

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 16, 2016**

Mr. Klicker called the meeting to order at 7:15 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, and Makatura. Absent: Dilmore, Mayor Haslett, Tax Collector, Klicker.

Nelson moved:

“To accept the Minutes of the July 19, 2016 Avalon Borough Council Meeting.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Received a letter from the Summit Homeowners Association thanking Harry Dilmore, the Avalon Fire and Police Departments, all Emergency Responders in the area and the Borough of Avalon for the excellent help and assistance emergency situation on Saturday, July 9th. Greatly appreciate your concern and kindness.**
- **Communication from PIRMA property insurance regarding our claim for road damage to S. Birmingham Avenue confirming that roadways are not covered property in the Agreement unless it the property is specifically scheduled.**
- **Communication from Allegheny County Economic Development is offering municipalities an opportunity to participate in the Allegheny Together Program – supports business development in traditional pedestrian-based business districts. We received this last week and applications are due Friday, August 22.**

- Received Pre-Applications for CD43 (2017) . Due to QVCOG September 8.
- Received 2017 Refuse Bid documents for review, formal letter of acceptance due to the QVCOG October 12.
- Adam Ravenstahl is hosting a free-of-charge Shredding Event on Saturday, October 1 from 10am to noon at our Avalon Community Park on New Brighton Road.
- Camp Horne Road will be closed to through traffic beginning Monday, August 15, 2016, for a retaining wall replacement project under the Emsworth Bridge.
- ACHD Recycling Program Municipal Survey to help update their 10 year Solid Waste Management Plan to plan for the county's waste management, recycling and disposal needs.

Pascale moved:

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted for August 16, 2016.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted for August 16, 2016.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the List of Bills as submitted for August 2016, 2016, in the amount of \$226,893.37.”

Cortese 2nd

Pascale commented that this includes a payment on the N. Birmingham wall and yearly insurance premium.

CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Dana Kruela
731 Semple Avenue
Avalon Alterations on California Avenue**

Question regarding the parking lot at PNC Bank. How is it possible to rent and how much does it cost. Clarified that it is \$40/month and can be rented through the Administration Office. Discussion followed on the lot pricing. Second request - is it possible for business owners to reserve a space in front of their shop during business hours for customers that are older or disabled. Those patrons would still use the meters. And finally, raised a concern over the number of store fronts that are now apartments in the business district. If we are to promote our community business district it is difficult to do this with apartments in those locations.

**Ruth Lloyd
225 S. Ohio Street**

On behalf of the Friends of Avalon Public Library, the Touch A Truck on September 24, 2016. Letter submitted to have no parking signs posted and the port authority be notified as well. Thank you to Mr. Vetterly for Columbia Gas providing a vehicle, the AVFD giving aerial rides, vendors, food, entertainment and face painting. Hours are 12:00 – 4:00, set up at 10:00 am.

MAYOR:

- **No Report**

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- **CDBG grants requirements completed:**
 - **CD40 – contractor awarded contract for demolition of 214 Cleveland Ave – motion this evening.**
 - **CD41 (24) handicap ramp photos submitted to County allowing the project to be bid.**
 - **CD42 data collected for additional handicap ramps, Florence Avenue demolition, pool bath house renovation and ADA access to the playground at the pool. Information to be submitted to the county.**
- **Clarifying asbestos demolition requirements with the County on 221 S. Chestnut. Scally may have some additional comments.**

- **Work progressing on S. Birmingham. Completing sidewalks and catch basins this week. Storm line repair completed. Scally will also have additional comments. Made phone calls to those residents affected for Thursday garbage/recycling – DPW will take care of that issue as needed.**
- **While loosing one battle with West View Water at S. Birmingham, we came to an amicable agreement and received curb to curb and intersection repairs on the numerous water line breaks we experienced on June 11. We were able to work with them and everything was repaired according to our ordinance.**
- **Completed the agreement and resolution for this evening to participate in the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program. This will be submitted for approval at County's August 19 meeting.**
- **Completed and submitted the Fire Truck purchase agreement to Republic First National on August 8.**
- **Completed Aim Loan requirements and is on the agenda for your approval this evening.**
- **Received sealed bids for the Chevrolet Suburban to be opened this evening for your review and approval.**
- **Confirmed that invoicing will be divided according to storm line, Columbia Gas sidewalks and S. Birmingham Avenue repair.**
- **Cortese questioned the progress of the meeting that occurred with West View Water regarding the Jackman Avenue. A Right to Know request has been submitted.**
- **Cortese also questioned the ADA access to the playground grant. Discussion followed regarding the meeting that was held with Lloyd and Cortese last year that we were instructed to remove the mulch and black fencing.**

ENGINEER: Report submitted.

