

AVALON BOROUGH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
July 16, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm by Ed Repp with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Bernstein, Cortese, Dixon, Narcisi, Repp, Vetterly. Also present Solicitor Megan Ott, Engineer Rachel Mignogna, Borough Manager Harry Dilmore, Police Chief Kokoski and Makatura. Absent: Donnelly, Lloyd, Tax Collector Klicker and Mayor Haslett. Arriving late: Joshua Klicker

Solicitor stated no executive session was held prior to the council meeting.

Bernstein Moved:

“To accept the minutes of the June 18, 2013, Avalon Borough Council Meeting. ”

Cortese 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Dixon Abstained

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Letter from Avalon NOW regarding a donation for backpacks and school supplies for National Night Out, August 6.
- Letter from Allegheny County Health Department regarding the Borough’s compliance with the Administrative Consent Order by submitting the Feasibility Study by July 31.
- Letter from Allegheny County Health Department on violations at the swimming pool. All findings have been corrected.
- Letter from Bellevue (Cindy Phelps) on National Night Out and level that Avalon is committing to for that project.

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VISITORS:

Ruth Lloyd  
225 S. Ohio St.

Friends of the Library are planning their annual Touch a Truck event for Saturday, September 14, 2013. California Avenue needs to be closed from Josephine to S. Chestnut from 10am to 5pm. Touch a Truck is from noon to 4pm. First hour is a quiet hour without sirens for those not able to tolerate loud noises. Looking for additional trucks and vehicles to exhibit. This year we are including vendors, crafters and food booths. Donations for baskets to raffle are welcome.

Dilmore to contact PAT regarding the bus route. No Parking signs to be posted the night before the event.

Holly Booth  
807 Orchard Avenue

Requesting a meeting to discuss the pool party she sponsored on Saturday, June 29. Mrs. Booth's version and the Pool personnel's version of how the pool area was left at the end of the party differ greatly. Mr. Repp granted a meeting following this evening's Council meeting for further discussion.

Ryan Deering  
18 Marie Avenue

The next Avalon NOW meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2013, at 7pm.

The committee cleaned up the planters along New Brighton Rd. next to the garage and would like to paint them.

Mr. Dilmore suggested Avalon NOW work with PRINT on the new map to supply information about their committee and what they hope to accomplish for the Borough.

MAYOR: No Report

MANAGER/SECRETARY:

- Completed and assisted auditor from Auditor General's Office with Liquid Fuels audit for 2012. No findings and completed exit conference.
- Working with Bellevue and Columbia Gas contractor on corrections to W. Bellevue Road erosion project. Rosensteel was the engineer on that project and will be meeting with Bellevue and their engineer to discuss the current activities.
- Preparing CD40 demolition grants. Title searches are currently being completed. Received pink slips on all three projects and final applications due July 28.

SOLICITOR:

- Working with the engineer on the Storm Water ordinance.

ENGINEER:

- Feasibility Study due July 31 and is available for review. No upgrades required, no recommendations at this time.
- COG opened bids on July 25 for 719 Ohio River Blvd demolition. Currently no bids submitted for that job. Will contact demolition companies to see if there is any interest.

- N. Birmingham Ave wall– still need contracts and costs from Duquesne Light and West View Water before putting out to bid.

Dilmore commented that crews have been sent out from Duquesne Light and West View Water. Nothing received to date. No additional movement has been occurring at this time. Will follow up with Jack Turbin of Duquesne Light requesting the information.

#### FINANCE:

Narcisi moved:

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

Cortese 2<sup>nd</sup>

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted for July 2013.”

Bernstein 2<sup>nd</sup>

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills as submitted for the month of July 2013.”

Cortese 2<sup>nd</sup>

Vetterly stated that he would like to hold payment to Walt’s Landscaping in order to verify the invoice.

CARRIED

“To accept the agreement with WesBanco as official depository for Avalon Borough and have Secretary make necessary arrangements for transfers.”

Cortese 2<sup>nd</sup>

Comment from Bernstein as to why the Borough is changing from First Niagara to WesBanco.

CARRIED

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Compliment to Chief Kokoski and the new hires in the police department for solving the most recent case so quickly.

Narcisi moved:

“To authorize a handicap parking space in the vicinity of 649 Grandview Avenue.”

Cortese 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dixon questioned whether all criteria was met to allow granting this request, is other parking available and a driveway. It was confirmed that all criteria had been reviewed.

Dixon & Bernstein Abstained

CARRIED

STREETS:

No Report.

PROPERTY:

No Report.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

No Report.

CORP/PLANNING:

Bernstein moved:

“To have the Secretary contact PRINT Maps and secure paperwork for updating map and have Avalon NOW as part of contact group.”

Narcisi 2<sup>nd</sup>

Discussion on how long it will take to put the new map together and gather advertisements.

CARRIED

INTER-BOROUGH:

No Report.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Cortese moved:

“To authorize development of specifications, any required studies and advertisement to install traffic control device at N. Home Avenue and N. Starr Avenue for visually impaired residents.”

Narcisi 2<sup>nd</sup>

Discussion followed regarding the number of residents in Metowers and others on the waiting list that are in need of this signal. Have requested possible funding through Deasey’s office where monies are available through the tickets that are issued using cameras at traffic signals. Specifications needed for Deasey to apply for funding. Further comments on what is included in the existing lights when they were replaced a few years ago.

LIBRARY:

No report.

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4<sup>th</sup> of JULY:

Fireworks rescheduled for Sunday, September 1, Labor Day weekend.

Cortese moved:

“To Adjourn at 8:16 pm.”

Narcisi 2<sup>nd</sup>

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry W. Dilmore  
Secretary