

REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2010

The meeting opened at approximately 6:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance led by Mayor Haslett.

Haslett moved that nominations for President Council be opened.

Ed Repp was the only nominee and there was a roll call vote which was

CARRIED
(9-0)

Haslett turned the meeting over to the new Council President, Ed Repp to complete the meeting.

Council President Repp moved that nominations for Vice President of Council be opened.

Donnelly was nominated by Sefick and Narcisi was nominated by Repp. The nominations were accepted and a roll call vote was taken as follows:

Donnelly – 3 ayes – 6 nays

Narcisi – 6 ayes – 3 abstain

Council President Repp moved that nominations for President Pro Tem be opened.

Dixon was supposed to make the motion to appoint Tom Michalow as Chairman of the Vacancy Board but refused stating that he does not know what the Vacancy Board is and he does not like his name to anything he does not support.

Council President, Ed Repp acknowledged Dixon's opinion and asked Donnelly to make the motion.

Donnelly moved to appoint Tom Michalow as Chairman of the Vacancy Board.

Repp asked Dilmore to explain what the Chairman of the Vacancy Board does. Dilmore explained that if there is a vacancy on Council, they have thirty days to fill the position. If they cannot it will be the responsibility of the Chairman to fill the position with by advertising and seeking a person to fill the seat. The person would then have to submit a Resume, be interviewed and pass residency requirements. Then Council would have to vote on the applicant.

The Chairman is not permitted to fill take the vacant seat himself or herself, only to assist Council in their endeavor to fill the position.

CARRIED

Cortese moved to retain the Citizen as the official newspaper of Avalon Borough for 2010.

CARRIED

Donnelly moved to retain Meyer-Darragh as the Solicitor of Avalon Borough, and Richard Canciello as their representative to Council for 2010.

CARRIED

Lloyd moved to retain Chester Engineering as Engineers for Avalon Borough and Shawn Rosensteel as their representative to Council for 2010.

CARRIED

Berstein moved to pass Resolution No. 1056 appointing the Tax Collector, Edward Klicker, as collector of 511 taxes.

CARRIED

Sefick moved to retain First Niagara Bank as the official depository of Avalon Borough for 2010.

CARRIED

Narcisi moved to pass Resolution No. 1057 setting the appropriations for Avalon Borough for fiscal year 2010.

Dixon asked if this vote for appropriations includes the Budget for 2010. Repp stated that vote was for the appropriations "and" the budget.

CARRIED

Powell moved to set the meeting dates for Avalon Borough Council at the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Avalon Municipal Building located at 640 California Avenue, Avalon, Pa. 15202.

CARRIED

Donnelly moved to increase Council's salary by 10% stating that there has not been an increase since 1992 and now that all of Council has been elected she feels this is the appropriate time to make the change.

Repp agreed that Donnelly made some good points and he would allow Council to think about it before taking a roll call vote.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion was defeated by a 5-4 vote.

Cortese moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

CARRIED

Repp appointed the following Chairpersons and Committee representatives:

Finance:	Powell, Narcisi, Cortese.
Parks:	Cortese, Sefick, Bernstein
Streets:	Lloyd, Donnelly, Sefick
Safety:	Narcisi, Lloyd, Donnelly
Corp/Planning:	Bernstein, Dixon, Powell

Property: Sefick, Lloyd, Narcisi
Inter-Boro: Donnelly, Cortese, Dixon
Health: Dixon, Powell, Bernstein
Ethics: Powell, Narcisi
Library: Cortese
N/G Youth: Sefick, Donnelly
Personnel: Powell, Lloyd
PL/Pension: Narcisi, Lloyd
Art: Donnelly
COG: Donnelly, Repp
4th of July Klicker, Bernstein
ACBA Delegate: Donnelly, Repp
Wet Weather: Dilmore, Bernstein

Quality of Life Coordinating Committee:

Narcisi, Council members, Mayor Haslett, Chief Howie,
Chief Carney/Fire Marshall, BIU Representative, Harry Dilmore,
Borough Manager.

Cortese moved to adjourn at 7:45.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Harry W. Dilmore

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2010**

The meeting opened at 7:35 with a prayer and the pledge of Allegiance led by Tom Lloyd.

Roll Call: Bernstein, Cortese, Donnelly, Lloyd, Narcisi, Powell, Repp and Sefick. Also present: Solicitor Canciello, Dilmore, Police Chief Howie, Chester Engineer Representative, Rob Arnold, Tax Collector, Ed Klicker and Judy Brogan. Mayor Haslett and David Dixon were absent.

No Executive Session was held prior to the Regular Council Meeting

Bernstein moved:

“To accept the Minutes of the Adjourned Regular Council Meeting of December 15, 2009 as submitted.

**CARRIED
(Donnelly abstained)**

Bernstein moved:

“To accept the Minutes of the continued Meeting of December 29,2009.”

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Dilmore stated that he received a letter from Cargill Salt setting the price for Premium purchases for salt after 125% of estimated volume at \$55.35 per ton.
- Received and approve two light pole replacements with Duquesne Light Company. Poles are on Marie Avenue and Fredrick Street.

- Letter from ACED on three programs for low interest loans for a variety of projects available to the Borough.
- Letter inviting Council to send 1 to 2 members to a summit meeting in Bellevue to work on "Joint Cooperation issues between communities on Saturday, February 6, 2010.or their approval.
- Letter from Old Glory Powder Company interested in submitting a proposal for 2010 fireworks display.

VISITORS:

Jackie Yurkovich of Grandview of 649 Grandview Avenue spoke about the new Council members. She is pleased with the street cleaning after the recent snow.

Paul Meyers of 234 Locust Street and a part-time police officer for Avalon Borough stated that he and several other officers of the Avalon Police Department are concerned that the Borough is seeking to replace the current Police Chief on his retirement by looking outside of Avalon Borough. He and the other officers feel that there are qualified officers in the department that should be considered before going outside of the area.

Dilmore stated that the position had to be advertised and applications were accepted. If the officers within the Department applied there applications would be accepted based on their qualifications.

MAYOR:

NO REPORT

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- Dilmore stated that interviews for the full-time DPW position will be held on January 27th beginning at 6:30 p.m. Six interviews will be held.

- Dilmore will be asking permission to apply for the LGA intern program for 2010.
- Dilmore stated Avalon is participating in the 2010 Census by donating space for application for employment and temporary office space during the Census taking months.
- Dilmore will be attending the County meeting on the 2010 census at Community College on February 4, 2010.

SOLICITOR:

NO REPORT

ENGINEERS REPORT:

SEE ATTACHED

FINANCE:

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

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

“To accept the Finance Report as submitted.”

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills as submitted.”

CARRIED

SAFETY:

Narcisi spoke about hiring outside of the district for the new Police Chief. He agreed with Paul Meyers that there are qualified officers within the department.

Narcisi asked about the new police car and Chief Howie stated that the third vehicle will be replaced with an unmarked police car.

Narcisi moved:

“to approve Resolution No. 1058 relative to the establishment and maintenance of employees’ pension annuity, insurance and benefit fund.”

Dilmore explained that the current rate is 3.5% and the Resolution would increase it to 5%.

Repp restated the motion to approve the Resolution and the motion was

CARRIED

“To accept the 2008 Avalon Borough Real Estate Lien List as submitted by outgoing Tax Collector, Inez Stauffer.

CARRIED

Narcisi made note that he feels the previous motion should have been made by the Finance Committee Chairperson, Rob Powell, but he (Narcisi) made the motion because it was assigned to him.

STREETS:

Lloyd thanked the Street Crew for keeping the streets cleaned after the recent snow, stating that out of the 1200 tons of salt the Borough has, 800 ton was used.

Lloyd moved to direct the Secretary to give the third and final reading of Ordinance NO. 1329.

CARRIED

Dilmore read the following:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, A BOROUGH CODE MUNICIPALITY, AMENDING SECTION 8 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1302 BY PROVIDING AN EXTENSION OF THE SANITARY SEWER SURCHARGE FEE FROM MARCH 21, 2011 UNTIL MARCH 16, 2014 AND PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A SANITARY SEWER SURCHARGE FEE, IDENTIFYING AND ESTABLISHING THE USES OF THE MONEY ACCUMULATING FROM SUCH FEES; PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, AND FOR FINES AND PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion to accept the Ordinance No. 1329 was

CARRIED

PROPERTY:

Sefick thanked Keith Lorey, Crew Supervisor, for the work the crew did on the streets during the recent snow fall. He stated that the crew worked around the clock because the snow was continuous.

