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AVALON BOROUGH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
December 17, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm by Ed Repp with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Bernstein, Cortese, Dixon, Klicker, Narcisi, Repp, Vetterly. Also present Solicitor Megan Ott, Engineer Rachel Carroll, Borough Manager Harry Dilmore and Makatura. Absent: Donnelly, Lloyd, Tax Collector.

Solicitor stated no executive sessions were held prior to the council meeting.

Klicker Moved:

“To accept the minutes of the November 19, 2013, Avalon Borough Council Meeting. ”

Cortese 2<sup>nd</sup>

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Allegheny County Boroughs Association 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet to be held at the Casino, February 1, 2014. Those wishing to attend need to advise the Administration Office.
- Allegheny County 911 update needed for 2014, forwarded to Safety and Chief Carney for update.
- Allegheny County Boroughs Association advertisement for the banquet program, approved at Finance meeting.

VISITORS:

David Zivic  
923 Malvern Road

Thanked council for their endeavors to purchase the new truck. Narcisi stated that Mr. Zivic was re-elected as President of the Avalon Borough Volunteer Fire Association.

**MAYOR:**

Met with Chief Kokoski regarding snow removal for this winter season. Ticketing will begin and continue on a regular basis.

**MANAGER/SECRETARY:**

- Completing paperwork on the 2014 TAN Loan. All information has been delivered to WesBanco and closing will be scheduled after the new officials have been sworn in.
- Preparation for the 2013 audit with Maher-Duessel. Scheduled to begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January for data collection.
- 2014 Budget completed and on display. Adjusted after final workshop meeting. Any additional action to be taken by Council at the closeout meeting on December 30, 2013.
- Dilmore and Makatura completed 12 hour class on blighted properties. Information for Council to consider for the coming year.
- Work on Police Contract Arbitration hearing underway, Met with Arbitration Counsel, Chris Gabriel. Solicitor Ott to comment on progress.
- Continue to gather information on fire at 221 S. Chestnut.

**SOLICITOR:**

- Continue to research Child Abuse policies for the Borough. Recommendations to follow in January.
- Police Arbitration Hearing proceedings are scheduled for early February 2014. Contract recommendations should be received by 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

ENGINEER:

- Received bonds and insurance information on N. Birmingham wall. Limits are incorrect and not as required on the specifications. Shortfalls to be covered by an umbrella coverage. Further discussion followed on how this is to be handled.

FINANCE:

Klicker moved:

“To accept the Finance Report as submitted for December 17, 2013.”

Cortese 2<sup>nd</sup>

CARRIED

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted for the month of December 17, 2013.”

Cortese 2<sup>nd</sup>

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted for December 17, 2013.”

Cortese 2<sup>nd</sup>

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills as submitted for the month of December 17, 2013 in the amount of \$170,947.35.”

Cortese 2<sup>nd</sup>

CARRIED

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No Report.

Narcisi restated Dave Zivic’s comments regarding the need to purchase a new truck.

**STREETS:**

Cortese moved:

“To advertise for the full-time laborer position in the Avalon Public Works Department.”

Bernstein 2<sup>nd</sup>

**CARRIED**

**PROPERTY:**

No Report

Heating issues in the public works building resolved.

**HEALTH & SANITATION:**

No Report

Klicker moved:

“To have Secretary read the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd reading of Ordinance #1349, an ordinance establishing fines and penalties on weeds and plant growth.”

Dilmore read ordinance.

Bernstein 2<sup>nd</sup>

Discussion on whether this included trees or if trees were covered under a separate ordinance. Solicitor Ott also stated that fines may be adjusted through Resolutions vs. amending the ordinance.

**CARRIED**

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CORP/PLANNING:

No Report

INTER-BOROUGH:

No Report

PARKS & RECREATION:

No Report

LIBRARY:

No Report

4<sup>th</sup> of JULY:

No Report

Cortese congratulated the North Catholic High School Football team for winning the 2013 State Championships. Congratulations to Coaches Dan Sefick, Greg Eberhart Sr., Greg Eberhart Jr., Dave Haslet Jr, and Lucky.

Cortese moved:

“To recess until Monday, December 30, 2013, at 7:30 pm.”

Narcisi 2<sup>nd</sup>

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry W. Dilmore  
Secretary