

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 16, 2014**

Klicker opened the meeting at 7:38 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Donnelly, Klicker, Narcisi, Neal, Nelson, Pascale. Also present: Mayor Haslett, Solicitor Ott, Engineer Scally, Chief Kokoski, Dilmore and Makatura. Absent: Cortese, Lloyd, Vetterly, Tax Collector Klicker. Cortese arrived at 7:50.

Nelson moved:

“To accept the Minutes of the August 19, 2014, Avalon Borough Council Meeting.”

**Narcisi 2nd
Donnelly/Pascale Abstain**

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Annual Quaker Valley COG Dinner, Wednesday, October 15, Shannopin Country Club.**
- **QVCOG confirmed the county released funds to demolish 719 Ohio River Blvd., completed today.**

Pascale moved:

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted for September 16, 2014.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted for the month of September 2014.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Finance Report as submitted for the month of September 16, 2014.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the List of Bills as submitted for September 16, 2014, in the amount of \$242,055.21.”

Donnelly 2nd

Pascale stated that the amount reflects payments for the AIM Loan, Pension and property insurance payments.

CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

**Jackie Yurkovich
649 Grandview Avenue**

Concern for the properties along N. Birmingham from Parkview Avenue to, what was, the steps. The sidewalks are overgrown and deteriorated. Dilmore stated that it has been discussed with the owner regarding repairing the sidewalk in phases.

**Ryan Dearing
18 Marie Avenue**

Thank you for getting the grass cut at 20 Marie Avenue. Avalon NOW has scheduled a clean up day on Saturday, October 18 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Will begin at the Avalon Borough Building. Also will coincide with the Dumpster Day, which will include Avalon, Bellevue and Kilbuck.

**Patrick Crow
412 N. Home Avenue
and
John Crawford
215 S. Birmingham**

Representatives of BABA. Concerned over the condition of the fields after all their hard work to restore them. Mowing was done inappropriately or not done at all and damaged the fields. Also concerned about the sink hole in the outfield, the erosion of the creek and where it will be by spring and how can we coordinate our efforts with the Borough for next year. The track is also in poor condition. Dilmore agreed with the poor mowing, also looking at a quick fix to the pipe as well as the creek wall. Invited them to the parks meeting and to determine what we can work on together to get things accomplished. Donnelly mentioned possible grants from RAD money.

MAYOR:

- **Metowers**
- **Curbing that was added at his address worked to redirect the water to the catch basin**
- **Semple Avenue extension going to the Avalon dump area, still no guide rail where the road continues to slide at the demolition sight. Dilmore stated this has continued to slide and there is not much hillside to anchor a guide rail.**

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- **Communication and meeting with the Solicitor and Streets Committee on personnel and policy procedures.**
- **Mochenhaupt review of police pension and COLA. Committee to meet and discuss.**
- **Continued attempts to contact Teamster Representative, Gary Alward, regarding contract talks, expiring December 31, 2014**
- **719 Ohio River Blvd demolition was started and completed.**
- **WesBanco closing date to be established. Solicitor letter to be forwarded to the bank.**

ENGINEER: Report submitted.

- **Joint Planning Commission reviewed the proposed plans for 950 Ohio River Blvd. Variance hearing scheduled.**
- **719 Ohio River Blvd. demolition awarded to AW McNabb started and completed.**
- **Storm sewer drainage issues along Orchard Avenue. Dilmore stated blockage had been eliminated and looking at a correction.**
- **Reviewed sidewalk damage at N. Chestnut St. and Center Ave. is a steep slope. Estimates obtained. But need to determine how to handle drainage down N. Chestnut St.**
- **Investigated small sinkhole in alley of S. Ohio Ave and Harrison Avenue. Possibly caused by a misaligned lateral.**
- **Storm sewer damage under rear ball field at Avalon Community Park due to aging metal storm pipe in need of major rehabilitation or replacement.**

SOLICITOR:

- **Property donation at Semple Avenue park will be completed.**
- **Capital Loan Resolution is needed to complete the loan process. Klicker commented that this is the first actual debt on N. Birmingham wall. The existing \$150,000 was not debt, it was created through the bond refinancing in 2013 for Capital Projects.**

FINANCE:

Pascale stated we will continue to review and monitor the remaining 2014 finances and setting dates and for preparing the 2015 Budget.

Pascale moved:

“To have the Secretary advertise for upcoming Budget Meetings.”

Nelson 2nd

CARRIED

SAFETY:

No Report.

STREETS:

Nelson moved:

“To approve Ordinance #1358, an Ordinance requiring all persons to obtain a permit for any construction or development within the floodplain, and establishing fees and penalties.”

Donnelly 2nd

Discussion followed regarding the floodplain ordinance and updated map identifying the locations.

CARRIED

“To have the Secretary advertise for additional Department of Public Works employees for covering the winter salting season.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

“To approve a handicap parking space at 721 Center Avenue.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

CORPORATE/PLANNING:

Nelson moved:

“To appoint Ryan Dearing to the Avalon Borough Zoning Board. Term to run through December 2015.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

**PARKS/RECREATION:
No Report.**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

- **Report the ACBA meeting on Thursday, September 11.**
- **Banner Community application to be completed. Need to recruit a student from Northgate High School to sit on Council as a Junior Council member.**

**Cortese moved:
“To adjourn at 8:10 pm”**

Nelson 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

**Harry W. Dilmore
Manager**