Sefick noted that the new cleaning company was doing an excellent job at the Library. B.I.U. also sent a note to Sefick noting the improved cleaning in their area.

He also noted that the plumbers are working at the Library and the workers are very happy to have with the work being done.

HEALTH:

NO REPORT

CORP/PLANNING

NO REPORT

INTER-BORO:

Donnelly noted that the COG meeting will be held on January 20th at the Borough Council Chambers room. She also stated that the due date for reservations for the Banquet is January 25, 2010.

Donnelly moved

“to direct the Manager to attend the 2010 APMI executive development conference at a cost of \$600.00 on February 25th and 26th.”

CARRIED

“To direct the Manager to apply for the 2010 Municipal Intern Program at a potential cost of \$4,300.00.”

CARRIED

Bernstein asked if this was the same rate as in previous years and Dilmore stated that there are three levels in the program: undergraduates, Act 47 interns, and graduate students. The graduate students cost is \$12.00 per hour, the Act 47 students cost is \$11.00 per hour and the undergraduate students cost is \$10.00 per hour.

Dilmore stated that he will approach Kilbuck Township about sharing the cost if the intern is used in both areas. The intern helps the office staff by taking care of residents who come into the office with questions or to purchase pool passes, pay their garbage, etc. The intern also answers the telephone, does filing and would assist Dilmore in Kilbuck Township.

Dilmore stated that he has two projects that the intern could help him with immediately – one project would be to assist the new Tax Collector and the Administrative office by organizing the storeroom. The boxes are stuffed with useless duplicates and the room is totally disorganized.

Donnelly supported Dilmore's request stating that the students have been beneficial in the past and Dilmore stated that the previous interns have moved on to work in local government positions. Katy Protin graduated and is now pursuing a Masters degree in Local Government and Jeff Swackhammer started work in Baldwin Borough a few weeks ago.

Bernstein asked if the Borough looked into unpaid internship programs and Dilmore stated that they have but the students do not want to work the hours required and the choices are fewer. The students get to choose as much as the Boroughs and Townships get to choose. Often, the unpaid internship does not work as well since those students don't put as much into the program.

Dilmore also stated that the money requested for the program is the maximum to the Borough and if his request is accepted by the Internship Program, Council can accept it or turn it down. He needs the Council to approve the motion because the Council President needs to sign the paperwork.

Repp asked for a vote on the motion which was...

CARRIED

PARKS:

Cortese stated that the Committee met to discuss hiring a pool manager and lifeguards for the summer. No decision was made on that or the concession stand. Bernstein repeated the statement about no decision being made about the concession stand and Cortese affirmed it.

Cortese explained that the concession stand lost money last year but the weather played a huge part in that loss as well as the pool losses.

Donnelly asked about going back to the way the concession stand was run in previous years. Cortese again stated that no decision has been made and when there is a decision, it will be put in the Citizen newspaper.

LIBRARY:

Cortese stated there was a meeting about the Library By-Laws. There was a full board for the meeting. Bernstein asked if everything was settled at the Library with the Board and Cortese explained that the members were established with their terms of office in place.

4th JULY:

Klicker stated that the Board is incorporated and Connie Rankin stated that there is another fireworks company that makes their own fireworks. Dilmore stated that he was familiar with the company in Smock, Pa. and their work.

Rankin stated that she will keep Council informed when they have decisions made and something to report.

Cortese moved to adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry W. Dilmore", written in a cursive style.

**Harry W. Dilmore
Manager**

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

The meeting opened at approximately 7:45 p.m. with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance led by Tom Lloyd.

Roll Call: Bernstein, Dixon, Donnelly, Narcisi, Powell, Repp, also present was Dilmore, Chief Howie, Solicitor Canciello, Rob Arnold, and Judith Brogan. **Absent:** Cortese, Sefick, Mayor Haslet, and Ed Klicker, Tax Collector.

A Personnel Executive Session was held prior to the Regular Council Meeting.

Powell moved:

“To accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 19, 2009.”

**CARRIED
Dixon Abstained**

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Dilmore stated that he received a letter from the LGA on acceptance into the Intern Program for 2010. He will interview candidates and report back to Council.
- Letter from Old Glory Gun Powder Company requesting measurements on the field site for a proposal on the fireworks. Due to bad weather, the information they requested was delayed and the company was made aware of the reason for the delay.
- Dilmore is in receipt of the new Bellevue map promoting new restaurants and businesses. The maps are available at business counters in the area.

VISITORS:

Mr. and Mrs. Macher of 48 Union Avenue asked if there was any way to avoid getting tickets on street cleaning day which is scheduled to resume in April. Mr. Macher stated that they have no place to park on those days because parking is not permitted on the opposite side of the street.

There were a few suggestions by different Council members but none of them were feasible since Mrs. Macher has lung cancer and cannot take her car to a coffee shop or gas station at 6:00 a.m. until noon when the street cleaning is done. Other parking spaces, if and when available, are taken by other residents as soon as they are open.

Mr. Macher also has health issues and he cannot be moving the car around the area looking for a parking space.

Dilmore and Council President Repp agreed to work with the Safety Committee on the problem for Mr. & Mrs. Macher and will try to have a solution before April.

Tom Michalow of 213 S. Birmingham Avenue presented his plans for Dumpster Day. He stated that last two week-ends in May would be the best time with May 22, 2010 being the best time for the volunteers from the high school.

Donnelly asked if that would interfere with the Quaker Valley Council of Government Dumpster Day and Dilmore stated that their Dumpster Day is scheduled for May 8, 2010.

He also stated that the Girl Scouts will be willing to clean the park.

Mike Packard of 714 Sylvan Avenue introduced himself as the new President of the Library Board and then he introduced the new Board members. They are anxious to get started with the new By-Laws and making new decisions to improve the Library.

MAYOR:

NO REPORT

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- **Dilmore stated that snow work dominated the scene and will continue until the snow removal is complete. With more snow coming, the Crew workers will be out again trying to get the rest of the snow cleared before the next snow – fall.**
- **Dilmore stated that he will be holding interviews with the candidates for the intern program.**
- **Dilmore stated that the Maher-Duessell auditors are still working on the audit. He will keep Council informed.**
- **Dilmore stated that the Tan Loan paperwork has been recieved and has been completed.**

SOLICITOR:

NO REPORT

ENGINEERS REPORT:

SEE ATTACHED

FINANCE:

Powell moved

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

Dixon asked where the money goes that the Borough collects from Ben Avon Heights when they clean their streets. He asked why it cannot be put back into the Department of Public Works to be used to buy new equipment and make necessary repairs.

Dilmore explained that the budget is fluid and any money collected is considered when money is spent. The new salt building was purchased with revenue collected and there is a balance report submitted at the end of the year.

Dilmore further explained that expenses and revenue are considered and the Streets Department gets what the Borough can afford when they have needs such as equipment purchases or repairs.

Dixon stated that he just wanted to make sure that he understands the budget and he wants to make sure that the Department of Public Works has the equipment needed to do their job.

After further discussion the motion was

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

“To accept the Finance Report as submitted.”

Donnelly noted the discrepancy with the dates of the Tax Collector’s Report which is dated for January and the Finance Report which is dated for February. Klicker explained that the Tax Collector’s Report is always for the prior month and the Finance Report is up to the date of the current meeting.

The motion was then....

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills as submitted.”

Powell remarked on the cost of the snow removal including overtime, salt, equipment failure and repairs.

Donnelly stated that Mayor Haslett declared a state of emergency and Dixon asked when that letter was signed. Dilmore stated that the letter was signed on Saturday, February 6, 2010 in the Administration Office.

Dixon asked if anyone else was aware of the letter being signed besides the Mayor and Dilmore. Dixon stated that he wanted to know because Donnelly brought up the Emergency status and he was asked by the

Emergency management crew if the Borough had or intended to apply for emergency funds. Dilmore stated that he was already in the process of getting the forms together and he will submit them as soon as possible.

Donnelly stated that she just wanted to make sure everyone is aware of the availability of funds and Dilmore stated that the Emergency manager, Fred Fisher, was in contact with him several times already and everyone intends to follow through with what they need to do to get the funds.

