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AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 16, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm by Patrick Narcisi with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Cortese, Dixon, Donnelly, Klicker, Narcisi, Vetterly. Also present Solicitor Megan Ott, Borough Manager Harry Dilmore, and Makatura. Absent: Bernstein, Lloyd, Mayor Haslett, Ed Klicker, Police Chief Kokoski. Arrived late: Repp, Shawn Rosensteel

No executive session held prior to the council meeting.
Narcisi announced the passing of Joe Vogrin, who was the Borough's Solicitor for 14 years.

Klicker Moved:

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

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

VISITORS:

Ken Azarrillo

President of the NB Panthers Football Organization

Received letter of denial for the Panther's ability to use Avalon Borough's park for practice in the fall. There are approximately 125 kids, both football and cheerleaders that now have no practice field available to them. Questioning why they were not notified prior to receiving this letter.

Cortese stated that they were invited to the March Parks Committee Meeting. A telephone call was made to an officer of their organization, Tony Barbarino to attend. Azarrillo stated the Barbarino is no longer a

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board member, however, Cortese stated, we were not aware of this change. The reason for the denial is due to the grant received by BABA to reseed the field, which will continue after their season is completed. The need to rebuild the field has been discussed for the past 3-4 years.

Azarrillo is concerned about losing participants due to the field not being in walking distance and the loss of the concession stand for revenue. Further discussion on possible practice sites. Dilmore offered an alternative site within Avalon Park (field between Shelter 1 and the basketball courts or ball field between the two shelters) only if the Panthers are unable to find an alternative location. The Borough needs a few years to rebuild the track, repair the fence and the wall as well.

Paul Springob
340 Elizabeth Avenue

Questioned what the plan is for the Borough to have residents repair their sidewalks. Dilmore stated the plan is to mark sidewalks. Concern over Dr. Olson's walk being extremely dangerous. Discussion on the procedures that will be taken to correct the situation.

Also, the signs posted have slowed the trailer traffic considerably. Suggested a possible notice to beer distributor, Kuhn's and Family Dollar to notify their delivery trucks of alternate routes.

Michael Bodycombe
605 Ohio River Blvd.

Status of 719 Ohio River Blvd. Dilmore stated the building inspector had made his second visit. It is on the list for demolition. There are only two applications granted and if additional money is available through the COG could receive the money for this purpose. New applications are now due. The Borough does not gain possession immediately. The County liens for demolition costs, usually after 5 years, we can go back

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and get that property. Bodycombe knows of someone interested in that property.

Dilmore stated that progress has been made on the list Bodycombe supplied previously.

Donnelly questioned how much money is needed for a demolition. Dilmore stated the bids are between \$10-12,000.

Paul Meyers
234 Locust Avenue

On 310 Birmingham, Allegheny County Board of Health can site them but the Borough needs to do more. Garbage is still in the back of the property. Building inspector did cite and waiting on the hearing date. We still have 30 days if they appeal downtown.

Ryan Deering
18 Marie Avenue

Clean up day is Saturday, April 20. Dilmore to help in securing the truck, shovels and brooms. Registration 8:30-9:30 am at Skinny Pete's for a free breakfast to those that register.

While painting in the Borough, can the railing behind his house be painted as well. Dilmore to supply paint if not owned by PAT.

Discussion about the progress and numbers now involved in Avalon NOW. Repp thanked Avalon NOW committee members that helped for Dumpster Day.

Daniel Byron
229 Harrison Avenue

Waste Management is now picking up the garbage after 3 months. Stated that a Waste Management truck driver stopped to discuss where he was placing his garbage on Florence not Harrison and that he was ordered to do a three week sweep and pick up everyone's garbage. The driver stated that his garbage would not be picked up from his address on Florence. He is now placing his garbage at 229 Harrison. Angry that a letter was not sent out from Waste Management or the Borough about the change in this policy for corner lots. Dilmore stated that we will make sure it is picked up, however, that was not our agreement at the meeting in March.

MAYOR: No Report

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Letter from Columbia Gas Natural Gas Training for Firefighters referred to Safety Committee and Chief Carney.
- Final copy of the 2012 Audit has been completed. Copies for Finance and anyone else interested are available for review. Need dates to schedule closeout meeting.
- Letter from MRM Workers Comp Dividend Program.
- Liquid Fuels Tax Report, Audit 2008-11 is also available for your review.

MANAGER/SECRETARY:

- Reduced traffic on N. Birmingham Ave. with delineators for landslide area. Be cautious of the single lane traffic. Design almost complete. Contractor to begin preliminary preparation, be aware of some road closures.
- Working with the Solicitor on the new Personnel Policy, hope to have completed in the next month.
- Hosting NIMS Class, May 29 at 7:00 pm, for elected officials. The majority of council or board must be certified in the emergency management procedures. Three are currently certified. Once certified you are always certified.

- COG Recycling Day is set for Saturday, May 4, in the parking lot at the Fire Hall.
- E-Recycling Day is Saturday, April 27, in the parking lot at the swimming pool.

SOLICITOR:

- Apologized for delaying the meeting.
- Working with Dilmore on the Personnel Handbook.
- Looking into some of the vacant lots for Avalon NOW. Also to attend an Avalon NOW meeting to give them a sense of how property maintenance process and other issues are handled.
- Will be attending an Affordable Care Act seminar for municipalities to give you some guidance on the law going into effect in 2014.

