

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 18, 2015**

Klicker opened the meeting at 7:35 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer from Mayor Haslett.

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

Nelson moved:

“To accept the Minutes of the Avalon Borough Council Meeting of July 21, 2015.”

**Donnelly 2nd
Donnelly abstained**

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

- **Letter from Goerhing, Rutter and Boehm concerning the Consent Order .**
- **Received an update from SRIC group on Regionalization to the County. New mapping available online September 1.**
- **Guidelines have changed with Liquid Fuels and now include alleys.**

Pascale:

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted for August 18, 2015.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted for August 18, 2015.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the List of Bills as submitted for August 18, 2015, in the amount of \$237,485.30.”

Lloyd 2nd

Pascale commented the list of bills includes the annual insurance premium as well as paying off an AIM Loan for the garage/firehall roof, and also a payment on the N. Birmingham wall loan.

CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comment

MAYOR:

- Discussion followed on the use of the dump and new “No Dumping” signs posted. Confirmed that residents are not permitted to use the dump for lawn waste due to additional work for the DPW, safety and anonymous people dumping. May consider instituting a program to pick up residential lawn waste but things are being dumped illegally.

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- Avalon Police Contract talks have begun, looking for September dates.
- Department of Public Works Contract – working on dates.
- Met with the Bee Lady from Pittsburgh to discuss the chicken and bee ordinance that has been established in Forest Hills.
- The 457K Plan will be moving from The Standard to Mass Mutual.
- Received the salt contract from PennDot.
- Attended a meeting at ALCOSAN meeting regarding the critical lines.
- Moving forward on the Credit Card form of payment for the Borough.
- Columbia Gas will be working on Semple Avenue – placing the new line in the sidewalk on the north side vs. in the street.
- Working on a plan for Division and Belva sewer line project.

ENGINEER: Report submitted.

- Administrative Consent Order.
New Consent Decree submitted to Avalon for review.
Meeting held with Avalon, Bellevue, Emsworth, Ben Avon, Ben Avon Heights and Kilbuck to discuss Regionalization and review and confirm ALCOSAN mapping of the critical sewers that cross borders.
List of deficiencies have been identified for the sanitary lines and specifications are complete on need to determine how to move forward in completing those repairs.
- MS4 – Belva and Division. Recommending spot repairs to be done on Belva, open cut with restoration and paving on Division.
- West Bellevue Road was discussed at length with ALCOSAN and photos were left with them for consideration.
- Demolition specifications completed for 221 S. Chestnut Avenue.

SOLICITOR:

- ALCOSAN documentation prepared for the adoption of the critical lines. All solicitors are joining to protect the boroughs before signing this agreement and meet with ALCOSAN and the County before the September deadline.
- Working with Dilmore to resolve the punch list for Columbia Gas project from last year.
- West View Water Authority letter drafted to address street openings and need to verify list with Vetterly. As well as the Jackman Avenue issue.
- Working with Council on Civil Service requirements.

There was an Executive Session held immediately prior to this meeting to discuss legal issues.

FINANCE:

2016 Budget season will begin soon.

SAFETY:

Narcisi moved:

“To approve Resolution #1114, a Resolution to adopt a new set of Civil Service Regulations for Avalon Borough.”

Lloyd 2nd

Discussion followed regarding the rules last change was in 1999.

CARRIED

“To advertise for accepting applications for a Full-time Officer position.”

Nelson 2nd

It was clarified that the applicants on the previous list may reapply and waive the testing fee.

CARRIED

STREETS:

Lloyd moved:

“To accept the contract agreement between Avalon Borough and Cargill Inc. for the purchase of salt for the 2015/2016 season at a cost of \$69.23/ton.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

PARKS:

Cortese:

- Thanked the DPW for completing the mulching at the playground in Avalon Park.**
- The pool will be open weekends through Labor Day.**
- Fireworks will be Sunday, September 6.**

LIBRARY:

Lloyd reported:

- Next Board Meeting September 14, to discuss retaining a solicitor.**
- Touch A Truck, September 19, Noon – 4pm**
- Working on the list of vacant lots in the borough for September meeting.**

- Spoke with city councilman and received a draft from the PA State Boroughs Association for the Urban Chicken ordinance.
- Sent letter to Tri Boros Planning Commission re: Urban Chicken/Bee Ordinance and we would like to meet to discuss.
- Attending the PA State Boroughs Association conference at Seven Springs in October.
- Unfortunate that we are losing more members of the Avalon NOW organization – due to moving, more children and accidents. We need volunteers in all areas of the community.

LOCAL GOVT:

- COG Meeting with the managers and secretaries has been cancelled and will be rescheduled.
- COG Board meeting will be held to discuss the treasurer’s reports, SHACOG and the new location for the annual dinner.
- ALOM Board of Directors meeting on September 17.

4th of July:

Set for Sunday, September 6.

Cortese moved:

“To approve Resolution #1113, a Resolution authorizing the Borough of Avalon to enter into a Merchant Agreement for participation in the Merchant Service Program (PLGIT).

Lloyd 2nd

This is a program that will allow us to accept credit card payments on line and in house for limited types of fees, such as pool passes and tickets.

CARRIED

New Business:

Makatura completed the CGA for the Certified Government Administrator.

Cortese moved to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

**Harry Dilmore
Manager**