STREETS:

Narcisi moved:

“To approve a handicap parking space in the vicinity of 321 Cleveland Avenue.”

CARRIED

PROPERTY:

NO REPORT

HEALTH:

NO REPORT

CORP/PLANNING

Berstein moved

“To appoint Todd Demangone to a four year term on the Joint Planning Commissions.

CARRIED

INTER-BORO:

Donnelly stated that there will be a Quaker Valley Council of Governments meeting on February 17th in Edgeworth Borough Building at 7:30 p.m. She will give a report at the March meeting.

She also stated that she will leave information on the State Association of Boroughs conference. The conference is held on April 25th thru the 28th at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh. The fee for this conference is \$80.00.

Berstein asked if he could speak about something that he feels should be addressed. He thinks the Borough should have new maps. Bellevue just put one out and he finds it helpful. He thinks Avalon's map should be updated.

Dilmore stated that the businesses put the map together a few years ago and if he (Bernstein) wants to put another one together, Council would welcome it.

PARKS:

Cortese is absent but Dilmore reported on the trees that are down stating that Cortese will give a detailed report in March.

Lloyd thanked the DPW for their hard and continuous work cleaning the streets after the recent heavy snow storm.

He thanked the Mayor and the citizens for helping each other. He also pointed out that during the storm, he did not get a Post Gazette newspaper or a Tribune newspaper but he did get a Citizen newspaper

LIBRARY:

NO REPORT

Because most of the new Library Board was present Canciello asked about the first and second reading of the new By-Laws for the Library.

There was some discussion about the By-Laws being sent to Canciello's office and it was determined that there was no reading at the meeting in January. Cindy Bajulski stated that a copy of the By-Laws was faxed to Canciello's office and she was also unaware of any first or second reading at a previous meeting. Canciello was going to check with his office and talk to Dilmore next week.

4th JULY:

Ed Klicker spoke about the 4th of July celebration and stated that he and Connie Rankin will have more information after the State responds to them.

Repp stated that the chairs people are using to save parking spaces after they shovel their car out of the snow are illegal. He asked if there was going to be any tickets given. Howie stated that they are not ticketing at this time but they will not allow the residents to use the chairs after the snow is cleared. They were making an exception because of the amount of snow and the time required for the Crew to clean the streets.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry W. Dilmore", written in a cursive style.

Harry W. Dilmore
Manager

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 16, 2010**

The meeting opened with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance led by Tom Lloyd.

Roll Call: Bernstein, Cortese, Dixon, Donnelly, Lloyd, Narcisi, Powell, Repp. Also present were Dilmore, Chief Howie, Solicitor Canciello, Rob Arnold and Judith Brogan. Absent: Sefick and Mayor Haslett.

No Executive Session was held prior to the Regular Council Meeting.

Berstein moved

“To accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 17, 2010.”

CARRIED

(Dixon abstained, stating he did not read the Minutes.)

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Dilmore stated that he received a letter from the University of Pittsburgh regarding the conference surrounding the Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Formations in Western Pennsylvania. This program will be held on April 16, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel in Monroeville, Pa.
- Letter received from Mockenhaupt Association regarding survivor benefits for widows of Avalon Police Officers. Letter was forwarded to the Borough Solicitor.
- Letter received from the Local Government Academy regarding upcoming programs for elected officials. There will be a community planning course hosted at the Avalon Municipal Building from March 29, April 5 and April 10th. There is a sign-up sheet in the Administration Office.

- Letter from West View Water Authority regarding the work being done on Route 65. A copy of the letter was sent to area residents in the area who might have their water service affected by the work.
- The “Boroughs Summit” previously cancelled by the snow storm has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. at the Bellevue Borough Hall.
- Letter from Ben Avon Heights thanking the D.P.W. crew for their work during the recent snow storm.

VISITORS:

Jackie Yurkovich of Grandview Avenue asked if anything was being done about the lighting at the pool. She asked about this at the February meeting and Dilmore was to look into the matter and give his report at this meeting. Dilmore explained that he spoke to D.L. and she did not read his e-mail regarding Jackie’s concern. She will look into the situation and determine the need for improved lighting and get back to Dilmore. He will try to have a report at the April meeting.

Brandon Gillingham of Bellevue stated that the YMCA will again be hosting the 5K run on July 17, 2010. This will be held during the weekend of the sidewalk sale and the route will be the same as last year. They will contact the Port Authority, the Police and the Fire Departments. He appreciates the cooperation of the Borough again this year.

MAYOR:

NO REPORT

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- Dilmore stated that he has been working with Officer Espy of the Avalon Police Department on the ARA/Law Enforcement Grants for in car laptop computers and additional vests for the officers.

- Continued work on the Consent Order paperwork Chester Engineering. Continued meetings with the Lower Ohio Gertys Run group and the Alcosan Basin group and Chester Engineering on the filed reports.
- Dilmore stated that he has been working with Bill Gamble in the search for a Police Chief and interviews were done on Sunday. Council will be getting the results in the near future.
- Submitted the paperwork for the summer lunch program scheduled to begin on June 14th. The application has been accepted and approved. He will discuss the details with the Park Committee.
- Dilmore received the Amortization schedule from Pennvest and copies are being sent to Council members.

SOLICITOR:

Canciello stated there was a decision from the Commonwealth Court within the past thirty days regarding grant money received from the Pennsylvania Emergency Agency (PEMA) through the Homeland Security Office. The Tribune Review Newspaper requested a list of communities receiving Homeland Security grants. The Tribune Review received a list of equipment the grant money was used for but not the communities receiving the grants.

The Open Records office agreed with PEMA stating security reasons for the refusal to give the names of the communities.

The Commonwealth Court reversed that decision saying the names of the communities receiving grant money as well as equipment must be made available in order to allow citizens to know if their municipality is receiving help from the Homeland Security Office and if they are not the citizens have a right to ask why and to ask their State Representative to help their municipality apply for these grants.

Narcisi asked if this decision was being appealed and Canciello stated that he does not have that information at this time but will let Council know if an appeal is filed and the decision made regarding the appeal.

Dilmore asked if how the Borough should address any requests for information on the Homeland Security issues. Canciello stated that if the Borough is receiving grants or equipment through the Homeland Security funds, the information must be released upon request. If there are any doubts or issues, he will look into it if asked and advise how to go forward with it.

Canciello stated that there will be several motions made at tonight's meeting to amend motions that were made and accepted at the December 16, 2009 Regular Council meeting.

These motions will clarify who will be seated on the Library Board, the Executive Board and the Friends of the Library Board. There will be more clarification about the functions each board will have and these will be explained further by Cortese

ENGINEERS REPORT:

SEE ATTACHED

FINANCE:

Powell moved:

"To accept the Finance Report dated February 16, 2010 as submitted."

CARRIED

"To accept the Tax Collector's Report as submitted."

CARRIED

"To accept the Treasurer's report as submitted."

CARRIED

"To Pay the List of Bills as submitted."

CARRIED

SAFETY:

Narcisi moved to

“permit Officer Tom Kokoski to attend the 3 day grant writing course conducted by Penn State University and the Justice and Safety Institute at the Allegheny County Police Training Facility on May 3, 4, and 5th at a cost of \$390.00.

Dixon asked if the charge of \$390.00 includes meals. Narcisi stated that he believed the charge was just for the course. Dixon asked if Kokoski will be paid while attending the course and Dilmore stated that Kokoski will receive straight time not overtime. Dixon stated that because Kokoski will be paid, the Borough will not need to cover the cost of meals.

The motion was then...

CARRIED

STREETS:

Lloyd moved

“To hire Dale E. Regrut III of 105 Woodlawn Avenue, Pittsburgh 15202 to the full time position in the Avalon Department of Public Works.”

CARRIED

“To have the Secretary advertise for immediate temporary part-time help for the APW position with employment thru May 1, 2009.”

CARRIED

Lloyd reminded Council and the citizens that street cleaning begins in April. Narcisi asked how much the street cleaning violation tickets will be this year and Howie stated they will remain at \$4.00 per violation

PROPERTY:

NO REPORT

HEALTH:

Dixon stated that he hopes common sense will prevail concerning the use of lawn mowers and other spring and summer equipment.

