

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 15, 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 Megan Ott, Mayor Haslett, Borough Manager Dilmore, Police Chief Kokoski, Rachel Carroll and Makatura. Absent: Neal, Vetterly, Tax Collector Klicker.

Donnelly moved:

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

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Letter and proposal from Garvin Boward on inspection fees for the wall on N. Birmingham Ave.**
- **Letter from PIRMA liability insurance renewal for 2014**
- **Tax Millage listing received from Allegheny County**
- **Letter from Mockenhaupt on changes to police contract and ordinance for those changes.**
- **Letter from SHACOG on Cargill and salt pricing and option year for 2014-15 season.**
- **Letter from Linda Daugherty and the Safety Committee regarding regulations on fire pits.**

FINANCE:

Pascale moved:

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted for April 15, 2014.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted for April 15, 2014.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the List of Bills as submitted for April 15, 2014, in the amount of \$96,541.60.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Joan Csaszar
117 S. Chestnut Avenue**

Concerned about the safety and status of the property and home that burned at 221 S. Chestnut Avenue. Dilmore stated the owner is working with the Borough, his insurance company and a potential buyer to get the property in order. Solicitor commented on the time line and the procedures to have the owner comply with the ordinance.

**Paula
841 California Avenue
Avalon Arms Apartment**

Questioned when the of paving of Cherry Alley might be added to the budget. Residents of Avalon Arms travel the alley on a daily basis and the patching is not sufficient. DPW to do an extensive hot patch repair on the alley this spring.

**David Zivic
923 Malvern Rd.**

Received the email from Council regarding the proposal to give a percentage of the budget to the Fire Department on a monthly

basis. Fire Department to consider and have further discussion with Council.

Dilmore stated that the architect looked at the garage for possible alterations to the building for the new fire truck. Should have figure by 4/21/14.

**Joan Joesen
President of Genesis
550 California Avenue**

Recently purchased 550 California Avenue and wanted to introduce herself and Genesis House to the community and council. Genesis House is a non-profit organization that began in 1973 and is a home for unwed mothers and adoption agency also offering transitional housing and education for parenting. Genesis has outgrown their Bellevue offices and are not expanding their administrative services to Avalon.

**Ryan Deer
18 Marie Avenue**

Avalon NOW is having a clean up day, Saturday, April 26, from 9am to 1pm. Skinny Pete's will be providing breakfast. Sign up is in the Borough, Council Chambers. Library donated gift baskets.

**Adam Ravenstahl
2014 State Representative Candidate**

Introduced himself to Council and community. He will be the representative for Avalon and Bellevue in the coming year.

MAYOR:

- Reminder that street sweeping began April 1, 2014.**
- Concerned about the area where the steps were removed at Norwood and N. Birmingham. Catch basin is not large enough and erosion is occurring permitting the water to**

pool at the sight where the steps were demolished. Sewer line and utilities are also located in this area.

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- **Met with representative from Franus Architects on possible alterations to the fire hall doors. We should have a report by Monday, April 21.**
- **Continued work with the utility companies for all the relocations for the N. Birmingham wall project.**
- **Audit completed on the Pension funds, report coming soon.**
- **Continued efforts to complete the Chief of Police contract as well as beginning work on the Department of Public Works contract.**
- **Attended PELRAS convention on legal issues facing communities. Focus on contracts and policies for employees.**

ENGINEER: Report submitted.

- **Utilities to be moved by Friday, April 18. Detailed discussion followed regarding the additional inspection charges from Garvin Boward, the engineering company that designed the wall. The costs cover the requirement of having their engineer be present to guarantee the installation of the wall. The additional costs for this was not included in the cost of the wall. Engineer, Carroll, stated inspection costs are not typically included in the design costs due to unknown factors involved with the contractor as the wall is being constructed. Council questioned why we did not have more advanced notice from Chester as this additional cost would have been predictable.**
- **Met with Allegheny County Health Department, Bellevue and Avalon engineers and officials regarding the McBubbles issue as well as the erosion that is occurring.**
- **FEMA provided National Flood Insurance rate maps. Avalon does not participate in the program at this time. An ordinance would need to be passed if you would like to participate.**

SOLICITOR:

- **Various Pension Issues**
- **Executive session held immediately prior to this meeting regarding personnel issues and legal advice.**
- **Proposed Comprehensive Plan revision and the Intergovernmental Agreement.**

SAFETY:

Narcisi moved:

“To accept the negotiated employment contract with the Chief of Police, Tom Kokoski, through December 31, 2016.

