

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 20, 2012**

The meeting opened at 7:35 with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ed Repp.

Announced that Megan Ott did have her baby on Saturday, November 17, Meredith Mae.

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

Solicitor stated there was no executive session held at this time.

Klicker moved:

**“To accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of
October 16, 2012”.**

**Lloyd 2nd
Cortese Abstained**

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Letter from Goehring, Rutter and Boehm regarding options for council to set real estate tax rate for the 2013 Budget.**
- **Letter from IRM on a personnel matter.**
- **Letter from Waste Management on new regulations for electronic device handling. No change in contract, only on what you can put out.**

VISITORS:

**Ruth Lloyd
225 S. Ohio St.**

Asking council to consider Bellevue's residential and commercial tax abatement program, LERTA, Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance act, for Avalon as well. This allows owners to improve their properties and receive an abatement on the improvements. Dilmore stated that this had been discussed a few years ago and opted to not participate at that time. It is something that could be revisited.

**Jim Cameron
716 Florence Avenue**

Further comment on LERTA. As someone that does property rehabs, turning a home around in 6 months, it would be helpful in the budgeting of the rehab process and we would get that money back in a few months.

**Paul Meyers
234 Locust Avenue**

Concerned that everyone using the parking lot in the pool area for projects is no also using the shelter house parking area. Will these companies be repairing or cleaning up what was left behind. Dilmore stated that Vetterly is monitoring the companies using the park as staging areas, Columbia Gas and Northern Pipeline for the Marie Avenue project. We have full confidence that it will be cleaned up as agreed.

**Ryan Dearing
18 Marie Avenue**

The area around the bus loop has also been dug up. Who is responsible for cleaning this up? Dilmore stated that this project belongs to the Port Authority and they will be returning to finish the project.

MAYOR:

No Report.

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- **Fire Company selling Christmas Trees in the lot across from the firehall, beginning Friday, November 23.**
- **TAN loan progressing, Fidelity Bank should have paperwork completed for our December meeting.**
- **Budget is progressing as well. One more meeting to finish up the budget.**
- **Healthcare package was completed.**
- **End of year collection for the audit has begun.**

SOLICITORS REPORT:

Thank you for your welcome.

Regarding the reassessments: the county still is planning to have the certified values to everyone by December 17. There has been discussion with their solicitor regarding a later board meeting and delivering results to everyone by December 20. No word to date. You should pass a motion tonight to advertise your budget. The budget should be available for public viewing two weeks prior to the December meeting as well (stated at the end of the Finance Committee section).

ENGINEERS REPORT:

- **Discussion with Bellevue's engineer regarding W. Bellevue Road and the erosion that has occurred with the sanitary sewer. Storm sewer was, in fact, Bellevue's and they have made the repair. Will verify repair in December. Cortese questioned the additional work needed to correct the now**

exposed sewer line that was completed a year ago. Rosensteel reiterated that the large amount of water running down that road is causing large rocks and boulders to move and could cause additional damage to the sewer line. The pipe is strong but it needs to be covered.

- **Sewer drawings have been delivered to public works.**

FINANCE:

Last budget meeting will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2012, 8:00 am.

Lloyd moved:

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

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

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

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

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

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

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

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

“To authorize the Secretary to advertise for the tax rate for 2013 when set by Council.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

Avalon NOW and the new members have done a lot to revitalize what was the Quality of Life Committee. Jim Cameron, whom we met earlier, will be conducting an open house in December, 715 Florence Avenue. This is a house he converted into a single family home. Avalon NOW will have flyers available to potential buyers touting Avalon’s amenities.

December 8, 2012, 12:00 noon to 4:30 pm is Brighten the Season. Dilmore arranged for the tree. Tree lighting at 5:00 pm. Trinity Lutheran Church will have refreshments. Caroling with the lighting. Photos for pets and children with Santa and Mrs. Clause. Library is sponsoring ornament making. Chinese auction and vendors, food drop for the food bank as well.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No Report

STREETS:

Cortese moved:

“To accept the 2012/2013 One Call Agreement with Ben Avon Heights Borough.”

Lloyd 2nd

Dilmore stated that Ben Avon Heights accepted this agreement at their last meeting.

CARRIED

PROPERTY:

No Report

Dixon questioned why the water bill and ALCOSAN bill is a quarter apart and why it is so costly. Discussion followed on how the billing process works between West View Water and ALCOSAN. Dixon wants justification for ALCOSAN. Dilmore stated that they hold public meetings that are not well attended for the public and public officials. Reiterated the project costs and plans for the communities. Information available in the office for review.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

Klicker moved:

“To accept the UPMC Health Care Plan for all full time employees, administrated by BABB Associates.”

Cortese 2nd

Klicker commented on the work of the Administration Office, the police, street department and Council to reduce expenditures to the Borough and still provide equal benefits in the plan. Nice to see all the groups come together to save the Borough money.

Repp thanked the committee for all the work on this huge endeavor.

CARRIED

CORP/PLANNING:

No Report

LIBRARY:

Bernstein moved:

“To approve Ruth Lloyd and Heather Weleski to fill the vacancy on the Friends of the Library Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2012.”

Lloyd 2nd

Bernstein commented that Ruth and Heather have been acting on behalf of Rae Fisher and Lisa Elliott. Rae’s death and Lisa’s resignation left 2 openings with terms ending December 31, 2012.

Dixon questioned why it took so long to make these recommendations. Timing of all the library boards and meetings and our meetings caused a lap in timing.

Lloyd commented that the Friends of the Library made a \$2000 donation to the library due to the election day bake sale and Touch a Truck event.

Bernstein also wanted to note the Friends of the Library doubled what they brought in last year.

CARRIED

INTER-BORO:

Donnelly and Cortese will be attending the County dinner meeting December 13. If anyone would like to make toy donations for Toys for Tots, please bring them to the Borough hall and Donnelly will deliver to the appropriate place.

PARKS & RECREATION:

No Report

4th OF JULY:

No Report

Cortese: "Motion to adjourn: 8:15 pm."

Lloyd 2nd.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

**Harry W. Dilmore
Manager**