He also stated that Allegheny County Health Department is offering free smoke detectors and he also suggested checking the batteries in the current smoke detectors. Smoke detectors should be replaced if they are more than ten year old.

CORP/PLANNING

Bernstein moved to have Avalon Borough start a FaceBook page to communicate with the citizens.

Repp opened the motion for discussion.

Berstein explained that FaceBook is a social networking page with over a billion users. He stated that the only set back in his opinion is that the page does not give input back so the basic idea is to open the page for information purposes only.

Since the web site is an open site and users "befriend" the page, there would be no control of the users. All users would have to be accepted as "friends."

Donnelly pointed out that any one can use the page and put any information they want on it and she wants to know how the Borough will control it the information out there.

Repp suggested that the motion be tabled until next month and more information would be available and questions could be answered more accurately.

Lloyd stated that the page would be a good source of information to alert the citizens of any urgent reporting such as road closings or accidents.

Bernstein then stated that he has spoken to other people who have had success using this form of communication with the citizens.

Yurkovich stated that she gets phone calls all of the time asking for information and she thinks it would be easier if the page was available and they could get the information there.

Donnelly stated she had trouble in the past with someone posting things using her name. It was later corrected but she was unable to do anything about it at the time.

Canciello stated that he discussed the web page with Bernstein and the only legal issues he sees is that the Borough cannot use the page to express opinions and the page must be open to anybody.

Dixon asked about security on the page since he is aware of bugs and viruses getting into systems. Bernstein stated that the page would not be connected to any Borough web sites.

Repp suggested that Council go ahead with the vote and after a roll call vote with 5 ayes, 1 no and 2 abstains the motion was

CARRIED

Bernstein stated that the next Tri Borough meeting will be on March 22nd with meetings held on the 4th Monday of each month. They are still looking to seat one more person as an alternative as required.

INTER – BORO:

Donnelly moved:

“To purchase 50 tree seedlings from the Northern Area Environmental Council to replace trees lost during the recent storms at a cost of approximately \$70.00 total.

After some discussion, the motion was...

CARRIED

PARKS:

Cortese thanked Judy Brogan for her assistance in preparing his motions.

Cortese moved:

“To allow Brandon Gillingham and the local YMCA to use the Avalon streets for the 5K race to be held on July 17, 2010.”

CARRIED

“To permit the North Boros Panthers Football and Cheerleading Organization to use the fields of the Avalon Athletic Complex, Monday thru Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. from July 26, 2010 to November 8, 2010.

CARRIED

“To donate a Family Pool Pass, consisting of 2 adults and 2 children, to the Avalon Library for their summertime basket raffle.”
This raffle is held to raise money for the Library.

CARRIED

LIBRARY:

Cortese moved

“To amend the motion of December 16, 2009 to read:

“To appoint the following members to friends of the Library Committee, which is the 501-C, who will accept and disperse Library donations to the Library:

- Rich McMonagle - 1 year; voting

- Ellen Gamble - 3 year; voting
- Hollie Thompson - 3 year; non voting
- Vickie Donnelly - 2 year; voting
- Lori Demongone - 2 year; voting
- Christine Dilmore - 1 year; voting”

CARRIED

At this point, Dave Dixon received a fire call and left the meeting.

“To amend the motion of December 16, 2009 to read:

‘To appoint the following people to the Avalon Library Preservation Board:

- Harry J. Dilmore - 1 year term
- Dave Mayernik - 3 year term
- Ron Franck - 2 year term’

CARRIED

“To amend the motion of December 16, 2009 to read:

‘To appoint the following persons to the Executive Library Board:

- Mike Packard, President
714 Sylvan Avenue
Avalon, Pa. 15202 2 year term – voting
- Ellen Gamble, Vice President
1 Marie Avenue
Avalon, Pa. 15202 3 year term – voting
- Ruth Lloyd, Treasurer
Avalon, Pa. 15202 2 year term – voting
- Cindy Bujalski, Secretary
917 Howden Street
Avalon, Pa. 15202 3 year term – voting

- **Hollie Thompson**
Avalon, Pa. 15202 1 year term – voting

CARRIED

Lloyd stated there will be a fund raiser at the Library on March 25th at 7:00 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

4th JULY:

NO REPORT

Powell moved to adjourn.

CARRIED

Meeting was adjourned 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Harry W. Dilmore
Manager

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 20, 2010**

The meeting opened at with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance led by Tom Lloyd.

Roll Call: Bernstein, Cortese, Dixon, Donnelly, Lloyd, Narcisi, Powell, Repp and Sefick. Also present were Dilmore, Solicitor Canciello, and Shawn Rosenwald. Absent: Mayor Haslett. Also present as a visitor was Tax Collector, Ed Klicker.

An Executive Session was held prior to the Regular Council Meeting concerning a Litigation issue. Canciello stated the meeting was in compliance with the Sunshine Act.

Sefick moved:

“To accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 16, 2010”.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Dilmore stated that he received a letter from Allegheny County Emergency Services (ACES) on FEMA money from the snow event. Governor Rendell announced grants have been approved and Allegheny County was included. We need to make an appointment to state our case to receive the funds. Information to follow.
- Received confirmation on \$10,000 grant for AVFD was received. Grant to be used to help the firemen in communication during fires with other departments and breathing apparatus for those going into burning buildings.
- Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG) recycling day to be held in Avalon on May 8, 2010. Avalon Borough's Dumpster Day is scheduled for May 22, 2010.

- Received Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG) CDBG 37 application packet for this year's projects.
- Received letter from the North Boroughs Fire Works concerning our donation. More information to follow at future meetings.

VISITORS:

Linda Hudgins of Fisk Avenue stated there are two properties located at 309 and 313 Fisk Avenue that have deteriorated to the point of being a safety hazard. The pizza shop has pieces falling from the building and anyone walking along the street is in danger of being hit with them. She has seen rats in the yard, teens using the building as a hang – out and other vagrants going in and out of the house. Officer Espy made sure the house was locked but the teens were still able to get into the house. The situation is a fire hazard and she wants to know when the building(s) is scheduled for demolition.

Dilmore stated that he and the engineer have been working with the County to get it brought down. Dilmore explained that the grant money has been slow coming in and they are now accepting bids for the work. As soon as the bids are accepted and awarded work will be scheduled to begin. Linda stated that is not enough since she was told the same thing three years ago by Fred Sapp. Dilmore stated that it takes time to do the work legally and they cannot confiscate anyone's property and start tearing it down without the proper paper work and the money required.

Dilmore stated that the COG aka Quaker Valley Council of Governments has been handling the paper work and accepting the bids under the Blighted Neighborhood Act.

Linda still insists that she wants it addressed immediately not at the leisure of Council. Repp stated again that the Borough cannot move in and take property and tear it down. Linda was asked if she would want them to take her property and she stated she would not.

She stated again that the building is a danger to anyone walking in the area because pieces are falling down onto the sidewalk and could hit a pedestrian.

Repp asked Keith Lorey if he could put up a barrier of some kind to keep the area clear of walking traffic. Keith stated that he would work on a barrier to create a safe walking area.

Dilmore stated again that the QVCOG is accepting the bids for the demolition of the properties and he would follow through and address the issue at a later meeting.

Jackie Yurkovich of Grandview Avenue spoke about the steps on Birmingham Avenue. They are falling apart and are very dirty. They are an eyesore and a danger too pedestrians. There is always garbage on them and she wants them cleaned by the DPW.

Dilmore stated that the steps issue had already been discussed at the Streets meeting but Jackie stated that they need a sign there to alert people about the danger of using the steps. Dilmore stated that the DPW has already put a sign there but the signs are being taken down and discarded. Jackie stated she knows who is taking the signs down but did not elaborate.

Dilmore asked Keith about putting a new sign up and Jackie said she still wants the steps cleaned. She stated that the Borough can be sued if someone gets hurt on those steps.

Yurkovich stated that she had been awakened at 12:30 a.m. to shovel her walk because the snow had to be cleared. She said there was no place to put the snow because there was so much of it. She stated that she did not appreciate being woke up at that hour to shovel her snow.

She stated the house on Norwood Avenue has had a refrigerator on the curb for pick-up for two weeks. The door is intact and there is no red tag showing that it has been drained of any Freon or other toxins. Nothing has been done about it but she has to get up at 12:30 a.m. to shovel snow.

