

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 19, 2012**

The meeting opened at 7:30 with the pledge of Allegiance led by Ed Repp. A moment of silence was held in honor of the passing Rae Fisher, long time Board Member of the Avalon Library.

Roll Call: Bernstein, Cortese, Lloyd, Klicker, Narcisi, Repp and Vetterly. **Also present:** Megan Ott, Dilmore, Police Chief Kokoski, Chester Engineer Representative, Shawn Rosensteel and Lorraine Makatura. **Mayor Haslett, Dave Dixon Vicky Donnelly were absent.**

An Executive Session was held prior to the Regular Council Meeting to discuss (3) pending litigations.

Klicker moved:

“To accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 15, 2012”.

Narcisi 2nd

CARRIED

Vetterly moved:

“To accept the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of June 5, 2012”.

Bernstein 2nd

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Letter from Metowers as Avalon Borough to install an audible traffic light at New Brighton and Union Avenue for a blind woman living in Metowers. Cost estimate break down, gathered by Councilman Cortese and spoke to Dan Deasy’s office for**

possible funding. It's approximately \$8500. Looking into it further before proceeding.

Further discussion with with Cortese advising that there is one person living there in need of this service and 4 on the waiting list for units. The original requestor has a 1 year lease. Advised the tenant and Metowers to write a letter to Mr. Deasy's office. Spoke to Pendot, they know of another system costing approximately \$7500. Looking into other State monies available for this purpose through the Red Light Program (cameras as red lights).

- Letter from SHACOG from Cargill's decision to extend and store the remaining salt quotas for this year. They will honor the contract through December 31, 2012.**
- Letter from ALCOSAN. The O & M Report was submitted and Shawn will report on the outcome.**

VISITORS:

**Jackie Yurkovich, 649 Grandview Avenue
Requested the blue lines be repainted for the handicapped parking spaces at the pool. There is a sign but no lines.
Thank you to Kerry Patterson and his crew for the outstanding job being down throughout the borough.**

MAYOR:

NO REPORT

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- Final Management Letter and closeout papers for the 2011 audit from Maher Duessel. We need to schedule Ed Repp and anyone else interested on council to meeting the Dave Duessel and Brian McCall to discuss the audit. Late in**

coming due to including the Library audit in our report as well, they apologize.

- **Received Northwest EMS Annual Report for 2011, available for council's review.**
- **Communication on the Feasibility Study from ALCOSAN, forwarded to Shawn.**
- **Received the final approval from Quaker Valley COG for the purchase of the benches for California Avenue. The plan is to put 6 benches along both sides of California Avenue.**
- **Currently going through the Liquid Fuels audit with the State and PennDOT. Four year audit done and should be completed tomorrow.**

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Shawn Rosensteel represented Chester Engineering for this meeting.

- **Allegheny County Health Department approved the Operations and Maintenance Plan submitted on June 5, 2012. Future requirements are that you do comply with your O&M Plan as submitted. Additionally, if any updates to the plan, including the budget be submitted to them. Every five (5) years a full blown report submitted to the Health Department**
- **Feasibility Study due to ALCOSAN July of 2012. They require either by resolution or letter that the borough understands what they are submitting. Given to Harry for your review.**
- **Working with Kerry Patterson on Spruce Run. There are 6 manholes that need to be inspected, surveyed, GPS done and CCTV from manhole to manhole. Never taped before because it was considered outside the Borough. This needs to be completed before July 31, 2012.**
- **Question for the Solicitor – letter or resolution. Solicitor recommends letter but will confirm.**

FINANCE:

Lloyd moved:

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted”.

Bernstein 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted”.

Bernstein 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Finance Report as submitted”.

Bernstein 2nd

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills as submitted.”

Bernstein 2nd

Comment that reports are different, changing software. If there is something you do not understand, please ask. Lloyd commented that you have an additional List of Bills for Sewage, also due to the new software.

CARRIED

“To accept the Agreement of Employment with Lorraine Makatura as a full-time employee of the Administrative Office.”

