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**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 18, 2006**

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

ROLL CALL – Donnelly, Klicker, McCormick, Michalow, Narcisi, Pfeiffer and Sefick. Martin and Repp were absent. Also present were Solicitor Canciello, Mayor Haslett, Chief Howie, Mark Scally, Secretary Dilmore and Ethel Howie.

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

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the minutes from the June 20, 2006 regular council meeting.”

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS – Dilmore noted he received a letter from Kilbuck Twp. regarding the multi-regional police dept. Dilmore wrote to Mr. Frew and said Avalon would not be attending.

A letter from WTAE TV requesting information and it has been referred to our solicitor.

A letter from our Solicitor confirming that the Taylor property has been granted tax exemption status.

A letter from North Boros Chamber of Commerce asking for volunteers to help with sidewalk sales days in Bellevue.

VISITORS – None

MAYOR – Haslett commended Chief Howie and his department for the help for helping the residents of the Tiffany Apartments when the air conditioning in the broke down during the heat wave.

SEC'Y/MGR – Dilmore attended the CDBG workshop yesterday intended to upgrade skills on grant applications.

Dilmore is working on surveys and completion of CDBG yr. 33 grant application for the Aug. 11th deadline.

We received the closeout letters for all grants associated with the library project and confirmed with DCED all audits and interest payments have been completed.

Completed arrangements with Waste Management on dumpsters for clean-up days to be setup in conjunction with the Quality of Life Committee.

SOLICITOR – Canciello stated that WTAE-TV wanted to know if Avalon employed any lobbyists in 2003. Dilmore stated the Borough is not aware of lobbyists working for Avalon at any time.

Canciello asked Dilmore if 203 S. Birmingham Ave. transferred today and Dilmore stated that Mr. White picked up his letter today and we assume the property transferred.

Also, when Labor & Industry gives the okay, we will distribute monies to the subcontractors that worked for Babich Plumbing.

ENGINEER – See report at end of minutes.

FINANCE – Pfeiffer read the Finance Report of July 18, 2006.-

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, \$205,390.54.

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To authorize the Manager to take an amount equal to the TAN Loan and purchase a CD redeemable prior to payment date of TAN Loan at National City Bank at rate of 5.23%.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the proposal of Bussard, Inc. for maintenance of the rooftop heating & cooling units at Borough Building at a cost of \$2,300.00 for one year.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the proposal of Bussard, Inc. for maintenance of the heating & cooling units at the Avalon Library at a cost of \$2,450.00 for one year.”

Pfeiffer moved:

“To allow the Finance Committee to ascertain the job of researching the best company to bill for sewage and surcharge.”

CARRIED

SAFETY – Narcisi moved:

Ask the Secretary to read the proposed Resolution to comply with PA Emergency Management Services & give it a number.

Narcisi moved:

“To adopt Resolution No. 1030 complying with PA Emergency Management Services Code.”

CARRIED

Narcisi moved:

“To update information for the National Flood Insurance Program and re-designate the proper officials to implement regulations and programs.”

CARRIED

Narcisi moved:

“To accept Richard Kadlecik as a full-time police officer in the Avalon Police Dept. having completed his review and probationary period.”

CARRIED

INTER-BORO – None

STREETS – None

PROPERTY – None

HEALTH – McCormick moved:

“To accept the bid of Waste Management for the 2007-2009 solid waste contract. Pricing as set forth in contract and contract to run from January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2009 with an option for (2) additional years agreeable to both parties.”

CARRIED

CORP/PLANNING – Michalow stated the the new voting machines have been corrected.

PARKS – Sefick moved:

“To accept the Concurrent Resolution Attachment A for CDBG year 33 grant applications for \$18,000.00 for handicapped walk ramps.”

CARRIED

Sefick moved:

“To accept the Concurrent Resolution Attachment A for CDBG year 33 grant applications for \$35,000.00 for Duff Alley Reconstruction.”

CARRIED

LIBRARY – Pfeiffer noted there will be music on the lawn at the Library on Friday evening.

4th OF JULY – Connie Rankin stated there is an account balance of \$3,800.00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Harry W. Dilmore, Mgr.

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**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2006**

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

ROLL CALL – Donnelly, Martin, McCormick, Michalow, Narcisi, Pfeiffer, Repp and Sefick. Klicker was absent.

Also present were Solicitor Canciello, Chief Howie, Mark Scally, Manager Dilmore, and Ethel Howie. Haslett was absent.

There was executive session before the meeting and Canciello noted that the session dealt with personnel and litigation issues. There will be another executive session before the September council meeting.

MINUTES – Sefick moved;

“To approve the minutes from the July 18, 2006 Regular Council Meeting.”

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS – Dilmore stated he received a letter from IRM and a check for damages to the 1985 pumper fire truck.

Dilmore received a schedule & application forms for council members planning on attending the 2006 League of Municipalities Fall Conference.

A letter from MEIT on free health risk screenings for borough employees.