Dilmore stated that the owner was sent a letter giving him until Thursday, April 22nd to have the refrigerator removed. If it is not removed by then, the code enforcement officer will issue a citation. The owner was also given three (3) telephone numbers to call to have the refrigerator red tagged and removed.

Yurkovich suggested that Dixon look into the matter of the refrigerator through the fire department since it is a hazard especially to children. Dixon stated that he would look into it and get it removed as quickly as possible.

She then asked about the porches that are falling down and filled with garbage. She wants the issue addressed immediately. Dilmore stated that the owner has been cited and warned to get the garbage removed and to fix the porch so it is not a hazard.

Yurkovich stated that two weeks prior there had been an article in the Citizen about Leisl Klicker and her management of the Bellevue and Avalon swimming pools last summer. Jackie was very upset and stated that everyone in the area thinks that Leisl did an excellent job of managing both the Avalon and the Bellevue pools. She wants Ralph Cortese, the Parks Committee Chair, to send a letter to the editor of the Citizen protesting what she and others consider an unfair assessment of Leisl's work.

Cortese stated that he will do that and he defended Liesel's work in Avalon and stated that Council and the residents believe she did an excellent job especially when considering the amount of bad weather and damage to the pool and surrounding areas.

Yurkovich then asked about the progress with the grass area at the pool. Dilmore stated that it will be Omni Brick.

She then asked about the speed bumps being put in place. Dilmore stated that the Committee will be meeting on Thursday evening and they will then discuss what will be done with the parking lot.

Dilmore stated he doesn't believe the Borough can legally put the speed bumps in place but the issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

MAYOR:

NO REPORT

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- **Dilmore stated that the work was continued on the Elizabeth Avenue project and paving should be completed by the end of the week. He thanked the residents for their patience and understanding during the construction.**
- **Completed and filed all necessary state reports on the Financial, Pension and Employee funds.**
- **Started construction of the California Avenue Park project and it should be completed in about a month. Ralph Cortese will give a report this evening. Hopefully it will stay nice.**
- **Continued work with the Safety and Hiring Committee on the search for a Police Chief. This will continue at the Wednesday evening meeting.**

SOLICITOR:

Canciello stated that his report of March 16, 2010 concerning the lawsuit filed by the Tribune Review against PEMA aka Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency seeking through the Open Records Law, the names of municipalities and all governmental agencies that received emergency funds and equipment. The Tribune Review won that case in the Commonwealth Court of Appeals and Narcisi asked if a petition for an appeal had been filed.

There was a petition for appeal to the State Supreme Court. The petition was not filed by PIMA and certainly not by the Tribune Review; but by The Office of Open Records.

The Open Records Office wants the State Supreme Court to rule whether the law and the scope of the law was properly reviewed by the lower court. In other words, did they go about reviewing the law correctly?

It is really a legal technicality and an exercise where the Office of Open Records can affirm their power. While there has not been a ruling yet, Canciello believes a ruling will be made so as to set precedence.

Canciello also stated that a Resolution will be put on the floor at tonight's meeting allowing citizens to pay their garbage fees, sewage and other debts to the Borough on-line. This will in no way force the citizens to use the on-line payment plan but give them an option.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

SEE ATTACHED

FINANCE REPORT:

Powell 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 dated as submitted.”

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills as submitted.”

CARRIED

The Tax Collector, Ed Klicker spoke to Council stating that according to Katy, the number of tax returns is slower than usual. He feels it could be a result of the economy and the Tax Office will do all it can to work with the taxpayers. There will be no additional penalties if the taxes are paid by April 30, 2010.

SAFETY:

Narcisi moved

“to approve the recommendations of the Safety and Police Chief Hiring Committee and send out invitations to three (3) candidates for a final interview with the Council for the position of Police Chief.”

CARRIED

“to approve a loading zone parking spot to Mia Madre Restaurant on the School Street side of the building.”

CARRIED

“to approve Cindy Bujalski attending a Child Counseling Class at a cost not to exceed \$250.00.”

There was a discussion regarding the liability insurance for Cindy and the negative response from PIRMA. Donnelly asked if the issues that were discussed at the last meeting were settled and Repp said they were not.

Repp stated that Cindy would not be covered under any insurance with the Borough or the school.

Cortese stated that if Cindy would produce a letter of liability insurance, the Class would approve her enrollment. However, in order for her to be insured by the Class, she would have to be employed by them. Solicitor Canciello stated he would not be comfortable with this situation where children are concerned unless there is definite liability insurance coverage.

Narcisi asked what the liability issues are and Repp stated that there may be times when Cindy would be alone with the children. Also, the parents may not agree with what their children are being told about bullying and the children themselves may lie about what is being told to them.

Repp stated that Council cannot approve this without a letter of insurance.

Lloyd asked if it would be legal if a Council member took out the insurance and was told that was not feasible.

Dixon about the advantage to the Borough if Cindy attends this class and he asked if this is not an issue for the parents to deal with rather than the Borough.

Narcisi moved to table the motion.

TABLED

STREETS:

Lloyd moved”

“to approve an agreement between Avalon Borough and Ben Avon Heights Borough to make “One Call” locations at a rate of \$35.00 per hour.”

CARRIED

“to have the Borough Secretary advertise for summer part-time help and accept applications through May 13, 2010.”

CARRIED

Lloyd reminded Council that Dumpster Day is still scheduled for May 22nd and there are already students signed up to help. They also plan to clean the creek area on Union Avenue.

PROPERTY:

Sefick stated that the work being done at the Library will be completed as soon as the equipment is in and Dilmore stated that the roofing problems are being worked on and will soon be completed.

HEALTH:

Dixon stated that the Health Department is encouraging adults to get the inoculation for Shingles. He explained that it is a painful condition and anyone who has had chicken pox is in danger of contracting Shingles.

CORP/PLANNING:

Bernstein stated that he set up the Face book page as passed at the March 16, 2010 meeting. He stated that people have been logging on to the site and Powell asked how many friends are on the page. Bernstein stated they are fans not friends and there are 63 at this time. Most of them are female.

Lloyd congratulated the Boy Scouts who received their awards and this was put on the page also. The list of events has been received well and Bernstein looks forward to more people logging on as word is spread about the page.

Powell stated that he was told that the alternate for the board is no longer the alternate. Dilmore stated that they did not receive a letter so they will not acknowledge it unless a letter is received.

PARKS:

Cortese spoke about the good work Liesl Klicker did managing the Avalon and Bellevue swimming pools. He is not pleased with the nasty letter published in the Citizen about Liesl and he wants it put in the Citizen that Avalon residents and Council members are very pleased with her work and her reports.

Powell also praised Liesl for the work she did as Pool Manager.

Cortese moved

“to accept bids for approximately thirty (30) truck loads of stone for the parking lot.”

Lloyd asked how this would be kept out of the pool and Dilmore stated they could use tar and chip to keep it in place. Lloyd stated vegetable oil could be used to keep the dust down.

Rosensteel stated that the lot could be paved but the stone is less expensive.

Repp asked if the motion is to be made and when will the bids expire.

It was decided that the bids would expire on May 13, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

The motion is amended as follows:

“to advertise acceptance of bids for approximately thirty (30) truck loads of stone for the parking lot with bids to expire on May 13, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.”

CARRIED

“to hire Caty Makatura as pool manager of Avalon Pool for the 2010 season at a salary of \$8,000.00.”

Lloyd asked if Caty has her certification and will be able to treat the pool as needed. Cortese stated that she does have her certificates and knows what needs to be done.

The motion was then.....

CARRIED

“to accept the list of lifeguards and cashiers as employees of the Avalon Pool for the 2010 season as received by the parks committee.”

CARRIED

“to permit the Greenstone Church to hold their street fair on Friday, June 11th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, June 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and to use the area in front of the church on California Avenue for the fair.”

Repp asked if this would entail closing California Avenue and he was told it would. Repp then asked if everything could be arranged.

Dilmore stated that he has spoken with Mr. Galbreath and was told that the letter was already sent to the Port Authority and they agreed to use the same plan as last year. Dilmore stated that he has no recollection of

this being done in the past and questions the ability to stop buses on a Friday at 5:00 p.m.

Repp asked if it would be possible to pass the motion contingent upon the letter from the Port Authority. Narcisi questioned the feasibility of closing a major roadway at that time.

Howie stated that this would present a major problem for one half to two thirds of the Borough.