Bernstein 2nd

CARRIED

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Narcisi moved:

“To rescind the handicap parking space, located at 9 Marie Avenue, due to changes in the availability of off street parking.”

Cortese 2nd

Cortese question to Chief Koksiki – did she misrepresent herself on the application for the parking space? Yes.

CARRIED

Chief Kokoski reported that a rainstorm had destroyed the shooting range in Sewickly. Petitioned Columbia Gas for help with equipment and resources to repair the range. We received \$1000 check from Columbia Gas to help us out. Thank you Councilman Vetterly.

STREETS:

Vetterly reported the DPW has completed a few projects. Repaired the sewer problem in the building, doing a good job cleaning the hillside, there have been sewers that have backed up during rain storms over the last few weeks. Kerry Patterson commented on John Vetterly and all the help he offers to the DPW, through the use of his equipment and other resources. Thank you to Mr. Vetterly. Cortese comment on the wonderful job that is being done on the power washing of the beachers.

Vetterly moved:

“To accept the proposal from Garvin, Boward & Beitko for geotechnical investigation into slide conditions on N. Birmingham Avenue at a cost of \$18,292.00.”

Narcisi 2nd

Comment by Lloyd to hold off on this at this time in order to seek funding, possibly until next month. Cortese questioned if this is the only company that bid on this job. Rosensteel stated it was the only company he requested to bid. Cortese asked if we should get another bid. Rosensteel stated that there are other companies but in his experience with this company they are always under other bids. How many borings are needed – 3, 2 on the top portion, 1 below to bedrock. Rosensteel reviewed proposal to confirm size, depth and length of borings. This is needed to determine the type of repair – lag and beam wall will need the beams set into solid rock for stability. Narcisi wanted clarification on why we are doing this study – Dilmore described the continued slide area on N. Birmingham. Taking pictures to document progress, it has grown over the last 8 weeks. With the wet season approaching, we are not sure how that effects things underneath. Repp – is it council’s wishes to delay this another month?

Further discussion, Klicker asked what type of risk are we assuming by waiting another month. Rosensteel stated if the hillside would slide, you would, more than likely, loose the road. Typical design turnaround is 30 days – could be bid in the next couple months – need design and bid phase – probably September, October. Rosensteel stated the current bid provides 2 costs – development of his opinion on techniques to be used is \$6000, testing and borings are \$4300. The other \$8000 is for the design of the final remediation. Three types of walls based on what the borings show. Chester does not do wall design. You are not locked in to the full \$18,000 at this time. The design costs are at your discretion at a later date. This is necessary due to the steepness of the hillside, it is not like the slide we previously had on Semple Ave. Reminded that these are Professional Services as far as second opinion and bidding is concerned. Kerry

Patterson confirmed the steepness of site and the need for a study for a wall design.

**Vote – Bernstein – no
Klicker – yes
Lloyd – yes
Repp – yes
Cortese – yes
Narcisi – yes
Vetterly - yes**

CARRIED

PROPERTY:

NO REPORT

Vetterly questioned about the insurance claim for the back up at the fire hall. Dilmore claimed that the claim has been filed.

Narcisi has a question about the grease trap ordinance. We did not advertise so it will not be passed tonight. It appears the firehall is required to put in a grease trap. Dilmore confirmed. This is a result of the County O&M report and is a requirement for food preparation facilities.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

NO REPORT

Repp question for Klicker - if we are currently looking into the insurance. Please stay diligent, this could be a big savings.

CORP/PLANNING:

NO REPORT

Bernstein reported the passing of Rae Fischer on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, she will be greatly missed. She was a member of the Library Executive Board and Friends of the Library. Family asked that donations be made to the Library.

INTER-BORO:

NO REPORT

PARKS:

Cortese reported purchased of umbrellas for the concession stand and the guards. The ducks are gone, mom abandon the nest.

LIBRARY:

NO REPORT

4th OF JULY:

Fireworks, Friday, June 29, 2012, 7:00 pm. Need help in the refreshment stand. Hot Dog eating contest 8:00 pm. Donations at the same level as last year.

Cortese: Motion to adjourn: 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted

**Harry W. Dilmore
Manager**