A letter from FEMA stating that Avalons projects as a result of IVAN have been closed out and final payment made to the borough.

VISITORS – Jackie Yurkovich of Grandview Avenue is concerned about the condition of properties on Grandview.

Kevin Yurkovich spoke regarding the new fire siren.

Carlo Finotti, 800 Malvern Rd. would like to start a crime watch for his neighborhood.

MAYOR – None

SEC’Y/MGR – Dilmore noted that we are working with Chester Engineering on the follow-up work associated with 3RWW project. The monitoring crew are dye testing on houses that are suspected failures during visual inspections and preparing to restart camera work once a contractor is hired.

We completed NIMS training and collecting tests from councilpersons who attended class at Quaker Valley High School to forward them to FEMA.

SOLICITOR – Canciello stated he prepared a large amount of paperwork for Avalon Library to send to the IRS. Also, he will file with the court to get money back for the Borough regarding 203 S. Birmingham Avenue now that it is tax exempt.

Pfeiffer asked the Borough Manager for the reading of the proposed ordinance authorizing the incurring on nonelectoral debt for the Borough by the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$1,565,000.00 and give it a number.

Pfeiffer moved:

“To approve the reading of Ordinance No. 1307.”

Unanimous Vote CARRIED ORD.NO. 1307

Above ordinance was advertised by Bond Counsel.

There was a (5) minute recess.

ENGINEER – See report at the end of minutes.

FINANCE – Pfeiffer read the finance report of August 15, 2006.

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, \$187,643.11.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer asked the Secretary for the first & second reading of proposed ordinance authorizing Jordan Tax Service to assess a penalty on past due sewage and give it a number.

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the first & second reading of Ordinance No. 1308.”

CARRIED ORD. NO. 1308

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the bid of Tri-State Maintenance for \$68,910.00 for camera work for Borough to meet the specifications set forth by 3RWW.”

CARRIED

PARKS – Sefick noted that many people have added childrens names to pool applications to get more pool passes. The Administrative Office will be looking very closely at this next season.

SAFETY – Narcisi moved:

“To accept the National Incident Management System (NIMS) regulations and participate in keeping a current and evolving plan of emergency management.”

CARRIED

Narcisi moved:

“To hire Kimberly Reilly, 115 N. Jackson Ave., Bellevue, PA as a school crossing guard at the rate of \$9.50 per hour contingent upon a background check.”

Narcisi moved:

“To Table the above motion.”

CARRIED

INTER – BORO – None

STREETS – Repp stated the parking lot will be ready very soon and parking meters will be ordered shortly.

Donnelly moved:

“To accept the 2006-2007 Winter Road Season Municipal Snow Agreement with PennDot for plowing & salting on state roads that pass thru Avalon, except Ohio River Blvd.”

CARRIED

Donnelly moved:

“To accept the bid of \$20,515.00 from Pompei & Sons, Inc. of 1 Pompei Lane, Bentleyville, PA 15314, for the repaving of Orchard Avenue at Chestnut St. replacing road surface damaged in the water main break. Council received (2) bids from this project.”

CARRIED

PROPERTY – None

HEALTH – None

CORP/PLANNING – Michalow noted that people are needed for the Planning Commission.

Michalow moved:

“To have Avalon Borough enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with Bellevue & Ben Avon Boroughs for the development & implementation of joint municipal planning projects.”

CARRIED

Michalow moved:

“To accept the cable agreement between Comcast & Avalon Borough, the term ending December 31, 2016.”

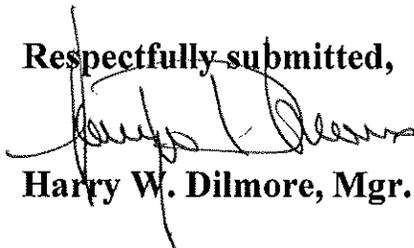
CARRIED

LIBRARY – None

4th of JULY – Connie Rankin stated that \$3,000.00 was put in a CD.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry W. Dilmore", written over the printed name below.

Harry W. Dilmore, Mgr.

Approved

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**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2006**

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

ROLL CALL – Donnelly, Martin, McCormick, Michalow, Narcisi, Pfeiffer, Repp, Sefick and Klicker.

Also present were Solicitor Canciello, Chief Howie, Mark Scally, Manager Dilmore, Ethel Howie and Judith Brogan.

MINUTES – Repp moved;

“To approve the minutes from the August 15, 2006 Regular Council Meeting.”

CARRIED - Klicker abstained

COMMUNICATIONS - Dilmore received a letter from Allegheny County Health & Sanitation Department regarding consent order extension.

A letter from Spencer and Friends cancelling the October 22 Dog Fair. The fair will be rescheduled for the Spring of 2007.

A letter from the RAD board regarding the Free Rad Week. He encouraged the council to pass the flyers and information onto residents pointing out that the activities are free.

VISITORS – Former Mayor Dan Bricmont praised and thanked Ethel Howie for her many years of service to the Borough and wished her the best of luck on her retirement and shared his memories with the council.

