

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 22, 2014**

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

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

Pascale moved:

“To accept Minutes of the April 15, 2014, Avalon Borough Council Meeting.”

Nelson 2nd

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Joint Planning Commission Minutes**
- **Received letter from Allegheny County Health Department regarding 214 Cleveland Avenue requesting the need to board it up.**
- **Received letter from Allegheny County Health Department citing Avalon Borough and Chester Engineering for the McBubbles problem on W. Bellevue Road.**

FINANCE:

Pascale moved:

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted for May 22, 2014.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted for May 22, 2014.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Finance Report as submitted for the month of May 22, 2014.”

Nelson 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the List of Bills as submitted for May 22, 2014, in the amount of \$257,112.05.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

Dilmore commented that the bond payment is included at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Jackie Yurkovich
Grandview Avenue**

Avalon NOW is having a Community Day, July 12, 2014, 9 am to 2 pm at the pool. Food and games. Next meeting is scheduled for May 28, 7pm.

Avalon NOW and ER Automotive purchased 2 new umbrellas for the pool.

MAYOR:

No Report.

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- **The audible signal has been ordered for Union Avenue at Metowers. A donation was received to cover the cost.**
- **Attended the ICMA Convention, attending numerous classes. Information regarding cell tower size changes and the increase in fees the communities can collect. Smaller towers provide service for the increased apps useage on phones.**

- **Correction in the minutes for March regarding Resolutions 1097 and 1098, for the sale of the Crown Vic and Ford Explorer, the numbers were reversed.**

ENGINEER: Report submitted.

- **Utilities were moved and the wall started on N. Birmingham Avenue. Additional slide area resulted in extending the wall another 40 feet. Garvin Bower provided revised drawings for this extension. Pugliano provided a cost for the change order.**
- **On May 7, met with Allegheny County Health Department, Bellevue and owner of McBubbles regarding the citation on W. Bellevue Road. Owner to obtain a price for making this correction.**

SOLICITOR:

- **Executive session held immediately prior to this meeting regarding two personnel issues. Although a quorum was not present, the Sunshine Law was acknowledge and met in waiting for the arrival of an additional council member.**
- **Introduced Jessica Crown, solicitor that will be filling in during Ms. Ott's maternity leave.**

SAFETY:

Handicap parking application on Marie Avenue received and decision to be held over to next meeting.

PARKS:

Pool is ready to open Memorial Day weekend, Saturday-Monday, May 24-26, 2014.

STREETS:

Cortese moved:

“To approve Justin Mayhugh as a seasonal summer public works employee for 2014.”

Pascale 2nd

CARRIED

“To replace the storm sewer on N. Ohio and Orchard Avenue by Spinelli Plumbing at a cost of \$6,200.00.”

Pascale 2nd

CARRIED

“To authorize additional expenditure in light of emergency in the amount of \$68,325.00 on N. Birmingham Avenue, Soldier Beam and Lagging wall extension, per Pugliano Construction letter dated May 22, 2014.”

Nelson 2nd

Discussion followed regarding the need to continue with this repair while the crew is still assembled.

CARRIED

CORP/PLANNING:

Pascale moved:

“To accept Resolution #1102 providing for legal and engineering service for the Joint Planning Commission.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

“To appoint Ralph Cortese, Ryan Deer and Tim Dlugas to the Joint Planning Commission.”

Nelson 2nd

CARRIED

Cortese announced the Joint Planning Commission meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2014, 6:30pm at Northgate High School.

INTERBORO:

No Report

LIBRARY:

No Report

SAFETY motions:

Nelson moved:

“To accept Ordinance #1354 authorizing issuance of citations for summary offenses of Borough Ordinances.”

Cortese 2nd

Solicitor comments regarding issuing non-traffic citations on property maintenance issues, assigning fees, and allowing police officers as well as the building inspector to issue citations on garbage, grass, etc. Can begin as soon as tickets are printed. No waiting period.

CARRIED

“To accept Resolution #1103 setting standard violation ticket amount for summary offenses.”

Neal 2nd

Solicitor stated this resolution sets the standard ticket at \$50.00 on the summary offense unless otherwise provided by Pennsylvania Law or Borough ordinance.

CARRIED

“To accept Ordinance #1353, a Restatement of the Avalon Police Pension Plan.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

Dilmore more stated that he spoke with representatives of Waste Management and that we are in dire need of having a meeting with them regarding the issues in Avalon. Other areas are having the same issues as Avalon Borough. Waste Management is willing to have meeting with all if necessary.

Cortese moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Neal 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

**Harry W. Dilmore
Manager**