

AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 14, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Ed Repp with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Haslett.

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

No executive session held prior to the council meeting. However, a 35 minute executive session was held after last month's meeting regarding a personnel matter.

Klicker Moved:

“To accept the minutes of the April 16, 2013, Avalon Borough Council Meeting. ”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Received floodplain insurance information from FEMA. Packet includes revised flood insurance rate map and flood hazard information on certain locations in Avalon Borough.
- Received easement agreement from Columbia Gas Company. Forwarded to Solicitor and will discuss later in the meeting.
- Received request from The Shepard's Door for use of the Avalon Park and California Avenue Park on June 8th for an “Amazing Race” fundraiser.
- Received information for Rep. Dan Deasy's office for contact on ARLE Grants available for visually impaired pedestrians. We need to review for the Metowers residents request for audible signals.

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- Letter from ACHD on W. Bellevue Road sewer line. Bellevue also received this letter. Sewer lines are again exposed and situation needs corrected.
- Letter received from Northgate School Board asking for 2 members of Council to serve on an Advisory Board with Bellevue and Northgate.

VISITORS:

Beth Mosley
635 Center Avenue

The Avalon NOW spring cleanup held on April 20 was a success with 50 volunteers and members of council also helping. Thank you. The April meeting was also well attended with various speakers and Solicitor Ott attending to provide information on Blight and how we can possibly help. Thank you.

Next Avalon NOW meeting will be held May 29, at 7pm.

Dilmore suggested a fundraising alternative for Avalon NOW. As we replace the street signs the old signs can be donated to the group to allow residents to purchase their street signs. Purchases could be made by way of a bidding process.

Jim Cameron
720 Orchard

Questioned the status of the demolition of at 719 Ohio River Blvd would be demolished. Dilmore stated that COG funds are now available and should happen in the next 3 months.

MAYOR: No Report

Street lights on California Avenue look wonderful. Great job and thank you to the DPW.

MANAGER/SECRETARY:

- Discussion with representatives from Columbia Gas regarding new line construction in Avalon park. A temporary construction and access agreement was forwarded to the Solicitor for consideration this evening.
- Working with Piper Jaffray representatives on bond refinancing. Have received favorable Standard & Poors report and all needed information has been passed along. Action from Council will be required this evening.
- Coordinated prep work with John Jakiela for the NIMS class on May 29th, held here at the Avalon building. All Councilpersons not certified should attend.
- Met with Maher-Duessel auditors for exit conference. Final audit report available for public review in Administration Office.
- Working with Solicitor on properties in Borough that are being donated back to municipality in lieu of taxes for Council's consideration.

Donnelly moved:

“To adopt Resolution #1087 providing recognition and commendation to Borough Manager Harry Dilmore for his receipt of the 2013 Governor's Award for Excellence in Local Government.”

Lloyd 2nd

Repp commented that Harry has won a very important award. An award that goes to very few people in the state. I would like to thank him for all his efforts and abilities to run Avalon, the grants and monies that he has obtained throughout his career.

Donnelly thanked Harry for thinking outside the box and have the vision to do something that other communities did not think to do.

CARRIED

Dilmore commented that if had not been for Council's vision, 6 years ago, letting me take on Kilbuck and run their business out of our Administration Office, and the cooperation and belief in what I thought we could actually accomplish. It would not have been possible to accomplish if Council here and Kilbuck Board did not believe that it could work. Thank you.

SOLICITOR:

- Property donations on Marie Avenue is in the final processes of being donated back to the Borough.
- The first and second reading of a stand alone Parking Ordinance prepared that will fill a gap in the TriBoro Zoning ordinance regarding curb cuts and off street parking. Changes to the current zoning ordinance would take 4-5 months to alter and all Boroughs would need to agree.
- Motion regarding the easement agreement with Columbia Gas will be slightly altered to protect the Borough.
- Discussion on attending the Affordable Health Care Act conference. Although we are not at the 50 employee mark with seasonal employees there will be some provisions necessary to cover the Borough.
- The Bond ordinance has been duly advertised for the Borough to proceed.
- Cortese questioned the previous mentioned parking ordinance and apartments requiring so many spaces. Ott to review.

ENGINEER:

- Introduction of Rachel Mignogna with Chester Engineers as the new Borough Engineer. Shawn Rosensteel has been promoted within Chester Engineers.
- Wall design on N. Birmingham not ready today. Rosensteel stated with the Council meeting date being changed to a week early, it will be ready by next week.

FINANCE:

Lloyd moved:

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

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

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

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

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

Bernstein 2nd

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills for the month of May 2013 in the amount of \$203,072.02.

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

“To adopt Ordinance #1345, an Ordinance authorizing the incurring debt for the purpose of providing funds for a refunding project and a capital project, by issuance of general obligations bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,365,000.00.”

Bernstein 2nd

Dixon and Repp commented on the change in the amount of the original motion. Dilmore stated that the original motion was at draft and now we have the final numbers.

Ott stated that this ordinance authorizes the Borough to enter into all agreements and advertisements required to get this process to completion.

CARRIED

Lloyd moved:
To recess.

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

Meeting recessed to sign all appropriate bond authorization papers.

Meeting reconvened at 8:10

PUBLIC SAFETY:
No Report

STREETS:

Discussion on the following motion involving the proposed work being done in Avalon Park by Columbia Gas. Concern over the infrastructure in the parking lot at the pool with the increased truck traffic. Also concern over who will reconnect the gas at the park, with this cost not to fall on the Borough. Solicitor to review the agreement and adjust as needed.

Vetterly moved:

“To accept the agreement with Columbia Gas Company on the temporary easement in Avalon Park, as to be approved by the Solicitor.”

Donnelly 2nd

Vetterly Abstained

CARRIED

“To authorize the engineer to prepare the specifications for the bidding of the COG House Demolition.”

Donnelly 2nd

Solicitor Ott asked for clarification of the property, that the address is 719 Ohio River Blvd.

CARRIED

Repp asked if we could possibly put identifying signs on the trucks for our Borough.

PROPERTY:

No Report.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

No Report.

CORP/PLANNING:

No Report.

INTER-BOROUGH:

- Donnelly reported as President of the COG that she would like to thank BABA, fire department, volunteers, council, administration office to donate their time to help with the Recycling Day.

Donnelly moved:

“To enter into an agreement with the Quaker Valley COG for the demolition of 719 Ohio River Blvd.”

Klicker 2nd

CARRIED

Dixon questioned when the tires collected from the recycling day would be collected by the vendor. Dilmore stated they will be gone soon as arranged by the COG.

COG meeting to be held in Leet on Wednesday, May 15.

LIBRARY:

No Report.

Lloyd reported that Friends of the Library is conducting a fundraiser to cover the lawn in flags for Memorial Day. \$2 donation or 3/\$5.

Bernstein moved:

“To authorize the advertisement for Ordinance #1346 regulating off-street parking and first and second reading of same.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

Lloyd commented that the school board would like members of Avalon Council and Bellevue Council to be a member of an inter-borough council to work with the school district. Bridget Jackson stated that this would be an effort to increase communication between the school board and community. First meeting to be in August. Donnelly and Cortese elected to serve on this committee.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Pool to open Friday, May 24, 12-6 pm, weather permitting. Open for Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, Sunday, Monday..

Cortese moved:

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“To Adjourn at 8:50 pm.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry W. Dilmore
Secretary