Mayor Haslett - Reported on his first Mayor’s Association meeting. The meetings were long but informative covering topics such as the use

of radar, the use of illegal aliens in the Boroughs, increase in ticket money for Boroughs and a report from the Ethics Department.

SEC'Y/MGR – Dilmore stated that he forwarded, at Council's request, the potential legislation on the Animals at Large Ordinance and Recreational Fires regulations and discussed them with the Solicitor.

Worked with Solicitor and Bond Council on completion of paperwork and filings on refinancing of Bond Issue from 1999. Closing was completed on September 19, 2006 and the money will be deposited in the construction account on Thursday, September 21, 2006

Contacted and filed with Mockenhaupt Assoc. the information needed for the calculations of the 2007 MMO for the police and the non-uniformed Pension plans due September 30th. Received calculations back in time for budget planning.

Working with the Quality of Life committee to organize "Dumpster Day" on September 30th from 8:00 to 4:00 P.M. Ads have been run in the "Citizen" and the office has received "a good number of calls." He asked for volunteers.

Vickie Donnelly volunteered to help.

Klicker suggested that the police patrol the area the night before and during the day to assure compliance of what is acceptable to put in the dumpster.

Letter from ACHD regarding Administrative Consent order request for deficiency extension. Letter forwarded to Streets.

Letter from QVCOG on the annual Salt Meeting to discuss the 2006-2007 arrangements with North American Salt. Letter forwarded to Streets. Keith to attend meeting.

SOLICITOR CANCEILLO – noted the Borough would be getting the money from the transfer of the property at 203 S. Birmingham Street from Northgate School District because of the tax exempt status of property prior to sale.

ENGINEER continued - Klicker asked what percentage of properties are disconnected in compliance with the dye test. Scally and Dilmore agreed that it is approximately 66%.

FINANCE – Pfeiffer read the finance report of September 2006.

Pfeiffer moved:

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

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the Tax Report as submitted.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To pay the List of Bills, \$289,037.90.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To grant Power of Attorney to TALX EMPLOYER SERVICE in all unemployment matters.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer asked the secretary for the third and final reading of Ord. No. 1308 and ask for a roll call vote.”

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 1308.”

CARRIED

Ord. No. 1308

PARKS - Sefick asked if it is possible to use the dirt from behind the shelter on the playing field. Permission was given.

LIBRARY – Pfeiffer said that October 17th will be Wine Tasting Night at the Library. This is a fund raiser to benefit the library. It was noted that there is a council meeting scheduled for that night.

SAFETY – None

Narcissi moved:

“To hire Diane S. Dolan as a school crossing guard at the rate of \$9.50 per hour.

CARRIED

“To have the Manager contact the SHACOG PURCAHSING ALLIANCE and have the Borough participate in the upcoming (Mid October) police car bids.

CARRIED

Donnelly moved:

“To permit the Manager to attend the 3 Rivers Wet Weather Sewer Conference in Wexford on September 27 & 28th at a cost of \$60.00.”

CARRIED

INTER-BORO - None

STREETS – Repp stated that the repairs and sealing of the parking lot could be done as early as tomorrow allowing for weather.

Repp moved:

“To hire Judith Brogan as a clerk in the administration office at \$9.00 per hour.”

CARRIED

Repp moved:

“To accept the resignation of Ethel Howie effective September 29, 2006.

CARRIED

Repp continued:

“To appoint Lorraine Makatura as Assistant Secretary.”

CARRIED

PROPERTY – None

Martin moved:

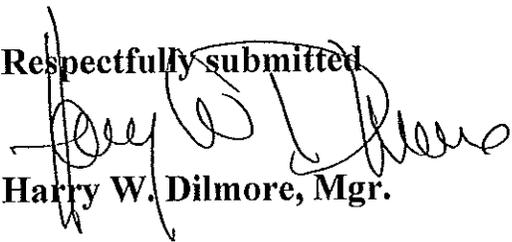
“To have the Manager prepare and advertise for replacement of the rooftop heating and air conditioning units at the Municipal Building on Frederick Street. Bids to be opened at the Finance Meeting on October 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

HEALTH - None

CORP/PLANNING – Michalow noted that a steering committee would be appointed. It is permissible for him to sit on the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted


Harry W. Dilmore, Mgr.

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2006**

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

**ROLL CALL – Donnelly, McCormick, Michalow, Narcisi, Pfeiffer, Repp, Sefick and Klicker. Martin was absent.
Also present were Mayor Haslett, Solicitor Canciello, Chief Howie, Mark Scally, Manager Dilmore, and Judith Brogan.**

Repp moved:

“To appoint Lois Cummins of 515 California Avenue to fill the vacant seat in the 1st Ward of Avalon Council.

CARRIED

Mayor Haslett performed the swearing in ceremony for Lois.

MINUTES – Repp moved;

“To approve the minutes from the September 19, 2006 Regular Council Meeting.”

