

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 21, 2016**

Mr. Klicker called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, Mayor Haslett, Chief Kokoski, Dilmore and Makatura. Absent: Tax Collector, Klicker.

Nelson moved:

“To accept the Minutes of the May 17, 2016 Avalon Borough Council Meeting.”

Pascale 2nd

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

- **Avalon Volunteer Fire Department sighting approval transferring the registration of the mini-pumper to the Fire Department along with all maintenance and upkeep of the equipment.**
- **Letter from MRM WC account status. Referred to Finance Committee for further review.**
- **Letters from MYTAA & BABA Baseball Leagues. Referred to the Parks Committee.**
- **PUC report on 2015 Gas Drilling Municipal Share. Avalon is to receive \$475.**
- **Confirmation from BNY Mellon completing the Johnson pension monies.**
- **North Suburban Chamber of Commerce letter received and also referred to the Borough Development Committee.**

Finance Motions:

Pascale:

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted for June 21, 2016.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted for June 21, 2016.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the List of Bills as submitted for June 21, 2016, in the amount of \$125,220.34.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

**David Zivic
President of AVFD
923 Malvern Road**

Comment on the purchase of the 2 trucks and a thank you for coming to the agreement on this purchase. Also reminding everyone to purchase smoke detectors for your homes and keep them maintained.

**Diane Haggerty
517 Eugene Street**

Comment on the sinkhole that has appeared on the street. Vetterly addressed the issue and will be sure it is referred to the DPW.

MAYOR:

- **No Report**

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- **Johnson pension account is now closed out.**
- **Zoning Hearing held for Eat 'n Park. Variance hearing completed and the construction has begun.**
- **Bid opening for S. Birmingham Avenue. Preconstruction meeting held with Engineer and Columbia Gas. West View Water not in attendance. Letter received from West View Water stating they will not be replacing the water line at the time of the restoration.**
- **Met with West View Water on the June 11 water breaks to determine what will be repaired.**

ENGINEER: Report submitted.

- **S. Birmingham Avenue restoration began today, 6/21, with Columbia Gas notifying residents. Vetterly noted the installation of the main line first. Nine customers will receive new service and meters will be relocated outside as necessary.**
- **West View Water – engineer provided a list to use as necessary as support for the manager to use as discussion with West View Water.**
- **Scally noted review of the pipe at Spruce Run in the park at the ball field. Cortese requested bid package be prepared for ball field.**
- **MS4 yearly progress report submitted for year 3 of 5 of the permit. Additional O&M plan work to be completed this year with a goal of inspections and documentation for catch basin cleaning and work to be performed.**
- **Marie Avenue storm line between Harris alley and Marie has a defect to be determined.**
- **214 Cleveland Ave demo specifications have been prepared and advertised. Bids to be collected and opened on June 27 at the QVCOG office.**
- **W. Bellevue Road meeting to be held on June 30 with Bellevue.**

- **Vetterly questioned wall at Grandview – railroad tie gravity wall vs. soldier beam & lagging. Suggest core borings to determine problem and type of wall needed.**

SOLICITOR:

- **Access to 6600 Virginia Avenue to be authorized.**
- **West View Water growing crisis in streets and infrastructure. Put West View Water on notice, as required, that we may and/or will sue for a contribution to S. Birmingham. Pursuing Jackman Avenue as well. Looking deeper in to our insurance policy as well.**
- **Property donation at 309 Fisk Avenue. There is a house on the property, and this will not be without a cost, however, adjacent to another vacant property.**
- **Cortese questioned if West View Water would need and or want to do something with their pipes on S. Birmingham, can we protect ourselves with the manner in which it is repaired. Ott stated that with our current street opening ordinance, it can be adjusted during the codification process that we are now doing. Cortese noted seven water line breaks have occurred in the last 2 weeks.**

ADDITIONAL Visitors Comments at this time:

**Wendy Blake
523 Eugene Avenue**

Concerns about the progress on S. Birmingham and how this is also affecting the parking on Eugene as well. Those residents have not received communications. Comments on where her tax dollars are going, budgets, rumors, etc. Vetterly reiterated all the S. Birmingham progress since the problem occurred in December. Mr. Vetterly also stated that the budget is available for review a month before it is approved for all citizens. It is advertised and available in the office for review as well as on the website. This budget will explain how tax dollars are used.

Diane Haggerty commented on the cell tower causing the problem.

