

**AVALON BOROUGH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
July 19, 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, Chief Kokoski, Dilmore and Makatura. Absent: Mayor Haslett, Tax Collector, Klicker.**

**Nelson moved:**

**“To accept the Minutes of the June 21, 2016 Avalon Borough Council Meeting.”**

**Cortese 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- **Opinion letter received from our Solicitor regarding the Sewage Surcharge fund being used for MS4 and Consent Order projects.**
- **AIM Loan paperwork received, Solicitor to review during completion.**
- **Vacant Lot Program information received and to be completed.**
- **Klicker included that he and the Mayor received communication from Bellevue Council to consider consolidation of the two police departments. They met two weeks ago and committees are to be determined to continue with exploratory conversations. Donnelly questioned if this was only with Bellevue or including other communities along the river. Confirmed only with Bellevue.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**None**

**MAYOR:**

- **No Report**

**SECRETARY/MANAGER:**

- **Pension Audit is ongoing.**
- **Continued work with Vetterly and the oversight of S. Birmingham Avenue project.**
- **Aim Loan paperwork sent on to Solicitor.**
- **Completed paperwork for CD41 projects and sent on to Quaker Valley COG. Adjusting the handicap ramps included in the original grant due to the ramps that will not be completed through the S. Birmingham Avenue project.**
- **Working with Engineer for permits and specifications for athletic field project.**
- **Received and completed paperwork on fire truck financing.**

**ENGINEER: Report submitted.**

- **S. Birmingham Avenue – Columbia Gas completing this week. Contractor to begin next week following confirmation of storm line repairs and catch basins placements.**
- **General Permit #11 for stream encroachment is being submitted to DEP before any work can begin. Visited sight and specifications will be completed.**
- **Marie Avenue storm line cleaned and CCTV inspected. Although blockage removed, some repair still required.**
- **Bids received on 214 Cleveland demolition, moving forward.**
- **Meet with Bellevue and Avalon DPW to discuss W. Bellevue Road. Bellevue provided overview of improvements, however, they are all upstream and not addressing W. Bellevue Road. Requested both DPW groups meet to determine if they could do the work to address the collapsed storm sewer pipe. There is still limited access to this area and would be difficult to reach. Donnelly questioned Bellevue's improvements. Makatura stated they were meeting with Columbia Gas to discuss adding additional catch basins on Jackson Avenue. Vetterly confirmed**

the project was complete but could not confirm the catch basins were installed.

Further discussion followed, Ott confirmed that W. Bellevue has been notified in writing, Avalon's position on this matter. Ott also stated it is a joint line, no maintenance agreement was located as being in existence. Recommends a maintenance agreement should be established as soon as possible.

- Eat 'n Park tap and grease trap installed, progressing well.
- Donnell commented on the McBubbles repair.
- Klicker confirmed the letter was sent to 519 Eugene Avenue resident to make the repair within 30 days to repair.

**SOLICITOR:**

- Executive Session held immediately prior to this meeting to discuss active litigation and personnel issues.
- Reviewed offer of property donation. If you wish to proceed, recommend title search of property since there is a condemned house on that property. Application has been made to the COG for demolition.
- The access easement on 6600 Virginia Avenue has been completed and filed.
- Second request for an access easement on 525 Semple Avenue. Previous request was a vacated street, however, this is a tiny Borough lot located next to the property. Recommend exploring the possibility of sale vs. easement for this situation. Costs would be the same to complete. Dilmore stated he contacted the owner and they buyer is interested in purchasing that piece of property. As part of the deal, all legal and sale costs would be included in that purchase price.

**FINANCE:**

Pascale moved:

“To accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted for July 19, 2016.”

Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>

**CARRIED**

**“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted for July 19, 2016.”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**“To accept the List of Bills as submitted for July 19, 2016, in the amount of \$424,313.45.”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Pascale commented that this total included the TAN loan payment of \$303,000.00.**

**CARRIED**

**Pascale stated that the August Finance Meeting will be the review of the Borough finances to date.**

**SAFETY:**

**Narcisi moved:**

**“To pass Resolution #1126, a resolution accepting the Allegheny County Hazard Mitigation Plan.”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**STREETS:**

**Vetterly moved:**

**“To have the secretary advertise for the AIM Loan Paperwork and process lead material in preparation of next meeting.”**

**Pascale 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**“To accept bid of Wade Heating & Cooling to install new air-conditioning units at the Avalon Library, not to exceed \$4700.00.”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Confirmed Option 2 of the bid for \$3200, 1 new unit, if additional ductwork is needed, do not to exceed \$4700.**

**CARRIED**

**Vetterly commented on the sink hole project. Identified approximately 12 sink holes, including the Library. Renting a saw to cut them, dig and identify problem, repair and follow up with paving.**

**Vetterly moved:**

**“To advertise for part time DPW employee, after releasing the summer seasonal employees, for up coming fall and winter season.”**

**Pascale 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**BOROUGH DEVELOPMENT:**

**➤ Parks**

**Cortese moved:**

**“To have the Secretary submit paperwork for the Vacant Property Program.”**

**Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Ott explained the County program. No cost to the Borough to be in the program. Interested property owners that qualify can apply to purchase property through the program. Ideal for side yards. Application fee of \$360, pay fair market value for the property, applicant pays appraisal costs, plus other fees.**

**CARRIED**

**Cortese commented on the Pool's Friday Night Movie night. Showing the Lion King and expected 400 people. Fire Police to help with traffic and parking.**

**Cortese questioned the wi-fi access for the pool. The address was established. Dilmore to follow up with Comcast.**

**Discussion followed regarding fall ball for BABA and MYTAA and whether the letters have been sent to both organizations cancelling due to the storm line repair. They were not sent to date. Restated the decision from last month's meeting not to have any organized sports, for safety purposes, during the repair of the line.**

**The Jackie Yurkovich Bench was dedicated at the Pool on July 9. The Yurkovich Family was very thankful to all.**

➤ **Council Of Governments:**

**Meeting will be held at Aleppo. We will be voting on the new director that has been selected.**

**Attending motivational seminar.**

**Attending PSAB conference in August.**

**Library air conditioner to be replaced.**

**Gentleman interested in purchased McKinley Avenue street sign when it is replaced.**

**Cortese questioned if we were able to locate the funds. Klicker stated the Finance Committee will continue the process.**

**Donnelly questioned the Library receiving RAD money.**

**Lloyd reminded everyone to visit the library and get a card, this increases our RAD money amount that we receive.**

➤ **Other Borough Development comments:**

**Donnelly mentioned the new equipment that will be required for the new license plate readers. There is grant money available for purchasing this equipment.**

**4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY:**

**No Report**

**Cortese moved to adjourn at 7:58 pm.**

**Lloyd 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CARRIED**

**Respectfully submitted**

*Harry W. Dilmore*

**Harry Dilmore  
Manager**