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS - Dilmore stated he received a letter from the Allegheny County Elections Division pertaining to the 2 new polling places in the Second Ward. On November 7, 2-1 will be in the Library Conference Room on S. Home Avenue and 2-2 will be at the Epiphany Church at 1012 California Avenue.

A letter from ACBA on the 2007 Year Book. Letter forwarded to Vickie Donnelly.

QVCOG celebrating 25th Anniversary with a dinner at the Shannopin Country Club with dinner and entertainment on Wednesday evening. Mr. Dilmore urged those who signed up to please attend.

Letter from Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission on GIS classes for elected officials.

To attend a meeting of the Department of Army Engineers to discuss navigation improvement and ecosystem restoration on October 25, 2006.

VISITORS – Gaye Good of 615 Center Avenue request a Handicap parking space at 614 Center Avenue due to her mother's ill health and need for assistance. She also is requesting a Stop sign be put up on Center Avenue between and Josephine between Birmingham and School Streets for safety reasons. Cars and other vehicles tend to speed through the area.

Klicker suggested that she speak with Police Chief Howie. He will check the feasibility of the requests and send his recommendations to the Council Public Safety Committee.

Connie Rankin of the Citizen Newspaper announced that the Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers for one hour on Saturday, October 21, 2006 registration at the Avalon Elementary School parking lot for the Halloween parade. She announced the Dinner Dance on November 11. Invitation extended to all members of Council and Borough Officials.

Joe Sictar of 627 City View Avenue has concerns about the condition of the road on Valley View. He knows the permanent repairs are still forthcoming but it is necessary to have better patch repairs in the meantime. He has complaints about the work that has been done complaining about the poor quality of work and wants to know if better patch work could be done soon. Klicker asked Dilmore if any work had been done on the area and he assured Council that it had. Dilmore stated that when Mr. Sictar called the office he went to the area with Keith Lorey and he thinks they did the best they could without the use

of the COG machine and the mud. Sefick said they go to the area on Thursday to see what else could be done. They are anticipating and

working on permanent repairs to be done as soon as possible after the camera work and contracts were completed.

Matthew Drozd – Allegheny County Council member spoke about the concerns of the Borough relating to the County. He commended the council for its real concerns for the community. He went on to talk about the smoking ban and health issues. He is in favor of the smoking ban and how it affects the public welfare and how it affects the tax dollar. He said he is also concerned about the helmet law and he is in favor of re-enacting the helmet law. His concern is the cost of long term care to the tax payers for smokers and non – helmet users. He thinks the money could better be spent on the sewer systems and lowering the cost to the Boroughs. There is some concern about the County using Borough tax money to pay for repairs and new lines in other Boroughs. Drozd said he will check on the validity of their concerns and report back to Council. He also talked about the Bond Issue and his recommendation for use of the money.

MAYOR HASLETT – No report

SEC'Y/MGR – Mr. Dilmore stated that the Finance committee is working on the 2007 Budget. They have had three meetings thus far and Mr. Pfeiffer will present the budget when it is completed. Mr. Dilmore stated that he was able to attend the Three Rivers Wet Weather Conference at no cost to the Borough thanks to a contractor who had a prepaid ticket and gave it to Mr. Dilmore.

Working with Mark Scally getting ready for the camera work with Tri State.

Work on Orchard Avenue has been started and will be completed as weather allows.

Mr. Dilmore thanked the Community for a successful Dumpster Day.

ENGINEER – See report at end of minutes.

Donnelly moved:

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

CARRIED

Pfieffer moved:

“To pay the List of Bills totaling \$152,004.16.

CARRIED

SAFETY – Narcisi moved:

“To have the Borough Secretary complete and forward a Letter of Intent to DCED for a study on consolidation of local volunteer fire companies.”

CARRIED

Narcisi moved:

“To permit a handicap parking space be installed at 603 Hemlock Street.”

CARRIED - Seficick voted no

Narcisi moved:

“To hire as a part-time Police Officer, Jeffrey Michael Rosenwald. Salary to be at part-time police rate.”

CARRIED

Narcisi questioned if there would be an attempt to put the old siren on the roof of the garage. Mr. Dilmore stated there would be an attempt. Narcisi moved:

“To hear the 1st and 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 1309 and authorize the Manager to advertise the “At Large Dog Ordinance.”

CARRIED

The Ordinance was read and there was a discussion regarding the fines and protection for cats.

Dilmore moved:

To have a roll call vote.

CARRIED

INTER-BORO – Donnelly moved:

“To accept the bid of Tri-State Maintenance, Inc. to complete the sanitary sewer internal televised inspections for the 3 Rivers Wet Weather Project, at a cost of \$68,910.00, making them the lowest responsible bidder for the project.”

CARRIED

Donnelly moved:

“To nominate Vickie Donnelly as Avalon’s official delegate to the ACBA.”

CARRIED

CARRIED

Donnelly moved:

“To nominate Ed Klicker as Avalon’s alternate delegate to ACBA

CARRIED

CORP/ PLANNING –Michalow moved:

“To allow Girl Scout Troop #1170 to use the Borough meeting room on Wednesday nights from October 25, 2006 thru June 6, 2007.”

