

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 21, 2015**

Klicker opened the meeting at 7:40 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Cortese, Klicker, Lloyd, Narcisi, Nelson, Pascale. Also present: Solicitor Ott, Engineer Scally, Chief Kokoski, Dilmore and Makatura. Absent: Donnelly, Neal, Vetterly, Mayor Haslett, and Tax Collector Klicker.

Nelson moved:

“To accept the Minutes of the Avalon Borough Council Meeting of June 16, 2015.”

Pascale 2nd

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

- **Contract for BABA for 2015 finalized for summer and fall season.**
- **Received communication from Quaker Valley COG and SPC regarding the proposed plan Master Plan for route 65. Meeting to be held at the Conway Fire Hall July 29, 2015. Need a representative from each community to attend.**
- **Received proposal from Cohen and Associates regarding the Comcast Cable Franchise renewal. Most likely handled through the QVCOG but need communities to commit.**
- **Communications from Allegheny County regarding the rabies bating for raccoons to begin August 1.**
- **Communications received from the Avalon Volunteer Fire Department that they would like to contribute to the electric update on the fire hall portion of the building.**
- **Communication from Penndot regarding winter services for 2015-16 season.**
- **Allegheny County Fire Academy to be sponsoring a hands on day seminar multiple topics and situations for all fire departments August 29, 8-4.**

Pascale:

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted for July 21, 2015.”

Nelson 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted for July 21, 2015.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the List of Bills as submitted for July 21, 2015, in the amount of \$93,680.13.”

CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

**Rendon Elsesser & Whitney Shields
625 Taylor Avenue**

Questions regarding the regulations of chickens. Would like to raise 4-6 chickens for eggs. Will forward to the Building Inspector for further review and consideration.

**Connie Rankin
The Citizen**

Commented on urban farming and chickens now being permitted in Pittsburgh.

**Jackie Yurkovich
Grandview Avenue**

Thank you to Officers Colonello & Hindinger for coming to help with her granddaughter in a medical emergency.

The pool is in need of benches under the porch area of the bath house. Would like to contact businesses for sponsors.

**Scott Keener
Tri-Boros Planning Commission**

Comprehensive Plan Update – the contract has been executed with the county. Procedures need to be established to allow us to draw on that money. Avalon Borough is responsible for maintaining accounts payable. We are on track for September 2016 completion. Feedback, in the form of a public forum, will be necessary from each of the 4 communities.

Joint Planning Commission – shares the legal support. July was the transition to the Bellevue solicitor. The Planning Commission is also working several errors in the current zoning ordinance, specifically signage. There is an empty seat on the Planning Commission and one is needed from Avalon Borough that needs to be filled. Dilmore asked if off street parking will be addressed at this time. Keener confirm it is on the agenda.

MAYOR:

- **No Report**

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- **Dilmore stated he is back to work.**
- **Ohio Rivers Partners developers of Dunkin Donuts at the Anthony's site. Ravenstahl's office involved now with Highway Occupancy Permit in answer to Engineers at Pendot.**

- **New signature cards required for bank**
- **Communications from Solicitor regarding numerous properties**
- **Communication with QVCOG regarding Marie Avenue, Semple Avenue and Cleveland Avenue Demolitions**
- **Meeting scheduled to meet with Linedecker on Dirt & Gravel Road Program on Gardner Avenue**
- **West Bellevue Road discussion on the deterioration of the area surrounding the sanitary sewer line that was replaced with joint money from Bellevue and Avalon. The Bellevue Borough storm water run off is causing extensive erosion of the area and needs to be addressed. Makatura supplied a timeline of photographs to show the changes in the area in just 2 years. Bellevue Borough contacted, however, has not responded to the urgency.**
- **Figure needed from PNC to make a parking lot and we are to be charged \$500/month to rent the location. Donation is ready to be made to make this happen. Possibility of escrowing money for the renovation.**

ENGINEER: Report submitted.

- **Administrative Consent Order in addition to submitting reports, we received a response from our CCTV work, a few non major repairs are needed, and additional sections to have CCTV work completed.**
- **MS4 – problem along Belva and Division. CCTV work needed to determine the extent of the repair. Open cut repairs identified, lining and/or open cut method considered.**
- **West Bellevue Road Storm Sewer**

Additional questions regarding Florence Avenue leak and it has stopped. Need S. Chestnut demolition specifications that is not to be COG demolition.

SOLICITOR:

- **Executive session held immediately prior to this meeting to discuss legal issues involving personnel matters and potential litigation.**
- **Church property at 221 S. Chestnut. Owners have been notified accordingly to repair or remove the structure, thus the fire escrow money will be used for demolition, however, we will likely have additional costs.**
- **Blighted property, both in taxes and the condition of the property, identified as Savoy Courtyard, 610-612 California Avenue. Strategies discussed to bring them in to compliance.**

FINANCE:

Finance Committee met last week and reviewed P&L and revenue projections and are on target as the year progresses.

SAFETY:

Narcisi moved:

“To share in the cost of electrical work in fire department side of the building (truck garage area and banquet hall) with the Avalon Volunteer Fire Department pending scope of work breakdown of project.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

STREETS:

Nelson moved:

“To accept the bid proposal of “The Wilson Group” for the leasing of copy machines in the Administration Office.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept pricing on 3 public works projects with pricing not to exceed \$12,500.00.”

Pascale 2nd

CARRIED

“To have the Engineer move forward on project specs for storm water line replacements on Division and Belva Avenues.”

Pascale 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept winter services agreement with PennDot for state roads for 2015/16 season.

Pascale 2nd

CARRIED

PARKS:

Cortese asked, again, for the playground area at Avalon Park to have the mulch replaced. Additional raffle for the pool will continue through August.

CORP/PLAN:

Klicker asked where the Library stands on retaining a solicitor.

Klicker stated the Borough has empty lots, through demolitions, that have not been sold. May we investigate the possibility of making leased parking in those neighborhoods. Lloyd will look in to those properties, as well as Narcisi, interested in additional parking areas.

Earlier motion to demolish the Church property.

LIBRARY:

No Report.

4th of JULY:

Plan continuing with the postponement date of September 6, 2015.

Old Business:

Date set to meet with the Fire Company to discuss the truck. The Fire Department is contacting an Engineer to develop possible adaptations to the building.

Cortese moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

**Harry Dilmore
Manager**