

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 19, 2016**

Mr. Klicker called the meeting to order at 7:00 with a moment of silence for Mr. Edward Werner, long-time councilman, and with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A prayer followed by Mr. Lloyd.

Roll Call: Cortese, Donnelly, Klicker, Lloyd, McWilliams, Narcisi, Nelson, Pascale, Vetterly. Also present: Solicitor Ott, Engineer Scally, Chief Kokoski, Makatura and Dilmore. Absent: Haslett, and Tax Collector, Klicker.

Nelson moved:

“To accept the Minutes of the March 15, 2016 Avalon Borough Council Meeting.”

**Donnelly 2nd
Cortese Abstained**

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

- **Liquid Fuels Audit 2015.**
- **Fire Relief Fund audit received from the fire department.**
- **ALCOSAN letter outlining the next phase of the Consent Order and the regionalization.**
- **Traffic signal maintenance schedule received from Penndot.**
- **Letter from Apple Blossom Festival asking for a donation and thanking the Borough for the cooperation in granting them use of the street.**

Pascale:

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted for April 19, 2016.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted for April 19, 2016.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the List of Bills as submitted for April 19, 2016, in the amount of \$121,600.24.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

**Sarah Britton
Vice President, MYTAA Baseball Association
830 Center Avenue**

Request for 7 consecutive Sundays, to begin April 23. Cortese stated that the request was originally for one and not to begin until July. Klicker reminded her that the contract never included Sundays as those were always reserved for the public that were not involved in either organization.

**Chip Hanson
Purchasing property at Elizabeth Avenue and Ohio River Blvd.**

The alley extending from Jackman to properties on either side of the alley contains a 36” water main. We own both of those properties adjacent to the alley. Another property is owned by PA Commercial and the last by Penndot. In order for the proposed project to move forward, because this has always been a “paper alley” he is requesting the Borough vacate the property and it be split in half to each adjacent parcel. Our Solicitor will comment during her report later in the meeting.

**Chuck Valosio
720 Hemlock St.**

Commented on the increase of litter as well as the dog owners that are irresponsible and do not pick up after their animals. Dilmore commented that Avalon NOW has a clean up day scheduled Saturday and a Dumpster Day scheduled in May. Volunteers are always welcome.

**Cindy Smith
741 Hemlock St.**

Commented on various properties needing attention as well as the Borough's short comings. Property located at Jackman and S. Chestnut - 224 S. Chestnut is overgrown and garbage on the back porch, Hemlock from Locust to S. Chestnut has not been swept - Vetterly commented on sweeper repair. Status of the future land use of 221 S. Chestnut property-- concerned over what type of park is planned.

**Mary Wiedenhofer
227 Elizabeth Ave**

228 Elizabeth is abandon, has been condemned, man recently overdosed in it, cats are also invading. Requesting this house be boarded up. Dilmore explained the process of the grants for demolitions and the numbers we are permitted to tear down per year.

**Beth Meyers
233 Locust Street**

Questioning the status of the property on California Avenue owned by Savoy Courtyard, Ross Bianco. Solicitor Ott commented on the Borough addressing delinquent taxes and unpaid current taxes, potential sheriff sale. The disrepair was addressed by the code enforcement officer. Some repairs were done to the roof and remove a structure.

**Bill Peterson
226 Elizabeth**

Provided additional information regarding 228 Elizabeth Avenue. Owners are deceased. The daughter has lived in the home but has been removed for drugs. A granddaughter has also lived there at various times but have since moved to a local apartment. The cats are invading this home. Windows broken, gutters and downspouts are also gone.

**Pauline Bressler
223 Elizabeth**

Additional comments on 228 Elizabeth Avenue.

MAYOR:

- **No Report**

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- **Progress on purchasing 221 S. Chestnut Avenue**
- **Columbia Gas letter prepared outlining a list of items still outstanding in the Borough.**
- **Completed work on PNCBank Parking Lot. Working on lease and posting signs.**
- **Received paperwork to demolish property at 214 Cleveland Ave. Specifications to be prepared and advertised.**
- **Closed list of applications for the DPW position. Interviews to be scheduled shortly.**
- **Klicker commented on 228 Elizabeth Avenue home. Asked Dilmore to comment on what we actually can be done. We can send the building inspector, however, there is no one living at the property to address the issues or actually appear before the magistrate. Demolitions happen but then we are left with vacant lots that need maintained by the DPW. Borough funds are limited as well. CDBG Grants from the County take as long as 2 years to receive the funds and we are competing with other communities**

for the same funds. Back taxes are so large the property is not worth the value owed. The school district also just set up a payment plan on the Savoy Courtyard property which did not help Borough efforts. Narcisi requested the Health Department be contacted to look in to the Elizabeth Avenue situation.