After some discussion Michalow moved:

“To amend the above Motion to allow Girl Scout Troop #1170 to use the Borough meeting room on Wednesday nights from October 25, 2006 thru December 31, 2006.”

CARRIED

Michalow moved:

“To appoint John Weaver of 633 City View Avenue, Avalon, Pa. to the Joint Zoning Review Board.”

CARRIED

Michalow moved:

“To appoint Councilman Thomas Michalow of 213 Birmingham Avenue, Avalon, Pa. to the Joint Zoning Review Board.”

CARRIED

Michalow moved:

“To appoint Dave Martin of 310 S. School Street as the alternate representative to the Joint Zoning Review Board.”

CARRIED

There was some discussion concerning signs for the changes in voting places. Mr. Dilmore will look into the signs.

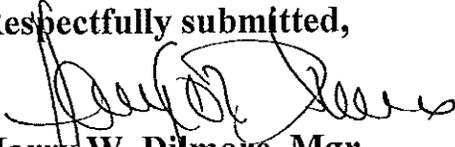
STREETS – NONE

NONE

LIBRARY – NONE

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Harry W. Dilmore, Mgr.

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**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2006**

Mayor Haslett opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL – Donnelly, Klicker, Martin, Michalow, Cummins, Narcisi, Pfeiffer, Sefick. Repp was absent. Also at the meeting were Mayor Haslett, Solicitor Canciello, Chief Howie, Mark Scally, Harry Dilmore and Judith Brogan.

An Executive Session was held prior to the Regular Council Meeting. It was stated that the Executive Session was in compliance with the “Sunshine Act.”

Minutes: Pfeiffer moved:

“To approve the minutes from the October 20, 2006 Regular Council Meeting. Corrections were made to the minutes which were then approved.”

Communications: Dilmore read the following:

Letter from the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for Council to attend a Regional Planning meeting on December 8, 2006 forwarded to Inter-Boro and Council.

Letter for DEP extending the deadline for submitting recycling performance grant applications to December 15, 2006. Forwarded to Streets Committee.

Letter from Representative Petrone on 2 new Acts: No. 100/163 of 2006 dealing with helping local groups with properties and assessments. Put in Council mailboxes.

Communication from Mockenhaupt Benefits group informing the Borough on the contribution rate necessary to properly fund the Police

Pension Fund. Letter forwarded to Council and Finance Committee. Up for adoption.

Letter from ACBA on Membership Dinner/Meeting on December 7, 2006. Forwarded to Inter-Boro Committee.

Letter from Allegheny County Recorder of Deeds on new County plan on collection of Penalty Transfer Tax. Forwarded to Inter-Boro Committee Realty.

Letter from Allegheny County Department of ADM services on reconciliation of years building permits. Forwarded to BIU.

Letter from COG on fuel pricing. Avalon currently does not participate, however, in the future it may be worth looking into. Forwarded to Streets Committee.

VISITORS:

Evelyn Snyder of 850 California Avenue asked about the pending Ordinance regarding cats and dogs; Lois Cummins addressed the questions and concerns. Evelyn is concerned about the penalties for trespassing on her property . There was some concern about the length of leashes for dogs and the disposal bags provided by the Borough. It was confirmed that the bags are being used and there is a law governing the length of dog leashes but it is not enforced at this time. Lois Cummins continued to address the questions and concerns regarding the pick-up of dogs and cats in the area. She assured the people that the Ordinance is meant to protect the dogs and cats in the Borough that are pets. The concern of the Council and Spencer and Friends are the animals that are homeless and wandering the area causing problems for residents and pets that are left to fend for themselves and end up doing damage or causing problems for the Avalon residents.

Judy Brinkle of 411 Josephine Street said she was disturbed by the article that states the time span between when an animal is picked up and then destroyed. She asked about the use of "micro-chips" in pets and the cost of such chips to the owner. She also wanted to know where the animals would be taken once they are picked-up and how long an owner would have to get their pet back. Lois Cummins again addressed

this issue stating that the Borough along with Spencer and Friends work with Animal Control to find homes for the homeless that are picked-up and the time allowed for owners to take their pets home. She explained the "Spencer Alert" lost dogs and cats to reunite them with their owners. She again emphasized that the goal is to protect the animals in the Borough not to "catch and kill" them.

Vickie Donnelly suggested that when an animal is received from the shelter, the micro-chip information should be changed to the new owner. This will also expedite the reuniting of pet and owner.

Joe Pearson of 130 Elizabeth Avenue expressed the same concerns as the others but he also questions the age of an animal to safely put a micro-chip in as well as the cost. He said he was relieved to see that the people on Council were "nice people – not people who are out to kill pets" as was, in his opinion, "the report in the Citizen."

Klicker stated that while the complaints are being brought to the attention of Council, they are trying to be fair to those who are good pet owners.