**Lloyd 2nd
Cortese - NO**

CARRIED

STREETS:

Donnelly moved:

“To have the Secretary give the 1st and 2nd reading of Ordinance #1352, an ordinance authorizing an intergovernmental agreement for selecting and retaining professional services for updated the borough comprehensive plan.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the proposal from Garvin, Boward, Beitko for inspection personnel for the installation of retaining wall on N. Birmingham Avenue at a cost of \$8,860.00.”

Solicitor commented that we need to modify the motion to read as follows:

“To accept the proposal from Garvin, Boward, Beitko for inspection personnel for the installation of retaining wall on N. Birmingham Avenue at a cost of \$8,860.00, subject to Solicitor review of agreement.”

**Pascale 2nd
Donnelly – NO
Lloyd – NO**

CARRIED

“To accept the negotiated employment contract with the DPW Superintendent, Kerry Patterson, through December 31, 2014.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

“To enter into an agreement with the Vance’s on off street parking”.

**Cortese 2nd
Klicker – NO**

Pascale comment on the language of the agreement. Solicitor recommended that we do not execute until signed by the Vance’s.

CARRIED

PARKS:

Cortese moved:

“To hire Leah Mantick as pool manager at the Avalon Pool for the 2014 Season, subject to obtaining all necessary clearances.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To hire the following as head guard/lifeguards at the Avalon Pool for the 2014 Season, subject to obtaining all necessary clearances: Aaron Makatura, Max Ungerman, Jonathan Gusew, Clair Danylo, Raelyn Saunders, Kelsey

Sozanski, Amanda Stone, Kaitlyn Murphy, Lauren Padalino and Charlie Meyer.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To hire the following as clerks at the concession stand at the Avalon Pool for the 2014 Season, subject to obtaining all necessary clearances: Jackie Yurkovich, Morgan Joy, Sierra Ungerman, Nicholas Ungarino, Luisa Valeriano, Hannah Logan, Rachel Aubel.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To hire the following as cashiers at the Avalon pool for the 2014 Season, subject to obtaining all necessary clearances: Laura Hanahan and Lesley Kelly.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To have the Secretary give the 1st and 2nd reading of Ordinance #1353, an Ordinance relative to the maintenance of the employees and police pension fund and advertise the same.”

Narcisi 2nd

CARRIED

Cortese congratulated all those involved in the First Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Over 140 children participated. Special thank you to all the donations and volunteers who helped make this event a success, especially Jessica Drozd for planning and coordinating the event.

Luncheon at Northgate was held at the high school to promote the Northgate School District. Performances by the chorus and jazz band.

CORP/PLANNING:

Lloyd commented on community activities:

- **Thank you for the Easter Egg Hunt.**

- **Avalon NOW will be doing the clean up on Saturday, April 26**
- **Apple Blossom Festival, Saturday, May 10**
- **Fish Fry at the Avalon Fire Department, Friday, April 18**

Lloyd moved:

“To advertise for an amendment for the Borough parking for curb cut standards.”

Pascale 2nd

CARRIED

“To allow the Secretary to advertise an amendment to Ordinance #1273, Tenant Registration Ordinance, to include a fee structure to cover the census processing costs.”

Cortese 2nd

Comments regarding the fine. Clarified that this is for costs, not a fine.

CARRIED

“To allow the Secretary to advertise an amendment to Ordinance #1272, Tenant Fire Safety Ordinance, to expand the fee structure to cover office costs and create tenant/landlord requirements for reporting those residence changes.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

INTERBORO:

- **Quaker Valley COG Recycling Day, Saturday, May 10, in Bellevue.**
- **Allegheny County Borough’s Association general membership meeting Thursday, May 8, at the Priory, 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm.**

Nelson moved:

“To enter into an agreement with General Code for codification services for Avalon Borough, at a cost of \$11,112.00.”

Donnelly 2nd

Makatura explained that this price is spread over 3 years. We will be billed in 20% increments. Ordinances will be available online, searchable, and in hard copy format. Long process, first step will take approximately 6 months.

CARRIED

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

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

**Harry W. Dilmore
Manager**