- **Progress on S. Birmingham Avenue. Storm sewer repairs completed, catch basins will be completed. Inspector on site during the construction.**
- **Ballfield work requires a permit for stream work. Pre-bid meeting August 25 with bid openings September 8.**
- **Demolition of 214 Cleveland Avenue. Only one bid submitted through the COG. Discussion followed regarding Continental Construction Company and the work performed at the Marie Avenue and Semple Avenue demolitions in the spring. Discussion**

- followed regarding the contractor's ability to do the demolition. Solicitor confirmed with Engineer they are bonded. Vetterly concerned and wants them to use the alley for equipment.
- Belva and Division pay application #2 with the 5% retainage. Recommending payment. Curbing, sealing, and inlet cleaning completed as requested. Discussion followed.
 - Columbia Gas met August 11 at Avalon Park to discuss the temporary stream crossing and road constructed last year for their project. Columbia Gas' position is to provide an estimate to remove and restore the site to its previous state. Once that cost is determined, if Avalon agrees, they would submit payment to Avalon in that amount and Avalon would then proceed with repairs at their leisure. Question is whether Avalon wants to keep this crossing. Scally has requested a copy of the permit for the stream crossing. Also discussed the drainage on Florence at Cleveland – regarding to be done to correct the problem.
 - W. Bellevue Road engineer stated they have spoken to a contractor to make a repair to the pipe. No clear on how the contractor is accessing that pipe. No plans have been submitted to Avalon.
 - Interim Consent Order progress report is due in December. Need a demonstration project. Lateral testing is an option, however, it could be costly to the home owner. Must show before and after benefits. Recent work done in the last 2 years may apply. For a separate system we need to make things tighter or move on to the laterals.
 - 519 Eugene was repaired today.
 - Donnelly questioned the catch basins on California Avenue in the 900 block and are they being cleaned regularly. The current rainfall was overwhelming. Scally addressed the question that this is part of the MS4 permit. Makatura stated that is part of MS4 that we have been working on for the past year, maps are completed and housekeeping is the next step.

SOLICITOR:

- Several executive sessions have been held regarding potential litigation and personnel matters. Those dates are as follows: 7/27/16, 8/4/16, 8/8/16, 8/11/16, 8/16/16.

FINANCE:

Pascale moved:

“To adopt Ordinance #1367, an ordinance to issue a general obligation note in the amount of \$200,000 for the reconstruction of S. Birmingham Avenue.”

Donnelly 2nd

Confirmed that this is the AIM Loan, \$200,000, 5yr term, 1.39% annual payments of 40,000 on the principal, \$ interest.

Cortese – NO

CARRIED

“To accept Resolution #1126, a resolution authorizing the execution of a note pursuant to Ordinance #1367 adopted August 16, 2016.”

Donnelly 2nd

Solicitor commented that the ordinance authorizes the Borough to incur debt. The resolution is to give the Borough officers the ability to execute the paperwork.

CARRIED

Cortese questioned why are we not suing them. Solicitor commented that we have given them notification on S. Birmingham and Jackman Avenue. We have submitted claims to our insurance company and they have declined responsibility under our coverage, that the streets are not covered.

SAFETY:

Narcisi opened 2 bids for the 1989 Chevrolet Suburban fire vehicle.

Narcisi moved:

“To accept the bid received from Theron Mohrbach in the amount of \$600.00 to purchase the 1989 Chevrolet Suburban, in as is condition.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

STREETS:

Vetterly moved:

“To sell Borough parcel Lot and Block 214-H-235 adjacent to 525 Semple Avenue to Jeremy Gruszka for \$500 plus costs not to exceed \$1000.00.”

Cortese 2nd

Donnelly questioned how the amount was reached for the price of the property and costs. Ott stated it was based on recent appraisals done on similar parcels in other communities, considered residual land, cost based on square footage. Permitted to proceed without public bidding. This particular parcel is already used for a driveway connected to this property.

CARRIED

“To accept Resolution #1127, a resolution authorizing the participation of the Borough in the redevelopment authority of Allegheny County’s Vacant Property Recovery Program subject to certain requirements.”

Narcisi 2nd

CARRIED

“To approve Ron M. Killen Construction to powerwash and paint the Public Works/Fire Department Building at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00.”

Pascale 2nd

CARRIED

“To approve Ron M. Killen Construction to make repairs to the Public Works Building, due to the accident in April, at a cost not to exceed \$11,200.00.”

Pascale 2nd

Donnelly questioned if this was covered by the insurance company of the person causing the damage. Confirmed that it was. Differential between insurance payoff and the depreciation of the garage door.

CARRIED

BOROUGH DEVELOPMENT:

➤ Parks

Cortese commented on the success of the pool season this year.

Cortese moved:

“To approval of a Farmer’s Market at the Avalon park on California Avenue from May through October 2017, week day to be determined.”

Donnelly 2nd

Cortese commented Bobbie Aubel and Barb Popendieker are pursuing the Farmer’s Market for next year.

CARRIED

McWilliams moved:

“To accept the CDBG40 Year bid for Continental Construction and Demolition LLC for demolition of 214 Cleveland Avenue in the amount of \$12,000.00.”

Donnelly 2nd

Vetter commented on the need to have a pre-construction meeting with Continental Construction and Demolition LLC to layout the ground rules for this demolition to alleviate a repeat of the problems with the Marie and Semple Avenue demolitions.

➤ **Council Of Governments:**

Lloyd reported that the COG director that was approved in July, asked for a delay in the start date.

The COG Recycling Day scheduled for Avalon in September has a conflict with the Library Touch A Truck Day. Vendors being contacted to reschedule to possibly the week before or after for availability. Possible Bellevue to host.

Library sink hole has been repaired, however, paving is to be completed.

Library air conditioning has been repaired.

Please visit to attend the library programs and enjoy the air condition.

Congratulations to Megan Ott as a Rising Star at her law firm.

Cortese moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

Lorraine Makatura

**Lorraine Makatura
Assistant Manager**