Dolly Archie of 423 N. School Street wants an Ordinance for restaurants addressing the open dumpsters and food left on the grounds for animals to eat. Domino's on Ohio River Boulevard was used as an example of food businesses offering shelter to stray cats by leaving their sheds and dumpsters open. The Avalon Veterinarian recommends that the animals be neutered. The Ordinance regarding the open dumpsters has to be enforced. Klicker stated that the restaurants have to be reported in order to enforce the law. He also stated that the steel traps mentioned during the meeting are illegal and this would be enforced.

Dr. Moore stated that there are no discounts or organizations offering discounts to help with the micro-chipping of animals. Lois will speak to the Animal Shelters to seek financial assistance for micro-chipping. Klicker said they will look into other resources to get help with the finances for this matter.

MAYOR'S REPORT: NONE

Mayor Haslett commended Chief Carney and the fire department for their efforts during the fire at the Avalon Motel on Ohio River Boulevard.

Klicker praised all of the fire departments on the scene.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dilmore stated that Chuck King and Keith Lorey have passed their swimming pool certifications for 2007-2011. He received copies of their papers yesterday, November 21, 2006.

Avalon Borough Maps have arrived and he is making arrangement to send them to residents in an upcoming mailing.

The new monument to service men was unveiled on Veteran's Day and paperwork pertaining to funding was completed and sent to Harrisburg.

New rates for Alcosan were received. A copy is attached to the minutes. Copies put in Council mail boxes. Alcosan was supposed to put a three (3) year moratorium on raising rates but it has been less than a year. This increase coupled with the surcharge is going to negatively affect the residents of Avalon.

SOLICITOR: None

ENGINEER'S REPORT: See report at end of minutes.

Scally submitted a bill for \$20,515.00 to be paid to the contractor for the Reconstruction Project in the report.

FINANCE:

Klicker moved to accept the Finance Report as submitted.

CARRIED

Klicker moved to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted.

CARRIED

Klicker moved:

“To pay the List of Bills totaling \$151,911.38.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To give Resolution Number 1031 to set the contribution rate for the Police Pension for 2007 at a rate of 3.5%.”

CARRIED

SAFETY - Narcisi moved:

“To approve placing a handicap parking space in the vicinity of 615 Center Avenue.”

CARRIED

Narcisi moved:

“To accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee and approve a new four year contract with Police Chief Robert Howie. Agreement to run from January 1, 2007 until June 8, 2010.”

CARRIED

Narcisi moved:

“To have the secretary give the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 06-1309, otherwise known as the “At Large Dog Ordinance.”

Narcisi moved:

“To table the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 06-1309 until further discussion.”

CARRIED

INTER-BORO -

Vickie Donnelly attended the meeting of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission. She was one of the few Council people attending since most of the attendees were government administrative personnel. She attended in Harry Dilmore's place and she recommends that Avalon take part in future meetings and give Avalon a voice in this important work.

Attended the COG meeting – no report.

Attended the Allegheny Borough Association Meeting. She suggests that Avalon Borough take part in the Toys for Tots Program. The toys should be collected by December 6, 2006.

Donnelly moved:

“To participate and place an ad in the 2007 Allegheny County Boroughs Association Year Book, at a cost of \$250.00.”

CARRIED

STREETS: None

Sefick moved:

“To pay Pompei & Sons \$20,515 per Mark Scally's report.”

CARRIED

Sefick moved:

“To have the secretary give the street opening ordinance a number and give the first and second reading.”

CARRIED

Number 1310 was given to the Street Opening Ordinance. Dilmore read the Ordinance and a roll call vote was taken and the vote passed.

PROPERTY: None

HEALTH: None

CORP PLANNING – Michalow stated that the next Tri-Borough Meeting will be on January 27, 2006. Future meetings will be held on the 4th Monday or Tuesday of each month. Not definite at this time.

JOINT ZONING COMMITTEE – Michalow stated that the Committee is open to suggestions. He also stated that the Three Boroughs will be in compliance with the federal laws.

LIBRARY – Pfeiffer stated that the Library is still looking for board members. The Internal Revenue Service requires seven voting members on the board. He would like a council member on the board because he will be leaving the board in the near future and the By-Laws need to be changed to reflect the IRS rules. He also stated that he has been working with the Borough Counselor, Rich Canciello, regarding the Articles of Incorporation requiring a letter or lease agreement between Avalon Borough and the Library. The letter from Rich will verify that the agreement between Avalon Borough and Avalon Library has been a handshake since 1972. This letter is necessary because Susan has been applying for grants for the Library. All information will be forwarded to the Internal Revenue Service.

Klicker asked the Secretary to read Ordinance No. 1311 concerning the compensation for the Tax Collector. A roll call vote was taken. Ordinance was approved.

Klicker announced there will be a Personnel meeting on Monday, November 27, 2006 at 4:30 in Borough Office.

Klicker adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harry W. Dilmore".

Harry W. Dilmore, Mgr.

