have an attorney representing a governmental agency, but a few days ago the Governor signed a bill stating it is no longer required.

ENGINEER – See report at the end of minutes.

**FINANCE – See report at the end of minutes.
Pfeiffer moved:**

“To accept the Tax Collectors report as submitted.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the Treasurers Report as submitted.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To pay the List of Bills, \$332,872.09.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer asked the Secretary for the 3rd & final reading of Ord. No. 1294 Setting the Sewer Charge Fees.”

Pfeiffer moved:

“To adopt Ordinance No. 1294 and ask for a roll call vote.”

Vote was unanimous

CARRIED

ORD.NO.1294

SAFETY – Narcisi moved:

“To ratify the actions of the Safety Committee to hire Officer Richard Kadlecik as a full-time police officer effective July 3, 2005 subject to completion of his probationary period.”

Klicker stated a time line has not been established for the police list to be valid. Should that be established before voting for a new police officer?

Council took a five minute recess to look up Civil Service Rules.

The Solicitor and the Mayor agreed we should go ahead with the vote.

CARRIED

Mayor Bricmont then swore in Officer Kadlecik.

INTER-BORO – None

STREETS – Haslett moved:

“To allow the North Suburban Chamber of Commerce to hang their festival banner across California & Home Avenue for sidewalk sale days, July 14, 15, & 16. Banner to be hung June 30th.”

CARRIED

Haslett moved:

“To send the Manager to the LTAP Workshop on municipal public works management on July 13, 2005 at a cost of \$35.00.”

CARRIED

Haslett moved:

“To authorize the Solicitor to draft an Intergovernmental Working Agreement for the rehabilitation of the Joint Spruce Run Sewer Project.”

CARRIED

Haslett moved:

“To pay one-half of the \$9,478.05 estimated invoice from Golden Equipment Co. for the old street sweeper with the full expectation that the contract will be honored as it is written unless other arrangements are made in the future.”

Narcisi abstained

**CARRIED Haslett - No
Donnelly –No**

PROPERTY – Repp moved:

“To release \$5,950.00 from the Calhoun Fire Escrow Account to Shawn Calhoun approved by Building Inspection Underwriters.”

CARRIED

Repp asked the Secretary to read the proposed resolution asking the proper officials to take the necessary steps to acquire property designated as lot 214-M-12 and give it a number.”

Repp moved:

“To adopt Resolution No. 1018 to acquire property 214-M-12, known as (1) Fernleaf Street.”

CARRIED RES.No.1018

Repp asked the Secretary to read the proposed resolution authorizing proper officials to take the necessary action to refund the bid bond of Caroline Curtin due to her ill-health & authorize the resale of 203 S. Birmingham Avenue and give it a number.”

Repp moved:

“To adopt Resolution No. 1019 to refund Caroline Curtin her bid bond & authorize the resale of 203 S. Birmingham Avenue.”

CARRIED RES.No.1019

Repp moved:

“To re-advertise the sale of 203 S. Birmingham Ave. with a minimum bid of \$25,000.00. Bids to be opened on July 11, 2005 at 7:00p.m. in Avalon Council Chambers. All bids to be received at Managers office by 4:00p.m.EST on July 11, 2005.”

CARRIED

HEALTH – Donnelly will have a meeting at 6:30p.m. on June 27th.

CORP/PLANNING – Haslett moved:

“To accept the scope of work as outlined in the EPD transmittal sheet to the Tri-Boros Comprehensive Planning Committee.”

CARRIED

PARKS – Repp moved:

“To permit the Avalon Volunteer Fire Co. to use the property in the park adjacent to the elementary school for their yearly carnival event, July 6,7,8 & 9,”

CARRIED

LIBRARY – Pfeiffer noted there will be a concert at the Library on the lawn on July 1st at 7:00p.m.

Mayor thanked Secretary Dilmore for the excellent job he did for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new borough building.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Harry W. Dilmore, Mgr.