

**AVALON BOROUGH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 18, 2014**

**The meeting opened at 7:40 with the pledge of Allegiance led by Joshua Klicker.**

**Roll Call: Cortese, Donnelly, Lloyd, Narcisi, Nelson, Pascale, and Klicker. Also present: Solicitor Kate Diersen, Borough Manager Dilmore, Police Chief Kokoski, Rachel Carroll and Makatura. Absent: Neal, Vetterly, Mayor Haslett, Tax Collector Klicker.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- **Letter and details from Columbia Gas regarding the relocation of the gas line in the Avalon Park.**
- **FEMA requires a majority of council to be certified to apply for funding. Need Emergency Management Coordinator for Safety and Fire.**
- **Metowers resident request a time schedule for an audible signal at Union Avenue.**
- **Received communication from West View Water to review fire hydrants list.**

**Nelson moved:**

**“To accept Minutes of the February 18, 2014, Avalon Borough Council Meeting.”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**Pascale moved:**

**“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted for March 18, 2014.”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted for March 18, 2014.”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**“To accept the List of Bills as submitted for March 18, 2014, in the amount of \$106,399.73.”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**“To authorize the Secretary to do any paperwork necessary to satisfy the PLGIT obligation.”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Klicker commented that should this pass, this would give us an opportunity to pay down the long term debt obligation.**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Dave Zivic  
923 Malvern Road**

**President of the Avalon Volunteer Fire Department.**

**The Sewickley aerial truck was brought to the Borough to test into the garage. It did fit at 11’5”. Our truck is 11’7”. The Fire Department would still like to look at the door issue and continue working towards the purchase of the truck. Emailed FEMA regarding grants. FEMA stated there have been more applications than ever before. First of the grants are to go out soon. Cortese questioned what was the vote in the fire department regarding the purchase of the truck. Zivic stated positive. Donnelly commented that she has discussed this with the director of ACBA. Planning a conference with other fire departments regarding this same issue and he is willing to explore avenues to help in funding. Lloyd mentioned forwarding information to Parkhill from Senator Toomey to help support**

**Avalon Fire Department with the grant. Zivic confirmed that FEMA did receive his letter.**

**Reminder that Good Friday will be the next Fish Fry dinner. Different format than the Mont Carlo, it is a sit down dinner with raffles, home made desserts.**

**Holly Thompson  
921 Jackman Avenue**

**Speaking on behalf of the Avalon Library, thank you for the continued support. Pleased with the bricks being replaced in the sidewalks since this has been a safety concern.**

**Lives next door to an abandon property and has taken care of cutting the grass for the past 2 years. The bank informed her that someone is paid to take care of the grass, however, it is not being done. Any resources available to her with the new grass season starting soon. Discussion followed and will forward to the building inspector.**

**Is a permit needed for digging on your own property for repairing sewer lines. Discussion followed. Dilmore advised that Allegheny County is in control of sewer line issues. The landlord has been taking care of the issue for the last 2 weeks, however, the pipe is open and exposed and now running in to the ground. Dilmore will also see to this issue.**

**Heather Weleski  
111 Harrison Avenue, Apt 2**

**Also works at the Library and thank you for repair the sidewalks.**

**The Library collects newspapers, etc. for the Albiti Paper Recycling, unfortunately, it has been full for the last couple of months. Makatura stated they were reported on a regular basis, however, they continue to be used and we are on their schedule for when they can be emptied. Need to post signs for no cardboard.**

**MAYOR:**

None

**SECRETARY/MANAGER:**

- **2012 Liquid Fuels Audit Report completed**
- **Final states for the 2011, 2012 and 2013 Pension Audit should be completed this week. Some findings to clean up.**
- **Bellevue McBubbles email, engineer to report. Lengthy email received from Bellevue Borough regarding this issue.**
- **Preconstruction meeting held with Pugliano on N. Birmingham Avenue. Steel to be delivered week of March 24. Meeting with Duquesne Light to discuss final plans of moving power lines. Drill to arrive soon. Road closure.**
- **Attended PA1 Call locator class.**
- **Planning Commission Board has an open position. Position to be advertised. We can have more than one person on the committee to alternate meeting attendance. This is an important update to the Comprehensive Plan.**
- **Emergency Management Coordinator Information needs to be updated as soon as possible. The directory needs updated. This has been requested for than once.**