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2006**

Mayor Haslett opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance at approximately 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Donnelly (arrived at 7:45p.m.), Klicker, Martin, Michalow, Cummins, Narcisi, Pfeiffer, Repp, Sefick. Also at the meeting were Mayor Haslett, Solicitor Canciello, Chief Howie, Mark Scally, Harry Dilmore and Judith Brogan.

Minutes: Pfeiffer moved:

“To approve the minutes from the November 21, 2006 Regular Council Meeting.” Repp abstained.

CARRIED

Visitors:

Jackie Yurkovich complained about her neighbor dumping left over turkey dinner remains in back of her house. His intention was to feed the animals. She said this causes a rodent problem for the area. Words were exchanged but no complaints were filed with the police by either party. She stated that this happens frequently but she never called the police. Chief Howie suggested that she call immediately the next time she sees her neighbor do this and the police will respond and inform her neighbor that he is breaking the law in doing this. She stated that she is afraid of her neighbor’s revenge. Mrs. Yurkovich wants a “No Dumping” sign put up. Mr. Klicker assured her that her complaint is now on record and she should follow through. No signs are approved at this time. She stated that she has been dealing with this problem for at least 20 years.

Vickie Donnelly suggested that a flyer be sent to the neighborhood informing them that dumping is illegal. Mr. Repp stated that he will personally deal with her neighbor at Council if he pursues harassment against her.

MAYOR: NO REPORT

SECRETARY/MGR:

Dilmore stated that the Shelter House project is completed and certification from Chester Engineering will be forwarded to QVOG for payment.

The budget process and related end of year paperwork is completed or in process awaiting the close out meeting to be held on December 28th.

Manager yearly evaluation with personnel Committee completed and results forwarded to Council Members.

SOLICITOR:

Rich Canciello informed the Council that there is an Ordinance on the agenda regarding the Realty Transfer Tax that is currently in place. This tax replaces the 1% tax on Realty transfers that is take place in the Borough. The tax is currently split .5/.5 between the Borough and Northgate School District. The question was raised as to whether the Borough could increase this tax. It is presently illegal to increase this tax unless the Borough has a Home Rule Charter.

In order for the Borough to take more than the .5%, Northgate would have to agree to take less than the .5%. The Recorder of Deeds collects the Delinquent Taxes at this time and in accordance with what they collect, that office gets 2%. Mr. Canciello explained further that the Ordinance does not increase the tax, it just reassigns who collects the tax. The Department of Revenue would get 10% if they collected the taxes at this time. Mr. Klicker asked if Mr. Canciello's suggestion that the Borough enact the Ordinance that would transfer the collection of these taxes. Mr. Canciello agreed that at this time it is a good idea.

Mr. Narcisi had some questions about the tax and the collection procedure which he addressed to Solicitor Canciello.

Mr. Narcisi asked if the Borough is prevented from raising this tax and Mr. Canciello stated that the Borough is very limited in what they can do about that.

Mr. Michalow stated that Northgate School District may be willing to reduce their share of the Realty Tax from \$30,000 to \$15,000. Narcisi asks how to pursue this request. Mr. Michalow said he would attend the School Board Meeting and put this question to the Board. Klicker asked if the Recorder of Deeds would continue to collect the 2% and was told they would.

ENGINEER: Report attached.

Mark Scally expressed his appreciation to Avalon Borough Council for the time he worked for the Borough. He is being transferred to Florida and will be leaving in mid January.

FINANCE: Report attached.

Pfeiffer reported on the Jordan Tax Service Inc. surcharge for sewer repairs.

Pfeiffer moved:

“To accept the Finance Report as submitted.”

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills as submitted.”

CARRIED

“To have National City Bank serve as the official depositor for Avalon Borough for the year 2007.”

CARRIED

“To have National City Bank prepare the 2007 Tan Loan papers with the interest rate to be fixed at signing.”

CARRIED

“To have the Secretary give the first and second reading of the Realty Tax Rate Ordinance and to give it a number.” It was given number 1312 and a roll call vote was taken.

CARRIED

“To retain Richard Canciello of Meyer & Darragh as the Avalon Borough Solicitor for the year 2007.

CARRIED

“To have the Secretary read the proposed Resolution setting the Appropriations for 2007 and give it a number.” It was given Number 1032 and a roll call vote was taken.

CARRIED

Vickie Donnelly asked if the Tax Collector would be attending future Council Meetings to answer any questions the Council may have concerning the reports. The answer was that the Tax Collector had not attended meetings in the past and there is doubt that she/he would be attending them in the future. The Tax Collector attends the Budget Meetings.

Klicker asked about paying taxes during the last week of the present year since the Tax Office will be closed. There have been some complaints about the dates the money is received and credited. Dilmore told them the people can leave their tax money with the Administrative Office at which time it is date stamped and put aside for Inez. The receipts are dated in 2006.

Klicker questioned why the Tax Office is closed the last week of the year when it is important for people to have access to the office at that time of the year. He wants more co-operation from the Tax Office.