Solicitor Canciello suggested there could be liability issues.

Narcisi asked for clarification as to using California Avenue for their fair and would there be booths. Narcisi suggested that they use the area in front of their Church only.

Dilmore is concerned about closing any part of California Avenue especially during rush hour traffic.

It was suggested that the minister come to the Safety meeting to explain the situation.

The motion was then voted on and was not approved.

“to permit the Northgate Marching Band to run the concession stand at the Avalon Park for the 2010 season.”

CARRIED

LIBRARY:

NO REPORT

CORP/PLANNING:

Powell moved

“to have the secretary read Resolution #1058.”

‘A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, AUTHORIZING ITS CITIZENS TO PAY EARNED INCOME TAX, REAL ESTATE TAXES AND ANY AND ALL ADMINISTRATIVE PAYMENT MADE TO THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO FEES FOR GARBAGE, SEWAGE AND PARKS AND RECREATION VIA THE WEBSITE.’

Repp asked for a vote and the motion was...

CARRIED

INTER-BORO:

Dilmore stated that Kathy from the Summit contacted him and said the meeting which has been rescheduled many times already is now scheduled for April 24, 2010.

Donnelly moved:

“to move the Regular May Council meeting from May 18th to May 19th due to the voting schedule.”

CARRIED

4th JULY:

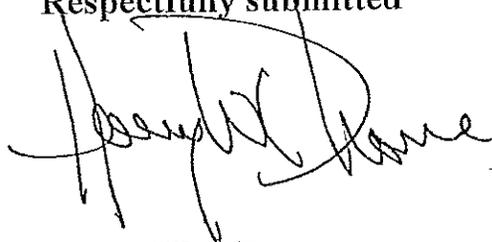
NO REPORT

Cortese moved

“to adjourn.”

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

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Harry W. Dilmore
Manager

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**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 19, 2010**

The meeting opened at with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance led by Tom Lloyd.

Roll Call: Bernstein, Cortese, Dixon, Lloyd, Narcisi, Powell, Repp, Sefick. Also present were Dilmore, Solicitor Canciello, Shawn Rosenwald, Mayor Haslett and Judith Brogan. **Absent:** Donnelly.

An Executive Session was held prior to the Regular Council Meeting concerning a Personnel issue. Canciello stated that the meeting was in compliance with the Sunshine Act.

Bernstein moved:

“To accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 20, 2010”.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Dilmore stated that he received a letter from the North Boros Fireworks Committee for Municipal donations to help this year's event.
- Letter received from the Greenstone Methodist Church requesting a prize for the Strawberry Festival on June 11th and 12th or sponsorship in their program.
- Letter from SHACOG on 2011 salt bidding process. Motion for this to be presented at tonight's meeting.
- Letter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the salt agreement on 2010 – 2011 maintenance. Letter forwarded to the Streets Committee.

VISITORS:

Joyce Erdner of 341 Semple Avenue, spoke on behalf of the Doorway to welcome the new Police Chief, Tom Kokoski and to present an award to the outgoing Chief, Robert Howie. She thanked Chief Howie on behalf of the Doorway for his many years of service to Avalon Borough, stating that they all know how hard the Chief and his officers work to keep Avalon drug free. She also thanked him for being there to listen and to consider every complaint and question as a serious matter. She stated that he was truly like the angel in the song – “angels to watch over me to protect me from what I cannot see.” Joyce stated they all feel that he protects the citizens of Avalon from what they do not see or hear but need protection from.

Chief Howie accepted the award and thanked them for their kindness. He stated that he was proud to be of service to the community over the years.

Jackie Yurkovich of Grandview Avenue stated they have been getting parking tickets on Grandview Avenue but the Borough does not clean Grandview Avenue. She asked the officer why he was writing the tickets even though there are no street cleaning signs and he stated that he was told to write them. Dilmore told her they will look into the matter and correct it.

Jackie also stated that a few neighbors have been burning for the past several weeks and she knows they do not have the necessary permits. She is concerned there will be a major fire caused by this illegal burning and she wants the Borough to look into this matter as soon as possible.

Repp stated that the new Police Chief will contact the Fire Marshall and find out what the neighbors are burning and if they have the necessary permits. If they are breaking the law, that will be dealt with through the police and fire departments.

MAYOR:

NO REPORT

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- Dilmore stated that on Wednesday, May 26th the Borough will be hosting the Local Government Academy's collective bargaining class at the Borough Hall. The class is from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the cost is \$35.00.
- Dilmore stated that he has requests from four residents in the Borough either wanting to donate or buy property in Avalon. He will refer these requests to the Borough Solicitor.
- Dilmore oversaw the demolition of 496 Semple Avenue due to the house slipping over the hillside. The Mayor declared an emergency to waive the normal bidding procedure and the Borough Solicitor oversaw all related matters to the event.

SOLICITOR:

Canciello stated there will be two Resolutions presented tonight. Resolution No. 1059 is to authorize the Cost of Living adjustments to Police Chief Howie's retirement contract. Resolution No. 1060 will address the contract with the new Police Chief, Thomas Kokoski for 2010 to 2013.

Canciello also stated that beginning on June 7, 2010, the Allegheny County property assessments will begin. The assessments will no longer be based on the 2000 assessment numbers. This will be fair to the property owners because some values have decreased and others have increased.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

SEE ATTACHED

FINANCE:

Powell 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

Powell reminded Council that the first bond payment is coming due and he encourages the Committees to be frugal with their spending.

The Tax Collector spoke to Council stating that the 2009 returns and the 2010 first quarter returns are coming in and the report is better than last months report.

STREETS:

Lloyd moved to hire two (2) summer help employees to work with the Avalon Public Works Department.

CARRIED

Lloyd also reminded Council and visitors that Dumpster Day is May 22nd and if seniors need assistance getting their stuff to the dumpster, they can call the Borough office to schedule a pick-up.

Powell asked what items would not be allowed for drop off and Dilmore explained that no items with Freon would be allowed, no liquids and no tires. Car batteries would be accepted by Keith Lorey of the Public Works Department.

Narcisi asked if Tom Michalow would be in charge of Dumpster Day again this year and he was assured that Michalow will be in charge. This will include the volunteers and the pickups.

PROPERTY:

Sefick stated that the lights for the Library are in and the contractor will be installing them next week.

HEALTH:

NO REPORT

INTER-BORO

Dilmore stated that Donnelly has attended the Quaker Valley Council of Government (QVCOG) meeting. One of the items discussed was the salt project. Some of the municipalities who participated in previous years have decided not to participate this year. The bidding process will need to begin again in July 2010.

It was noted that Emsworth Borough has decided to rejoin the QVCOG this year.

PARKS

Cortese moved to permit Bellevue pool pass holders to use their passes at the Avalon Pool until opening of Bellevue Pool.

CARRIED

Powell asked if this courtesy would be extended to Bellevue only until their pool opens and Cortese stated that was correct. Bellevue offered to return the courtesy in the event that Avalon would need that service in the future.

SAFETY:

Narcisi moved to authorize the Secretary to advertise for the position of full-time patrolman for the Avalon Police Department.

CARRIED

To accept Resolution No. 1059 authorizing Mockenhaupt Group to make the necessary cost of living adjustments to Chief Howie's pension.

CARRIED
(Bernstein voted no)

To accept Resolution NO. 1060 approving the personnel committees recommendation and direct the proper officials to enter into a three year contract with the new Police Chief, Thomas Kokoski, from May 27, 2010 to December 31, 2013.

CARRIED

Council President, Ed Repp asked Mayor Haslett to welcome Tom Kokoski as the new Chief of Police by swearing him in with the oath of office.

Tom swore to the following oath:

"I, Thomas Kokoski, will perform the duties of the office of the Chief of Police with fidelity, so help me God."

Tom thanked the Mayor, Council and the Borough Manager for their support. He also thanked his family and friends, especially the retiring Police Chief, Bob Howie and Bob's wife Ethel for their support and confidence in his ability.

Tom also thanked his mother and his wife, Kellie, noting that while he tends to take his work home, Kellie supports him with her humor and her strength.

He promised the citizens of Avalon to do his best as the Chief of Police of Avalon Borough.

Council President, Ed Repp, thanked Tom Kokoski for his previous work as a full time police officer and wished him good luck in his new venture as the Chief of Police.