**Leslie Nelson
521 Orchard Avenue**

Also commented on the sinkhole and how the property has changed at 517 Eugene through the years. Vetterly stated we will schedule a camera to determine the problem.

FINANCE:

No comment at this point.

SAFETY:

Narcisi moved:

“To accept the Agreement between Avalon Borough Council and the Avalon Volunteer Fire Department, stating arrangements between parties on the purchase of the new fire equipment.”

Donnelly 2nd

Klicker commented and thanked the Fire Department for helping with the purchase of the trucks. This has never been done before. Pascale commented it was conducted within the existing budget and not moving money into the fire department budget. Lloyd commented on the number of volunteers, dedicated men and women, that risk their lives to keep the Borough safe and we are proud of their work.

CARRIED

“To approve the purchase of a 2010 Ferrara, 100’ Mid-Platform fire apparatus and a 2008 Pierce Custom Rescue Pumper from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC. of Union Grove, Alabama, for a purchase price of \$739,000.00 contingent on appropriate financing.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

“To have the Secretary prepare paperwork necessary for the transfer of title to the Avalon Volunteer Fire Department from the Avalon Borough of the 1979 Chevrolet ‘Mini-pumper’.”

Pascale 2nd

CARRIED

“To acknowledge and adopt the Part-time Police Officer roster as presented.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

“To approve a handicap parking spot in the 600 block of Taylor Avenue.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To renew the contract with Chief Thomas Kokoski of the Avalon Police Department. The new contract to run from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2019, with the terms set forth in the contract.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

Narcisi had additional comments regarding the purchase of the fire truck.

STREETS:

Vetterly moved:

“To accept the Access Easement and Maintenance Agreement between Gale and Eileen O’Malley and Avalon Borough and Ben Avon Borough on Elm Street.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept a tap-in to the Avalon Borough sewer system at 450 Semple Avenue extension. Presuming all ACHD regulations are met and approved.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept Ordinance #1365, an Ordinance vacating Borough Alley abutting Ohio River Boulevard between Prospect Avenue and Elizabeth Avenue.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To have the Secretary advertise Ordinance #1366, an Ordinance establishing an annual storm and sewage line maintenance program.”

Cortese 2nd

Klicker, Pascale and Vetterly commented on being more proactive with an annual operations and maintenance program for situations such as Eugene Street.

CARRIED

“To hire Jeff Tuma for weed control at a cost of \$5,600.00.”

Donnelly 2nd

Donnelly questioned where and how is the program working. Comment that it is an on-going program.

CARRIED

BOROUGH DEVELOPMENT:

➤ Parks

Cortese moved:

“To join the North Suburban Chamber of Commerce at a cost of \$85.00.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To place an ad in the 2016 Northgate Football program at a cost of \$45.00.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

Received letters from BABA and MYTAA regarding fall ball this year. Discussion followed regarding the use of the baseball fields in regards to the pipe failure in the outfield. Vetterly commented that the repair will begin as soon as possible. No organized activities will be permitted until this work is completed.

Donnelly commented on the pool. Attended a function at the pool. Running well and had some suggestions for historical photos to be displayed at the pool.

Noted that July 9 will be the bench dedication for Jackie Yurkovich at the pool.

Pascale noted Troop 226 thank you for helping them prepare for their camping trip and allowing them use of the pool for the water safety requirement.

McWilliams moved:

“To accept Resolution #1125, a Resolution outlining the Borough of Avalon Media/Social Media Policy.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

➤ Council Of Governments:

- Attended the Borough’s Association Conference. Congratulations to Harry Dilmore for receiving an award for 40 years of service to Local Government.**

- Grants available for walking paths throughout the Borough, handicap playground equipment for parks, forest fire training, will be participating on the certified Borough Official's course committee.
 - Contract has been offered to the new director of the COG.
 - Recycling Day to be held in Avalon, September 24
 - Girl Scouts looking for grants for their S. Birmingham Playground project. They have not received a response from their requests.
 - Will be looking into to High School students to become involved in local government.
- **Other Borough Development comments:**
- Library books at the pool. Donations welcome.
 - Donnelly commented on county website and monies available for the police department for the new machines that will be required.

4th OF JULY:

Nelson commented on the schedule. June 25, music begins at 7:30 pm, bicycle drawing at 8:15, fireworks at dusk.

Mr. Zivic from the AVFD additional comments regarding the purchase of the fire truck. Special thank you to Harry Dilmore.

Cortese moved to adjourn at 7:58 pm.

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

Harry W. Dilmore

**Harry Dilmore
Manager**