FINANCE:

Klicker moved:

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

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted for the month of April 2013.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Finance Report as submitted for the month of April 2013 .”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills for the month of April 2013 in the

amount of \$83,082.64.

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Narcisi moved:

“To hire Brian J. Vetterly as a part-time laborer on the Avalon DPW crew.”

Donnelly 2nd
Vetterly –Abstain

Donnelly questioned if this was his first year. Dilmore confirmed. Dixon commented on his experience as well as that he is a fireman and is available for fires during the day.

CARRIED

STREETS:

Vetterly moved:

“To purchase a catch basin for the corner of S. Home and Howden Avenues with the Auto Zone contractor agreeing to install, at no charge, while doing work on their section of pipe.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

“To pursue purchase of material for upgrade of track surface and secure contractor installation.”

Cortese 2nd
Dixon – No

Repp asked for explanation of what is to be done to the track. Vetterly explained that the track would be cut down about 6”, around the backside, along the concession stand, fill with limestone and crushed limestone rolled into the surface. This

would eliminate the water that is laying on the track and allow for drainage.

CARRIED

“To hire Searight Excavating for the removal of the N. Birmingham Avenue steps, at a cost of \$9,700.00.”

Cortese 2nd

Vetterly commented that this would remove the steps up to the last house on the landing area. Dirt would be excavated. Cortese questioned if there would be a guardrail installed. Dilmore confirmed.

CARRIED

ENGINEER:

- Garvin Bower to submit design on the N. Birmingham wall for next month meeting.
- Auto Zone storm and sanitary sewer issues are to be resolved. It is wrapping up, meeting Wednesday, April 17, at 1:30 for the final review.

Repp questioned the urgency of N. Birmingham Avenue wall design for next month. No change this last week, depending on the rain, and limiting traffic helps. Rosensteel stated that the telephone poles being moved is critical, while the water line issue is not as difficult. Further discussion followed on N. Birmingham issue. Dilmore stated that Duquesne Light and West View Water have been contacted regarding the poles and water line. Need design to obtain an AIM Loan and refinancing would still push paperwork out to June.

PROPERTY:

No report on property.

Concerning Safety, Dixon made a donation to the Police Department for the purchase of the airsoft guns and equipment for tactical training in the schools.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

Dilmore stated that he has an opportunity to obtain additional pet waste stations for Orchard and Jackman Avenues.

CORP/PLANNING:

No Report.

INTER-BOROUGH:

- Donnelly reported information stated in the MRM letter regarding our excellent performance in 2012.
- COG meeting will be Wednesday, 7:00 pm. Recycling Day on Saturday, May 4.

LIBRARY:

Donnelly reported they are still anticipating the signs for the fish ponds and video taping. Also will have book sale table at the Apple Blossom Festival.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Cortese moved:

“To hire Laura Hanahan and Mary Pickett as cashiers at the Avalon Pool for the 2013 season, subject to obtaining all necessary clearances.”

Donnelly 2nd

Question to Ott regarding the clearances were only necessary for the guards. Review last year’s letter from Solicitor regarding clearances and the duration of use, 2 years.

CARRIED

“To hire Catie Makatura as pool manager at the Avalon Pool for the 2013 season, subject to obtaining all necessary clearances.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To hire the following as head guard/life guards at the Avalon Pool for the 2013 season, subject to obtaining all necessary clearances: Christa VanVolkenburg, Leah Mantick, Aaron Makatura, Amanda Silay.”

Donnelly 2nd

Question regarding years of experience, all have 3+ years experience.

CARRIED

“To hire the following as life guards at the Avalon Pool for the 2013 season, subject to obtaining the necessary clearances: Finnbar Carroll, Charlie Meyer, Clair Danylo, Amanda Stone, Raelyn Saunders, Andrew Ungarino, Salvatore Valeriano, Kelsey Sozanski, Josh Anthony, Max Ungerman.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To hire the following as clerks at the concession stand at the Avalon Pool for the 2013 season, subject to obtaining all necessary clearances: Luisa Valeriano, Hannah Logan, Gina Ungarino, Jackie Yurkovich.”

Repp 2nd

Question regarding work permits required for those under 16. We do acquire work permits as needed.

Dixon thanked Cortese for including clearances.

CARRIED

Cortese made an announcement to congratulate Harry Dilmore for being nominated for and receiving the 2013 Governor's Award for Excellence in Local Government for his innovative ideas in Intergovernmental Cooperation between Avalon Borough and Kilbuck Township. Monday, April 15, 2013, he travelled to Harrisburg to receive this prestigious award. He is one of the first managers in the State of Pennsylvania to accomplish this and make it work effectively. Congratulations, Harry.

Additional comment regarding Parks – once the painting is completed on the Avenue, the crew will be moving to the pool building for power washing and painting.

4th OF JULY:

Rankin asked for the Borough to make the authorization for the 2013 contribution to be made soon.

Pyrotechnico will be providing fireworks at the 2012 price.

Hot dog eating contest tradition will continue.

Repp moved:

“To Adjourn at 8:50 pm.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry W. Dilmore
Secretary