

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 16, 2016**

Mr. Klicker called the meeting to order at 7:04 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A prayer followed by Mr. Lloyd.

Roll Call: Cortese (arrived at 7:15 pm), Donnelly, Klicker, Lloyd, McWilliams, Narcisi, Nelson, Pascale. Also present: Solicitor Ott, Engineer Scally, Chief Kokoski, and Dilmore. Absent: Vetterly, Haslett, and Tax Collector, Klicker.

Nelson moved:

“To accept the Minutes of the January 19, 2016 Avalon Borough Council Meeting.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

- **Received application from Allegheny County for the Summer Lunch Program, Madonna Matthews will continue with the program.**
- **Consent Order paperwork has been received**
- **Received information from Wesbanco for the new police car**
- **Received report from MRM Worker’s Comp and distributed.**

Pascale:

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted for February 16, 2016.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted for

February 16, 2016.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the List of Bills as submitted for February 16, 2016, in the amount of \$102,078.39.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

President Klicker opened with comments regarding two requests received from baseball organizations to utilize the fields this year. Avalon Council believes we are not in the business of picking winners or losers. We are here to make sure the public's assets are available to the community in an equitable fashion. A motion will permit both leagues an equitable sharing of the fields based on historic & current enrollments, our recommendations are as follows:

BABA (Bellevue-Avalon Baseball Association)

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday – 3:00 pm to dusk
Saturday – 8:00 am to 3:00 pm**

MYTAA (Make You Think Athletic Association)

**Thursday – 3:00 pm to dusk
Saturday – 3:00 pm to dusk**

This recommendation is also accompanied with the understanding that Avalon Borough does not have the capability to require leagues to share equipment. We have discussed the concession stand and signage. Items that belong to one league or the other, ie, bases. It is also the Borough's understanding that MYTAA will take care of the grass. Please note this recommendation is different than previously discussed on February 4, 2016,

committee meeting. This is discussed again at the Finance Meeting, February 11, 2016, resulting in this recommendation.

**Harry Wynkoop
101 Marie Avenue
MYTAA Group**

Confirmed the days and times listed above for the MYTAA group for scheduling purposes. Other comments regarding the Little League Field not having proper drainage and would like to make a repair at no cost to the Borough. Suggested to work with Mr. Dilmore and Mr. Vetterly, Streets and Property Chairman.

**Scott Stabler
BABA Board Member**

Thank you Council for listening to all the fact regarding this issue. We are here for the kids. Disappointed that with all the work done on the fields that one person's comments brought it to this. Further discussion followed regarding the porta-john contract.

Mr. Klicker speaking for Council, we are not the mediator for the groups and that all issues and needs of the two organizations can be negotiated amicably between BABA & MYTAA.

Mr. Wynkoop addressed this concern MTAA is willing to share the cost 50/50.

Mr. Klicker also advised that a representative from both groups should sit with the Secretary to complete the contracts.

MAYOR:

- **No Report**

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- **Auditors are in the process of completing the 2015 audit.**
- **Paperwork received from West View Water regarding the S. Birmingham Avenue claim. Engineer to review what will be submitted on February 17, 2016.**

- **Year-end reports received for both Police and Public Works pensions. Available for review.**
- **MRM Yearly review received.**
- **HAThompson liability insurance review complete – no report to date**

ENGINEER: Report submitted.

- **Exploratory digs were done on S. Birmingham Avenue. Subsurface beneath the bricks revealed a concrete base in some areas as well as a gravel base in others. Archive drawings reveal that is in fact true. Estimates prepared ranging from \$230K to \$300K to repair.**
- **Sanitary/storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project at Belva. Payment is recommended. The spot repairs on the sanitary lines are approximately 50% complete.**
- **MS4 annual progress report is due in June, which reports progress through March 2016.**
- **Chapter 94 Annual Report is complete and will be submitted on February 17, 2016.**
- **House demolitions – closeout documents received regarding the contractors insurance and bond. Should move forward by mid-March.**

SOLICITOR:

No Report.

FINANCE:

Pascale addressed the figures for West View Water. Finance Committee has discussed how to accomplish this repair if West View Water does not pay the insurance claim. Financing to be determined at that point.

An updated bid has been received for the repair of the façade of the DPW building. Will proceed with the repair.

SAFETY:

Narcisi moved:

“To accept the resignation of Lisa M. Elliott as a member of the Avalon Borough Civil Service Commission, with regrets.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept Paul Meyers of 234 Locust Avenue as a member of the Avalon Borough Civil Service Commission.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

Donnelly questioned the length of the term. Dilmore confirmed Mr. Meyers term is until 2022.

STREETS:

No Report

PARKS:

Cortese moved:

“To hire Aaron Makatura and Clair Danylo as Pool Managers for the 2016 pool season at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

“To approve the recommendations of the Parks Committee pertaining to BABA & MYTAA, field time April through August, and

to authorize the Secretary to draw up contracts and contact proper officials of the leagues for signing of the contract.”

Lloyd 2nd

Donnelly commented, through her experiences in sharing fields, to respect each other. Also thank you for the work that you do.

Cortese commented that this will be a one year deal and strongly encouraged a July meeting between the two organizations to mend fences and become 1.

CARRIED

Council of Governments:

Lloyd commented on the bonds received by the Quaker Valley COG. Avalon and Bellevue projects are moving forward. The COG has made motions to work on the Comcast and garbage contracts. The Borough Managers are working on the garbage contract to negotiate and be completed by September.

Lloyd also read and discussed the letter regarding the resignation of the Quaker Valley Council of Governments Director. The position will be advertised. Members of the COG are encouraged to submit names of interested candidates to their COG delegates. A search committee will be formed, 3 members of the COG board and 2 managers.

Lloyd moved:

“To hire Chuck Means of Goehring, Rutter and Boehm as Special Council for the purpose of negotiations of the Comcast contract.”

Donnelly 2nd

Klicker commented the COG is providing legal services for the cable contract. Avalon is choosing a alternate route to complete that contract.

CARRIED

LIBRARY:

- **Lloyd resported state funding signed prior to Christmas included libraries.**
- **Library Presentation: 2/23/16 Civil War, John Knobs**
- **Avalon NOW Clean Up Date 4/23/16.**

Allegheny County Boroughs Association

- **Donnelly reported on the banquet held in February. New officers elected.**

Next meeting March.

Annual Conference at Seven Springs in April.

Cortese moved to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

**Harry Dilmore
Manager**