

AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 20, 2013

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

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

Solicitor stated executive sessions were held at the Finance Meeting on Thursday and also prior to the council meeting.

Cortese Moved:

“To accept the minutes of the July 16, 2013, Avalon Borough Council Meeting. ”

Donnelly 2nd
Donnelly & Lloyd
Abstained

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Alcosan to hold their annual open house Saturday, September 21, 2013.
- Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership regarding the licensing agreement using the Light Up Night name or doing an event in conjunction with their 53rd Light Up Night.
- PA Liquor Control Board 2013 Beverage License Fees, and information on the Nuisance Bar program and education program for the community on alcohol abuse.
- Letter from Bellevue requesting a donation for their Hiking Biking Trail at Memorial park.

VISITORS:

Ron Smith
218 Cleveland Avenue

Speaking for Carol Chalovich who actually lives at 218 Cleveland and was also present.

Questioning what is the status of the condemned property next door (214 Cleveland Avenue), what can be done to make it safe and animal control. Dilmore stated that we have applied for grants to have the house torn down but have not been successful. Further discussion on what has been done to date to secure the home and notifying the Allegheny County Health Department. Further questions and explanations regarding the COG and money available to demolish homes and how that process works.

Jackie Yurkovich
Grandview Avenue

Steps on N. Birmingham on private property has steps on top of another pair of steps. Dilmore stated the Building Inspector has been involved and cited them.

Grandview house building ramps out of pallets. Multiple tractor trailer trucks and quads.

Ordinance on boats, what is allowed and not allowed. Multiple properties parking boats at their homes. Police to investigate.

Ryan Deering
18 Marie Avenue

The next Avalon NOW meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2013, at 7pm. Verified the date of the Fireworks and the next Dumpster Day.

PERSONNEL:

Narcisi moved:

“To terminate the employment of Charles A. King, effective August 15, 2013.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

Narcisi moved:

“To accept Resolution #1091 as follows: Attached Resolution was read aloud.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

Solicitor Ott stated that Council’s action to terminate the relationship with an employee and followed up with a separate Resolution to address that, it is my recommendation to it being a personnel issue and pending any criminal investigations, it is recommended no further comments should be made at this time other than the Press Release dated August 20, 2013, also attached.

MAYOR: No Report

MANAGER/SECRETARY:

- Avalon Volunteer Fire Department received \$500 from Columbia Gas for a training program. Thank you.
- Dumpster Day scheduled for October 12, 2013. Will also extend invitations to Kilbuck and Bellevue.
- Received information regarding Banner Community Applications. The application has been changed and Avalon should be eligible and we will further review.
- Presented the PSAB Association award to Vickie Donnelly and Ed Repp for 20 years of service to Avalon Borough.

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- Spoke to Bodner, who originally did the installation of the signal at the Metower intersection. The signal has the necessary wiring. There is a Mr. Miller, that will examine the box and advise what needs to be purchased, ie an annunciator, button, etc. and it will be an easy installation.

SOLICITOR:

No Report

ENGINEER:

Report attached.

- N. Birmingham Avenue wall still needs additional information from West View Water. That line had been partially moved previously. Duquesne Light is investigating on whether both poles need to be moved and if it could be a temporary vs. a permanent move. All information needed before bidding can occur.
- Feasibility study submitted on time.
- 719 Ohio River Blvd bids were opened 7/25/13.
A.W. McNabb LLC - \$7900
Continental Construction - \$9000
Jadell Minniefield Construction Services - \$10,500
- W. Bellevue Road site visit with Allegheny County Conservation District. Rebar and concrete slabs dumped in the creek. No report submitted at this time.
- Met with the owner of Mr. Bubbles 7/31/13 regarding the disconnected lateral. No representative from Bellevue present. Allegheny County Health Department to issue citations until repaired.

FINANCE:

Lloyd stated Avalon NOW's work done on the planters in front of the garage and the pool.

Lloyd moved:

“To accept the Finance Report as submitted for August 20, 2013.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted for the month of August 20, 2013.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector's Report as submitted for June 25 through July 25, 2013.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills as submitted for the month of August 20, 2013.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the 2011 Delinquent Tax lien list for Real Estate, as prepared by Jordan Tax Service.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To pay the 2013 TAN Loan.”

Donnelly 2nd

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Lloyd commented on what the TAN loan is – Tax Anticipation Loan.

CARRIED

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No Report

STREETS:

Vetterly moved:

“To have the third and final reading of Ordinance #1347 on the adoption of the proposed MS4 Operation and Maintenance Ordinance accepting new guidelines for storm water management.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

PROPERTY:

No Report

Blood Drive to be held for Wayne Booth, September 6, 2013, 2:00 to 6:00 pm. at the fire hall.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

No Report

TRI-BORO PLANNING COMMISSION:

Scott Keener, President, Tri-Boro Planning Commission, stated:

- Small errors in the joint zoning signage regulations that need to be addressed. Hope to do amendments all at once with one hearing with all three communities.

- Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2004 and is on a 10 year cycle. Not sure how extensive this will be. Possibly can handle ourselves and bring in some advisors. Communities need to be putting money into the budget for next year.
- Dilmore advised of Kilbuck receiving the \$500 grant from the LGA to put together a similar zoning ordinance with Kilbuck , Emsworth and Glenfield. Dilmore suggested working with all the communities would increase the monies available to the project. Communities are diverse but intricately involved with each other by borders, services and needs. LGA was the source of money when Tri-Boros initially started before DCED became involved. Keener concurred.

CORP/PLANNING:

No Report

INTER-BOROUGH:

Donnelly moved:

“To accept Resolution #1088, a concurring resolution for proposal #MPD051 with DCED on CD40 application for house demolition at 305 Marie Avenue.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept Resolution #1089, a concurring resolution for proposal #MPD052 with DCED on CD40 application for house demolition at 315 Marie Avenue.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept Resolution #1090, a concurring resolution for proposal #MPD053 with DCED on CD40 application for house demolition at 752 Semple Avenue.”

Lloyd 2nd

Cortese questioned if this is the same applications for demolitions That were referred to earlier in the meeting in the discussion regarding 214 Cleveland Avenue and if we could be denied the money as well. Dilmore clarified how the pre-application phase is completed with inspections and title searches. Not usually cut if accepted at the pre-application phase.

CARRIED

“To accept the bid of A.W. McNabb, LLC for the demolition of 719 Ohio River Blvd subject to final Engineering and Solicitor review.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

LIBRARY:

Touch A Truck is scheduled for September 14, 2013.

4th of JULY:

Fireworks scheduled for Sunday, September 1, Labor Day weekend, music begins at 7:00 pm.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Reviewed the schedule for the remainder of the season.

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Cortese moved:

“To Adjourn at 8:41 pm.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry W. Dilmore
Secretary