Repp also invited Bob Howie to next month's Council meeting and Howie accepted.

Mayor Haslett also thanked Bob Howie for the excellent job he has done over the years as the Chief of Police. He also thanked Bob's wife, Ethel for her many years of service to Avalon Borough and wished them both a happy retirement.

Berstein and Lloyd thanked Howie for his service and friendship as the Police Chief.

Dilmore noted both Bob and Ethel's years of service having worked with both of them and he wished them well in their retirement years.

Former Mayor, Dan Brickmont, thanked Howie for his years of service, noting that the Police Chief works all shifts, being called out at any time during the night, on his days off and holidays.

Ed Klicker stated that he was Council President and the one who swore Howie into office in 1993 and he wished him well on his retirement.

CORP/PLANNING:

Bernstein moved to appoint David Ferber to a 2 year term on the Joint Planning Commission.

CARRIED

To appoint Paul Fronze to a 3 year term on the Joint Planning Commission.

CARRIED

To contribute \$1,000 to the Quality of Life Committee to a run a "Fix up your house" contest this summer.

Bernstein explained that the contest rules consist of the citizens taking pictures of the outside of their houses in the beginning of summer and again at the end of summer to show any and all improvement. Prizes would be given to those making the most and best improvements to

their homes. The \$1,000 would cover the prizes which would be \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place and \$200 for third place.

Repp asked the chair of the Finance Committee if he knows where the money would come from – i.e. - funding for the prizes. Powell stated that he has no idea where the money would come from since he was encouraging less spending at this time. Bernstein stated that he had already discussed this with Dilmore and he felt sure that the money would be available.

Dilmore stated that they could use money from the Art Committee but he is confident that the money will be available for the contest. He stated that the contest was a success in past years and he thinks it is a good way to get people to improve their homes and be involved in the community.

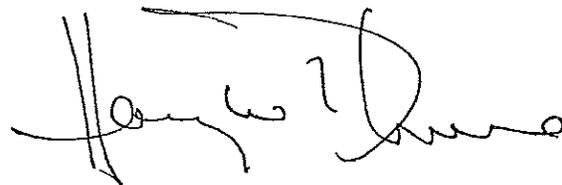
After all discussions the motion was...

CARRIED

Cortese moved to adjourn.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry W. Dilmore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "H".

**Harry W. Dilmore
Manager**

Powell
Cortese 2nd
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**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 15, 2010**

The meeting opened at with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance led by Tom Lloyd.

Roll Call: Bernstein, Cortese, Dixon, Donnelly, Lloyd, Narcisi, Powell, Repp and Sefick. Also present were Dilmore, Mayor Haslett, Solicitor Canciello, and Shawn Rosensteel and Judith Brogan.

No Executive Session was held prior to the Regular Council Meeting.

Julie Jarbeck, Chief of Staff for State Representative Dan Deasy, presented an award to retired Police Chief, Robert Howie for his many years of service to the community and for his military service in the 101st Airborne. Also noted were his many hours of volunteer work with the Doorway and other organizations in the area.

Bernstein moved:

“To accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 19, 2010.”

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Dilmore stated that he received a letter addressed to the Borough and the Solicitor on litigation with the Queensbury Apartments. Solicitor Canciello will comment.
- Letter received from Northgate School District regarding their \$8,000 donation for Avalon Park. The check was received and given to the Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG) with appreciation to the School District for their generosity.

- Draft copies of the 2009 final audit report were received. Copies were put in the Council mailboxes and a copy given to the Solicitor. The Finance Committee will need to set up a date to meet with Brian McCall and Dave Duessel to do the closeout report.
- Chester Engineering reported that we have completed filing for the MS4 report and Shawn Rosensteel of Chester Engineering will address this in his report tonight.

VISITORS:

Tom Kozinski of 288 Center Avenue spoke about a new on-line news letter. He will be the correspondent for this newsletter which will not be in competition with the local newspaper, The Citizen. Mr. Kozinski stated that this newsletter will report on national and state issues as well as local issues. He asked for reports on anything newsworthy taking place in the Borough. He also thanked Council for the good job they are doing in Avalon.

Scott Zinsmeister addressed Council on Cindy Bujalski's work with the Safety Kids Program. Scott assured Council that Cindy has become a certified instructor for the Safety Kids Program allowing her to be covered under their liability insurance. He stated that Section II of their policy covers all volunteers and Cindy will not put the Borough in jeopardy by speaking to the children through the Safety Kids Program. However, the Borough will need to pay for Cindy's training class.

Repp asked if the insurance company lists the volunteers by name or is it a general coverage for all volunteers. Scott stated that the coverage is general liability coverage for all volunteers.

When asked the name of the insurance company, Scott stated that he did not have that with him but he could make it available to Council the next day. Council found that acceptable.

Repp asked Scott what Avalon Borough will need to do to allow Cindy to take part in this program. Scott stated that Cindy will need a criminal background check and a child abuse report. Cindy has already agreed to get these items at her own expense.

Repp asked Cindy if she had paid for the class and Cindy stated that she had not paid for it yet. Repp asked Scott where Cindy will hold the classes and he stated that they would be at the Elementary School and at the Library. The classes would be for students from pre-school to the 6th grade. Scott explained that the program used to be called Child Find which was started by Diane Brown. It has since been changed to Safety Kids but the work is the same. He believes they have taught the children how to protect themselves in dangerous situations and how to be aware in reporting these situations to adults and authorities.

Repp asked how to proceed with the motion since it had been tabled at the April 20, 2010 meeting.

Dilmore explained that a motion must be made to remove the previous motion and then a new motion must be put on the floor.

Narcisi moved

“To remove the tabled motion of April 20, 2010 allowing Cindy Bujalski to attend a Child Counseling Class at a cost not to exceed \$250.00”

CARRIED

“To approve Cindy Bujalski attending a Safety Kids Class at a cost not to exceed \$250.00.”

MAYOR:

NO REPORT

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- Dilmore stated that he is working on the West Bellevue Road situation with Bellevue and the Allegheny County Health Department. Shawn Rosensteel of Chester Engineering will give a full report.
- Worked on the FEMA interviews on Monday for the snow event of 2010 for reimbursement. I will be making the necessary changes and complete the interview on Wednesday, June 23, 2010.

- Worked with Shawn Rosensteel on the MS4 report which we completed on Tuesday.

SOLICITOR:

Canciello stated that he received a letter from 643 California Avenue LLC requesting the transfer of a liquor license from McKees Rocks Borough to Avalon Borough. He stated that the request is being made because Avalon falls into that category which allows a liquor license for every 2000 people. A motion will be put on the floor tonight to advertise for a public hearing to allow the transfer.

Narcisi asked if Canciello knew where the license would be transferred from and Canciello did not know at this time.

Canciello stated that Council would have 45 days to approve or deny the license request once the hearing was held and all arguments heard. The request must be acted upon within the 45 day period unless an extension is filed and granted. This extension would grant the petitioner another 15 days to plead the case for the license.

Canciello spoke about House Bill 1031 (HB 1031) which is still in the early stages in Harrisburg. This Bill would allow each state to decide if they want to merge with the County government or be independent of the County allowing them to keep their own laws and ordinances. This Bill is only in discussion and not passed into law. In order for it to become law, it will have to be voted on in two (2) sessions and then a final vote and signatures. He stated the he had discussed this with Vickie Donnelly and explained that it is sill in the discussion stages and not ready for a vote.

Repp called for the motion to be made for the liquor license transfer from McKees Rocks to 643 California Avenue.

Lloyd moved to set a public hearing to transfer a liquor license from McKees Rocks Borough to Avalon Borough. Resolution No. 1061.

CARRIED

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Shawn Rosensteel read his report and specific interest was placed on #13 of his report concerning the West Bellevue Sanitary Sewer. He and Harry Dilmore, along with Bellevue Borough and HRG attended a meeting with ACHD to view damage to the sanitary sewer and sanitary sewer overflows that were occurring. The County has provided an order to the boroughs and is requiring a response with a rehabilitation schedule by June 17, 2010. Chester Engineering is currently working on a letter to send to ACHD.

Shawn stated that West Bellevue Road gets excessive water run-off which pushes rocks and brush into the terracotta. This breaks the pipes and causes damage to the sewers. Also, they are dealing with vandals' who throw large rocks on the pipes breaking them or putting holes in them. This leads to costly repairs which are temporary because the vandals come back and do more damage.