**ENGINEER: Report submitted.**

- **N. Birmingham Wall construction to begin next week. The plan is to close the road next Friday, March 28.**
  - **McBubbles – submitted 3 methods of correction.**
    - **Below Rt. 65, aerial over stream as before. Unable to get a contractor to perform a site visit and supply a cost estimate.**
    - **Reroute all laterals use gravity flow to tap in the existing sanitary line further down Ohio River Blvd.**
    - **Installation of a holding tank and/or pump rerouting, as described above, to the existing sanitary line.**
- Additional information needed from owner regarding number of laterals and their locations and depths, is there an oil/water separator, water usage over the last 2 years, camera the line between the cleanout and manhole at McDonalds parking lot and determine code requirements.**

**Nothing specific required from Avalon since this is a Bellevue property.**

**Cortese questioned whether this was done during the original fix. Carroll stated there is no conclusive evidence that it was done at that time. Carroll also stated that at this time it is on the owner to correct but we may hear something afterward.**

**SOLICITOR:**

- **Employee Handbook submitted for our review.**
- **Executive session to be held after the regular meeting to discuss personnel matters and litigation.**

**SAFETY:**

**Narcisi moved:**

**“To accept Resolution #1097, a resolution pursuant to the sale of the Borough property (2009 Explorer).”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**“To accept Resolution #1098, a resolution pursuant to the sale of the Borough property (2009 Crown Vic).”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**STREETS:**

**Lloyd moved:**

**“To hire Glen Faulk as a full-time member of the Avalon Department of Public Works.”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**Lloyd moved:**

**“To accept the service contract with Kerry Patterson as Superintendent of the Avalon Public Works Department.”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**Cortese questioned if we could hire the 2<sup>nd</sup> person to the part time position that will now be vacated by Mr. Faulk. Solicitor advised that we should re-advertise the part time position.**

**Cortese moved:**

**“To have the Borough Manager advertise the Part-time Position in the Avalon Department of Public Works.”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**Lloyd thanked the street department for all their diligent work salting and plowing, keeping up with the weather, keeping our streets cleaned.**

**CORP/PLANNING:**

**Lloyd report:**

**Avalon Public Library will be closed Monday, March 24, for a county wide computer system update.**

**New temporary employee, Sarah Mariacher hired for the part time position. She possesses a bachelor’s degree in library as well as Japanese.**

**State report was submitted and thank the Administration Office in helping to collect the data necessary. Donnelly asked if the state report was necessary for the RAD money and it was confirmed it is required.**

**Nelson moved:**

**“To accept Resolution #1100, a resolution providing for the sale of property, located at 434 N. School Street.”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**“To authorize the Secretary to advertise for the sale of real estate, located at 434 N. School Street.”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**Dilmore noted that it was necessary to obtain an appraisal before hand to set a minimum price.**

**LIBRARY:**

**Lloyd reported on the activities at the Library. Please visit the library, it helps in the amount of RAD money we receive.**

**PARKS:**

- **Applications for pool are still being received.**
- **Letter received from Tom Lloyd’s son to use the softball practice field behind the shelters for fast-pitch practice.**
- **Also approached for 6 weeks of tennis lessons, ages 6-12.**

**Cortese moved:**

**“To accept Resolution #1999, a resolution for the procurement of professional services.”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Clarified that Mockenhaupt will be acting on behalf of the Avalon Borough Pension Funds.**

**CARRIED**

**“To reimburse Harry Dilmore for the rental car to attend a conference at State College.”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Dilmore declined and thanked Council for the offer.**

**CARRIED**

**INTERBORO:**

**Donnelly reported on Bill 1671 that requires a solicitor and recording of all executive sessions. Recordings must be retained for 1 year.**

**Liquid Fuels will be increase 8% this year.**

**LED lighting through the state. Applied for lighting on the Ohio River Boulevard.**

**Next QVCOG meeting will be March 19, 7:00 pm, at Bellevue Borough.**

**Donnelly moved:**

**“To send Ralph Cortese to the Seven Springs ALOM Convention in April.”**

**Lloyd 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**Lloyd commented on the most recent bomb scare at the Avalon Elementary. Want to thank the Administrative Office Staff for all their work in helping with this situation. Donnelly stated that the children definitely have a stress factor when incidents such as this occur. Cortese asked about safeguards on entering the building, however, the Chief stated it is still under investigation. Dilmore stated the school procedure works well in this situation.**

**Cortese moved**

**“To suspend the regular council session at 8:20 pm to retire to an Executive Session.”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**Cortese moved to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.**

**Lloyd 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Harry W. Dilmore  
Manager**