

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 16, 2012**

The meeting opened at 7:33 with the pledge of Allegiance led by Ed Repp. Prayer by Mayor Haslett.

**Roll Call: Donnelly, Klicker, Lloyd, Narcisi, Repp and Vetterly.
Absent: Bernstein, Cortese, Dixon. Also present: Megan Ott, Borough Manager Dilmore, Police Chief Kokoski, Chester Engineer Representative, Shawn Rosensteel and Lorraine Makatura. Mayor Haslett.**

Solicitor stated that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss pending litigation and a personnel matter.

Klicker moved:

**“To accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of
September 18, 2012”.**

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Letter from County Executive Fitzgerald on countywide stormwater plan. Avalon is in Region #2, and on Monday, November 19, 2012, 6:30-8:30 pm, Hampton Township Community Center, a meeting will be held to for elected officials discuss the plan and ordinances that will come into play in the next two years.**
- **Received a project packet on the repaving of Route 65 slated to begin March 2013. Avalon is responsible for the ring frames and lids for storm sewers. Discussed at the finance meeting, will order as needed.**

- **Halloween parade will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, October 27, 2012, registration begins at 10:00 am at Avalon Elementary School.**
- **Received the packet from the State Worker's Insurance Fund for Worker's Comp on the Fireman, everything is in place.**

Halloween is Wednesday, October 31, 2012, 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

VISITORS:

**Anne Mackrella
1015 Jackman Avenue**

Do you provide copies of the minutes? Yes and provided the website for online access.

Questions regarding the street situation on Jackman with the water line break and West View Water not repairing the street. Causing difficulty with access to her apartment building, transportation issues as well as unsafe with cars crashing through the horses. Has provided her own cone for safety. Also insisting the sidewalks (ie, ramps) are not ADA compliant on Home Avenue for someone on crutches. Questioned how many curbs were to be done several years ago.

Dilmore stated that over 70 ramps have been done over the years through the COG, with 4 more being approved now. Ms. Mackrella argues the compliance and design of the ramp on Home Avenue. Mr. Dilmore continued with the issue of West View Water and multiple water line breaks on Jackman. West View Water initially stated they would make the necessary repairs, however, now they are advising us to file a claim because now is considered an act of God (Tort Act). Looking at contractors to get estimates (need 3) to make the repair and also to file a claim.

Donnelly asked what was not ADA compliant? Ms. Mackrella explained the ramps from Home to Home on Jackman are not

compliant. That ramp was done before the dotted pads were required. Rosensteel stated that it was compliant when done but things have continued to change, and was one of the first ones to be replaced.

MAYOR:

No Report.

Thank you to the Chief for continuing efforts in keeping the Borough safe.

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- **Ordered and awaiting delivery on the Elizabeth Avenue signs and will be installed as soon as they arrive.**
- **Continued work on MS-4 report with Chester Engineers. We still owe some dye test information from Ohio River Blvd.**
- **2013 Budget, two meetings to date, next one October 25, 2012.**
- **TAN Loan paperwork is being completed and submitted to Fidelity Bank.**
- **Impact Fee money from the State on Marcellus Shale licenses, Avalon to receive \$98.20**
- **Dumpster Day, Saturday, October 27, 2012, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Borough Garage parking lot.**

SOLICITORS REPORT:

Ott stated she will be introducing Elizabeth Satler next month, she will be covering Ms. Ott's maternity leave.

Budget anticipation from the anti-windfall provision on the reassessments. Anticipated 5% increase in what you can expect to collect in 2013. The only challenge is the large number of appeals scheduled. Should receive your numbers sometime in December.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

- **Birmingham Avenue landslide – meeting scheduled with the Geotechnical Engineer on Tuesday, October 23, 2012, 10:00**

am, to discuss his recommendations. Anyone is welcome to attend.

- **MS4 Application completed as required by the state, it has been submitted and is currently under review. We should receive the permit in the next few months along with requirements to comply under the new permit. Question regarding what may be required of us – all outfalls to be located (monitor rainfall over 72 hours and if dry then outfall is ok, if wet, then a chemical testing is required), GPS and surveys.**

FINANCE:

Quality of Life, new members here and present. New name to be Avalon NOW. Next meeting October 24, 2012, 7:00 pm. Process of preparing for 3rd annual Brighten the Seasons, scheduled for December 8, 2012, 12:00 noon to 4:30 pm. Photos with Santa and Mrs. Clause, ornament making, 50/50, Chinese Auction and community tree lighting in the park across the street.

Work on the budget continues with the next meeting scheduled for October 25, 2012.

Lloyd moved:

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report for the month of October as submitted”.

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report for the month of October as submitted”.

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Financial Report for the month of October as submitted.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills as submitted for the month of October ”.

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Narcisi moved:

“To permit the placement of a handicap parking sign in the vicinity 824 California Avenue for Advanced Nephrology Associates.”

Questions: concern over issuing handicapped spots to specific businesses. Dilmore stated that we do not want to start spots for specific businesses, they do not have a specific person in mind, Advanced Nephrology asked for their patients. It is suggested to put 2 spaces in that block, not for a specific business.

Additional question on businesses having parking in the rear of their businesses, they should provide a handicapped spot in their lot as well. Further discussion to rephrase the motion.

Narcisi rephrased the original motion:

“To permit the placement of 2 handicapped parking spaces in the 800 block of California Avenue, one on each side of the street.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

STREETS:

Vetterly moved:

“To accept the 2012/2013 Salt and Plowing Agreement with Ben Avon Heights Borough.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

Leaf season started, everything going well.

PROPERTY:

No Report

HEALTH & SANITATION:

Klicker reported continued work on the healthcare changes.

CORP/PLANNING:

No Report

INTER-BORO:

- **Quaker Valley COG annual banquet is tomorrow evening, October 17 at Shannopin.**
- **County Meeting November 1, General Memebershp December 13, Grand Hall at the Priory, please bring a toy. Donations to go to The Children’s Istitute.**

LIBRARY:

- November 6, voting on a new member.

PARKS & RECREATION:

No Report

4th OF JULY:

No Report

Lloyd: “Motion to adjourn: 8:05 pm.”

Narcisi 2nd.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

**Harry W. Dilmore
Manager**