The letter from Allegheny County gives the boroughs six (6) months to repair the area but the order is vague and does not specify what needs to be done. Shawn recommends that Avalon does not accept the letter but rather draw up their own letter specifying what and how will be done in the time given. His concern is that the health department will not accept a vaguely written order because of the wording.

Narcisi stated that we will have to work with Bellevue to get the work done. He asked Dilmore for an estimated cost of repairs. Dilmore stated that he does not have all of the totals at this time but he thinks it will be approximately \$150,000.00 divided between Avalon and Bellevue. Narcisi has concerns about an equitable split between the boroughs because of the hospital water and sewage use.

He also has concerns about the appeal process and if there would be an appeal. Shawn Rosensteel again stated that he thinks the County letter should be rejected because of the wording and vagueness of the order.

Narcisi stated that in the event of an appeal, the judge would listen to equitable arguments before rendering a decision.

Bernstein asked if Council will need to make a motion to send a letter through Chester Engineering to the County.

Narcisi asked Dilmore for his opinion concerning the letter and appeal. Dilmore stated that filing an appeal may upset the Health Department. Also, the letter has to be done by Thursday.

Rosensteel suggested that the letter be written with reasonable time lines permitted. He also gave Council options as to how the repairs should be done allowing for different materials to be used which would affect cost.

Donnelly asked if the cost would be 50/50 and Dilmore stated that the differential is 6-1 to 7-1 with Bellevue using more than Avalon. He believes that because Bellevue uses most of the water & sewage, they should be responsible for most of the repairs. This has been an issue that will need to be addressed.

Dilmore stated that the County did not notify us when they first inspected the area and he feels they were negligent in that and their letter is too vague.

Bernstein asked if it would be possible to send the letter required and still look into filing an appeal.

There was some discussion about working with Bellevue and setting up a design as well as sending a letter outlining the repairs and improvements with more specific dates.

Repp stated that the professionals need to be allowed to do their job and then a decision can be made based on their recommendations.

Rosensteel stated that he believes the County is asking for a response outlining plans without being specific and that is how it should be addressed in the letter they will be sending.

Lloyd moved:

“to send a letter to Allegheny County Health Department outlining the dates of repairs and the proposal for funding for the sanitary line on West Bellevue Road.”

CARRIED

Rosensteel added that Avalon should develop agreements with other Boroughs as per the Consent Order.

He noted there are 31 structures in Avalon using the sewage pipe in question and Bellevue has 201 structures. He feels that Avalon’s position should be to get the water usage for all of the structures for one year and base a percentage of responsibility for each borough.

FINANCE:

“To accept the Finance Report as submitted.”

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report for May 2010 as submitted.”

CARRIED

“To accept the Finance Report as submitted.”

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills as submitted.”

CARRIED

Powell noted that the Borough has spent two thirds of the June budget and suggests that the Committees watch their spending for the rest of the month into the next quarter.

SAFETY:

Narcisi moved:

“To return the control of interviewing of part-time police officers to the chief of police position.”

CARRIED

“To accept the resignation of Keith Krauss from the Avalon police department effective immediately.”

CARRIED

Narcisi asked Police Chief Kokoski if he has a report to present and Kokoski stated that he gave a report to the Safety Committee but he would be give a brief report to Council. He stated that the past two weeks have been very busy with the arrest on the Boulevard and cleaning out and updating thirty (30) years of files from the storage room.

Narcisi asked Dilmore if the advertisement for a full-time police officer had been placed and Dilmore stated that the position has been advertised but the police chief wants another advertisement put in another newspaper because he is not satisfied with the number of applications received. The police chief believes that the Post Gazette will bring more applicants than the Tribune. Dilmore stated that an advertisement has been published in the Tribune for three (3) weeks already and he will meet with the police chief to decide if another publication would be necessary at this time.

STREETS:

Lloyd noted the new flags on California Avenue that were put up over the Memorial Day Holiday. He told Council that Lorraine Makatura did research and found a company that sells them for \$6.00 per flag. He suggested that the cost of the flags could be compensated by setting up a "Flag Fund" and asking for donations from Council and the residents. It was agreed that donations will be accepted at the Borough office during regular business hours.

Lloyd also spoke about the Dumpster Day which was held in May noting that it was a success despite the heavy rain. He thanked the volunteers, Tom Michalow, the street crew and students who participated in the clean up. Three large dumpsters were filled.

The street crew has been working to get the Borough cleaned up with grass cutting and cleaning the parks.

Lloyd noted that there are several streets that have lumps and bumps in the Borough due to raised and missing bricks.

Lloyd moved

"to hire two part-time workers for the Department of Public Works to clean and replace the bricks on the brick streets in Avalon."

CARRIED

Lloyd was asked if the workers would be qualified to replace the bricks and he was assured they would be qualified. He was also asked if this would be for the summer only and he stated is the case and the employees would be let go at the end of the season.

Lloyd stated that he met with Keith Lorey and Harry Dilmore concerning the cost of new trucks for the Borough. There was a lot of damage done to the trucks this past winter and the age of the vehicles makes repairs difficult and costly. They are looking into the cost and will report back to Council after they have more information.

PROPERTY:

Sefick moved

“to approve the purchase of security cameras in the California Avenue Park at a cost of \$2,400.00.”

CARRIED

Cortese noted that there was graffiti on the roof of the new shelter in the California Avenue Park and he thinks the cameras will be a good addition.

HEALTH:

NO REPORT

CORP/PLANNING:

INTER-BORO:

Donnelly stated that Allegheny County will be meeting at PNC Park to discuss the pension fund report on June 23, 2010. Anyone who is available it attend is welcome.

PARKS”

Cortese stated that he had the report from the Avalon swimming pool manager, Liesl Klicker. It showed that “Pittsburgh Night” was a success. He also presented a grid designed by Liesl showing how the pool is operating on a regular basis. It also shows income and expenses. A more detailed report will be presented as the season proceeds.

Cortese moved:

“to approve the agreement with the American Red Cross for the 2010 certification for swimming safety and swimming lessons.”

CARRIED

Cortese stated that the painting at the pool which is being done by Crystal Cortese thanked Al Nickalus, owner of the Mia Madre Trattoria for his generous donation for the flowers at the pool.

He also read the pool report from Cati Makatura. The report stated that the Memorial Day Weekend was a good start for the 2010 season. There were no major issues and a second newsletter has been issued asking adults to respect the teenage lifeguards and to announce swim lessons which are still available. A complete report is attached to these Minutes.

Cortese stated that Crystal Wolfschmidt is still working on the painting at the pool. She is working on the mural on the side of the pump house among other areas at the pool.

He also noted the benches at the pool were painted by Keith Lorey and they look great.

LIBRARY:

Cortese stated that a part-time Librarian has been hired at the Avalon Library. The full – time Librarian, Antoinette Ruta has been terminated.

“Cortese moved to have Avalon Borough pay for one half (½) of the cost of the security cameras at the Library. The total cost is approximately \$9,306.00 with the Borough paying \$4,600.”

After some discussion, the motion was tabled until bids are received and opened.

Cortese moved

“to table the motion to have the Borough pay for ½ of the cost of the Security Cameras for the Library.”

CARRIED

4th JULY:

Connie Rankin announced the 4th of July celebration will be held on Friday, July 2, 2010. The celebration will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the fireworks will begin at dusk.

The company doing the fireworks is Pyrotechnics'. The fireworks will be set to Patriotic music and they are promising a great new show.

Bob Arnold's band, the Uptown Rhythm and Brass Band will perform again this year. There will be a free bike raffle and hot-dog eating contest.

Connie asked for volunteers to help with the refreshment sales, and for donations to help defray the cost. It was suggested that letters should be sent to businesses in the area asking for donations. This was successful in the past and many businesses are happy to participate.

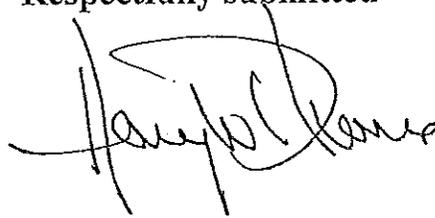
Powell moved:

"To adjourn."

CARRIED

The meeting ended at approximately 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry W. Dilmore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "H".

**Harry W. Dilmore
Manager**