

AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 17, 2013

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

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

Solicitor stated executive sessions were held prior to the council meeting to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues.

Klicker Moved:

“To accept the minutes of the August 20, 2013, Avalon Borough Council Meeting. ”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Quaker Valley COG dinner to be held October 16.
- Letter from PENNDOT advising of 2014 Liquid Fuels allocation
- Letter from the North Boros Chamber of Commerce advising that the Halloween Parade will be Saturday, October 26.
- Avalon Borough will hold Trick or Treat on October 31, 6pm – 8pm.

VISITORS:

Beth Mosley
635 Center Avenue

1/22/2014

Next clean up date will be Saturday, October 12, 10am – 2pm. same as the Avalon Dumpster Day. 9am -10am registration here at the Borough Building, Skinny Pete's to supply light breakfast and coffee.

MAYOR: No Report

MANAGER/SECRETARY:

- CD40 Applications were completed and submitted.
- 2014 MMO received for pension accounts and will be used in Budget talks.
- Dates for Budget meetings need to be set and advertised.
- Building Inspector issued 23 citations on sidewalks and property maintenance.
- W. Bellevue Road previously discussed in session.

SOLICITOR:

No Report

ENGINEER:

Report attached.

- West View Water and Duquesne Light have been contacted regarding N. Birmingham Avenue wall. Ready to bid, should be received for the October meeting. Duquesne Light can raise and protect the lines rather than moving them.

Discussion followed regarding the cost moving the poles and how it will affect the cost of the wall.

FINANCE:

Lloyd moved:

“To accept the Finance Report as submitted for September 17, 2013.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted for the month of September 17, 2013.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted for July 26 through August 20, 2013.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills as submitted for the month of September 17, 2013.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

Lloyd set the dates for the Budget Meetings October 8, October 22, October 29 at 7pm in the Council Chambers. Letter to be sent to the Tax Collector to attend the October 8 session.

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

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To hire Lindsay Rodak as a secretary in the administrative and tax offices at the rate of \$10.50 per hour.”

Donnelly 2nd

Narcisi – NO

CARRIED

Lloyd stated that Ms. Rodak will be replacing Katie Kornick who will be retiring from the Tax Office after many years of service.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Narcisi moved:

“To permit a handicap parking space at 854 Taylor Avenue.”

Donnelly 2nd

Discussion followed regarding number of handicap parking spots currently designated in the 800 block of Taylor and if they are being used. Also there is a parking pad available at this address. Questions on who is requesting the parking space.

Lloyd moved:

“To table the motion for further investigation and discussion with the resident.”

Motion not seconded.

Continued with roll call vote on the original motion to issue a handicap parking space at 854 Taylor Avenue.

Bernstain – Abstain

Repp – No

Dixon – No

Lloyd - No

Donnelly – Yes

Vetterly - No

Klicker – No

5 - No

Cortese– Yes

3 - Yes

Narcisi – Yes

1 – Abstain

FAILED

Chief Kokoski to follow up with resident at 854 Taylor Avenue.

Further discussion and comments regarding the denial of the parking space.

STREETS:

Vetterly moved:

“To have secretary advertise for part-time help in the DPW Department.”

Lloyd 2nd

Discussion on rate of pay. Also question regarding the hiring of part time position vs. the full time position. Further discussion on the type of driver license required and what job responsibilities will be involved in this position.

CARRIED

“To have the secretary advertise for the selling of the DPW dump truck F750 for a minimum bid of \$9,000.00.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

PROPERTY:

No Report

HEALTH & SANITATION:

No Report

CORP/PLANNING:

No Report

INTER-BOROUGH:

- Banner Communities application qualifications have been changed. Applications due 1/21/2014.
- Allegheny County Boroughs Association board meeting 11/4/2013 Elections 12/12/2013 at Edgewood Country Club.
- COG meeting to be held Wednesday in Sewickley

1/22/2014

- QV COG Dinner October 16, 2013
- Second Recycling Day will be held November 2, in Sewickley

LIBRARY:

- Draft of Policies and Procedures available for review. No changes for the past 10 years.
- Doug West is a volunteer at the Library and now on Board at Large. Needs further clearances. Council will need to vote on his approval.

Discussion proceeded regarding Doug West, clearances and his appointment to the Board. Further discussion on the clearances needed for the Library. Suggested the Librarian provide, to Avalon Administrative Office, an audit of all employees and volunteers and what clearances they have by Friday, September 20, 2013. Solicitor Ott and Dilmore to follow up with request to the Library.

Library Board and Friends of the Library Board have vacant seats or will be having vacant seats available on both boards.

Also asked if the Library has it's own solicitor. It does not.

Touch a Truck sponsored by the Friends of the Library was held Saturday. Ruth Lloyd wanted to thank Mr. Dilmore, the Avalon Fire Department, council and Avalon NOW for all their help in making it a success. Thank you to all that participated in making this happen.

4th of JULY:

No Report

PARKS & RECREATION:

No Report

Cortese moved:

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“To Adjourn at 8:41 pm.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry W. Dilmore
Secretary