ENGINEER: Report submitted.

- **S. Birmingham Avenue contract has been advertised. Pre-bid meeting to be held May 3, bids due and opening May 13.**
- **Sanitary/storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Major tasks completed, still waiting on pre/post CCTV video for Division Ave.**
- **ALCOSAN Regionalization meeting May 10 to review and discuss CCTV inspection plans and update mapping.**
- **Eat 'N Park development plan permit requirements addressed, revised plan has been received.**
- **MS4 draft plans have been reviewed, finalized and added to the DEP's progress report submittal.**
- **Demolition of 305 & 315 Marie and 752 Semple completed. Vetterly commented on the N. Birmingham Avenue and Marie Avenue road repair is still outstanding at this time.**
- **Additional comments – 214 Cleveland Avenue demolition specifications have been developed**

SOLICITOR:

- **Executive session was held prior to the Council Meeting to discuss a labor and litigation issues.**
- **Comments on the Ohio River Blvd/Elizabeth Avenue request by Mr. Hanson. Borough not likely to open the paper street. Borough can vacate by ordinance, can authorize to advertise this evening. Need information from Scally and Ott. Mr. Hanson will need to give West View Water an easement.**

FINANCE:

Pascale moved:

“To authorize the proper officials to purchase the property at 221 S. Chestnut Street, at a cost of \$4,401.00.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the agreement of DCED for the demo of the property located at 214 Cleveland Avenue and have the Engineer prepare the specification for the bid.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

SAFETY:

Narcisi moved:

“To grant a handicap parking space in the vicinity of 923 Howden Street .”

Cortese 2nd

Discussion followed. Narcisi commented there are no handicap spots in that area. Klicker confirmed all homes have driveways.

**Klicker – no
Lloyd - no**

CARRIED

“To sell the 2005 Crown Victoria police cruiser to Steven Porniski for \$500.00.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

STREETS:

Vetterly moved:

“To have Secretary send written notice to Cargil, Inc. on Council’s desire to extend the salt contract for the 2016/17 season, at a cost of \$69.98/ton.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

“To hire three part-time employees of the DPW of Avalon Borough”.

McWilliams 2nd

CARRIED

BOROUGH DEVELOPMENT:

Cortese moved:

“To hire the following persons for Pool Concession Stand: Tim Aubel, Warren Schmotzer, Luisa Valeriano, Julia Geetings, Rachel Aubel, Sierra, Ungerman and Cashier Laura Hanahan.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

Cortese explained that Aubel and Ungerman will also be cashiers.

“To hire the following persons as Lifeguards: Kathryn Abramowich, Zech Boyce, Richard Danylo, Zoe Huchingson, Emily Hunt, Katherine McFarland, Luke Meyer, Amanda Ungerman, Samantha Spade, Luke Robertson, Eleanor Hardiman.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To authorize the advertisement of an ordinance vacating the paper street in the vicinity of lot and block 159-M-39 and lot and block 159-M-40, subject to a final financial arrangement with property owner.

Donnelly 2nd

Solicitor noted there are some concerns about traffic flow in to and out of the property. Once the consolidations occur the plans will be taken to the Planning Commission for approval.

CARRIED

LIBRARY:

Lloyd reported sinkhole in the parking lot at the handicap parking spot. Plan to repaving the parking lot this year.

National Library Week. Please obtain a library card, we receive funds for the number of people visiting the library.

Avalon NOW Clean Up Day is Saturday, April 23. Also, Avalon NOW is in need of additional volunteers. There are only 6 active members to date. This group has volunteered to keep the vacant lots free of trash and weeds. Please consider helping with this group.

Klicker commented on library repair monies being transferred.

McWilliams moved:

“To accept Resolution #1124, a resolution setting rules appointing committees of Council.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Donnelly reported on ALOM conference at Seven Springs.

Donnelly moved:

“To have Tom Lloyd be a voting delegate at the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs in June.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

4th OF JULY:

Fireworks will be Saturday, June 25. Plans are in progress.

Cortese moved to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

Harry W. Dilmore

**Harry Dilmore
Manager**