Dilmore gave the 3rd and final reading of Ordinance #1311 amending Ordinance No. 1296; "Compensaton for Tax Collector." Pfeiffer moved to accept; a roll call vote was taken and the Ordinance was approved.

Klicker asked Dilmore to read Resolution No. 1309 approving Inez Stauffer as Collector of 511 Taxes for the Borough. After some discussion the Resolution was tabled until the December 28, 2006 meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No Report

Narcisi moved:

"To hire William Davis as a part time police officer at the part-time rate of pay."

CARRIED

Narcisi thanked Police Chief Howie for the work the Police are doing.

Narcisi asked Dilmore to compose a letter to the District Attorney's office in regards to taser grants.

Narcisi asked Dilmore to compose a letter to Northgate School District to ask for a refund of the .5% Realty Tax.

INTERBORO REPORT: No report

Vickie Donnelly moved:

"To hold the Regular Council Meetings on the third Tuesday of every month 7:30 P.M."

CARRIED

STREETS:

Repp reported on the equipment, especially the truck repairs.

Repp moved:

“To name Chester Engineers as the Engineering Firm for Avalon Borough for 2007.”

CARRIED

“To have the Secretary give the third and final reading of the Street Opening Ordinance – Ordinance No. 1310. This was approved after a roll call vote.

CARRIED

PROPERTY: NO REPORT

HEALTH & SANITATION: NO REPORT

Dilmore reported that the Waste Management Corporation will begin recycling newspapers with the first pick-up in January 2007. Newspapers are to be put in plastic bags and put in the recycling bin along with the other recyclables.

CORP/PLANNING:

Michalow reported that he is waiting for input on the Committee and he will give a report at the January meeting. Zoning meetings were advertised in two publications of the Citizen.

Michalow read a report/letter he wrote to Public Officials asking for assistance with the Budget for Avalon Borough in the way of grants.

Michalow moved:

“To name the Citizen as the official newspaper of Avalon Borough for 2007.”

CARRIED

LIBRARY:

Pfeiffer moved:

“To approve Wendy Michalow to a three year term on the Library Board.”

CARRIED

“To approve John Baldassare to a three year term on the Library Board.”

CARRIED

PARKS/RECREATION: No report.

Dilmore stated that the Keystone Grant will be \$16,000.00 for replacement of windows at the library.

Klicker: The fund raisers and Santa letters were received well by the community.

Rich Canciello stated he is hoping that will be able to announce the Tax Exempt status of the Avalon Library at the January Council Meeting.

Pfeiffer stated that the Library Board is still looking for two Board members from Avalon Council.

Narcisi asked about the QOL meeting which will be on January 4, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. It was already scheduled.

That the meeting be recessed until December 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Harry W. Dilmore, Mgr.

**AVALON BOROUGH
ADJOURNED COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 28, 2006**

President called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Donnelly, Klicker, Martin, Michalow, Cummins, Narcisi, Pfeiffer, Sefick, Repp. Also at the meeting were Mayor Haslett, Solicitor Canciello, Chief Howie, Mark Scally, Harry Dilmore and Judy Brogan.

Mayor: No report.

Klicker asked the Secretary to give the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 1312 fixing the tax rate for 2007.

Pfeiffer moved:

“To pass Ordinance No. 1312.”

CARRIED

Pfeiffer moved:

“To set the tax rate to 7.25 mills for Real Estate Tax.”

CARRIED

CUMMINS:

“I move to increase the solid waste fee from \$110.00 to \$150.00 thru 2009. The discount and penalty periods will be in effect as previously dated.”

CARRIED

Narcisi moved:

“To hire Regis Slazenski of 30 Richland Avenue, West View, Pa. 15229 as a school crossing guard.”

CARRIED

Narcisi asked Klicker to read the “special resolution.”

Klicker read the Resolution praising Lois Yehle for her work, love and caring for the children of Avalon as a school crossing guard.

Lois was presented with an award for her dedication by Chief Howie, Vickie Donnelly and other Council Members.

Repp praised Mark Scally for his work as the Engineer for Avalon Borough and Klicker presented Mark with an award of appreciation from Council.

Jim Protin of Chester Engineering addressed Harry Dilmore and Council, thanking them for allowing Mark to grow in his job and obtain the experience that allows him to accept the transfer to Florida.

Council welcomed the new Engineer from Chester Engineering, Shawn Rosensteel. He will assume Mark Scally’s position in mid January 2007.

Health: No Report

Corp/Planning: No Report

Tri-Boro: No Report

Parks: No report

Secretary/Manager’s Report:

Shelter House project completed and certification of completion from Chester Engineering will be forwarded to QVOG for payment.

**Budget process and related end of year paperwork completed or in process awaiting closeout meeting on December 28, 2006.
Manager yearly evaluation with Personnel Committee completed and results forwarded to Council Members.**

Klicker encouraged everyone to attend the December 31, 2006 celebration laying the cornerstone and time capsule for the Borough of Avalon.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

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