

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 20, 2016**

Mr. Klicker called the meeting to order at 7:05 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A prayer followed by Mr. Lloyd.

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

Nelson moved:

“To accept the Minutes of the August 16, 2016 Avalon Borough Council Meeting.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Minutes of the Avalon Borough Special General Meeting of September 15, 2016.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Letter received from Building Inspection Underwriters announcing Keith Coll as the new Regional Manager.**

Pascale moved:

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted for September 20, 2016.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted for September 20, 2016.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the List of Bills as submitted for September 20, 2016, in the amount of \$122,374.71.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Dan Engles
935 Clive Street**

Discussed the need to have Clive Street paved. Photos supplied as well as letters from residents. Klicker commented that it will be considered during the budget process.

**Brigitte Jackson
624 Hemlock Street**

Attending on behalf of the Northgate School Board regarding October 5 is Walk to School Day. Avalon Elementary, Bellevue Elementary and Assumption School will meet at the North Boroughs YMCA 7:40 am, breakfast will be provided for all students.

**Christopher Kovaly
527 Florence Avenue**

Concerned citizen, as an IT professional, over the resent breach of the police pension. Suggesting the need for risk assessment, outside auditors should be employed to review and provide a plan for risk management. Klicker stated that the pension fraud is still under investigation with the FBI. We are engaging a consultative firm in many facets of the Borough. The technical audit will be included as well. The review will be available as a whole when complete.

Ryan Deering
18 Marie Avenue

Continued concerns regarding the pension fraud. Discussion followed.

MAYOR:

- **No Report**

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- **CDBG grants requirements completed:**
 - **CD43 grant was submitted to the Quaker Valley COG, continuing the ADA ramp project with 30 ramps.**
- **Work is completed on S. Birmingham. The finishing touches were completed last week. We have notified residents of street sweeping through Facebook and the police department is working with us for the next week to discuss tickets that may be issued.**
- **DCED has requested additional clarification on our AIM loan and we should be hearing from this week with their approval.**
- **Bid opening for Spruce Run at the ballfield was held September 9, 2016 . Mark will give us information on the results.**
- **The first lesson was held today with the 4th grade science class to introduce the concept of MS4. The next class will discuss Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination. We are inviting Tri-State Maintenance to do a CCTV demonstration from the storm manhole in the back yard of the school. Our engineer will also be visiting the class to review projects that the students will be presenting at the “The Mysterious MS4” showing planned for November 1 at the school.**
- **Dumpster Day will be October 8. Brigitte Jackson to help with a school contact for volunteers.**

ENGINEER: Report submitted.

Birmingham Avenue Road Restoration Project (Contract 2016-01)

- **All major work has been completed, including storm sewer, road, and sidewalks**

- We are working on the final quantities and payment application with the contractor

Spruce Run / Ball Field Culvert Repair Project (Contract 2016-02)

- Bid Opening was held on September 8th
- Seven companies bid on the project
- Low bidder was G. Salandro Landscaping, LLC at \$67,000
- Recommend award to G. Salandro Landscaping, LLC
- GP-11 permit status:
 - Correspondence to DEP was made regarding the criticality of the project
 - DEP expedited review and provided minor comments to the permit application
 - Response to comments submitted today

QVCOG CD No. 41-3.11.4 Demolition of 214 Cleveland Ave. Residence

- Pre-Construction will be confirmed with Continental Construction upon completion of their paper work with the COG

Sanitary and Storm Sewer Repairs (Contract 2015-01)

- Contractor completed remaining items discussed, included raising curbs and finishing asphalt sealing
- Payment Application Nos. 2 (\$64,448.26) and 3 (\$4,026.68) submitted for payment

Interim Consent Decree

- Source Reduction Study Progress Report due 12/1/16
- Demonstration Project shall include one of the following:
 - Installation of a stormwater technology included in the PADEP Stormwater BMP Manual that will reduce flows to the SSS
 - Removal of a stream entering Avalon Borough's Sewer System
 - Enactment of appropriate rules and regulations requiring testing of private sewer laterals to Avalon Borough's Sewer System, and the repair or replacement of said private sewer laterals that fail testing, upon the sale or transfer of any

property. The required testing of private laterals can only include CCTV testing, dye flood testing, pressure testing or other method of testing approved by PADEP.

- **Completion of a sewer line replacement/lining project to eliminate excess inflow and infiltration from the sewer system in an area or sub-watershed**

SOLICITOR:

- **Executive Session held immediately prior to this meeting regarding ongoing investigation.**
- **Working on clearing the title for the demolition on Florence Avenue.**
- **Private lateral idea and ordinance for next month discussion.**

FINANCE:

- **Aim Loan is a \$200,000 for the S. Birmingham Project.**
- **Will establish dates and advertise for 2017 Budget meetings.**

SAFETY:

Narcisi moved:

“To accept the Avalon Borough Police Department for electronic recording of custodial interrogation procedures.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

STREETS:

No Report.

BOROUGH DEVELOPMENT:

- **Borough Development**
Joyce Erdner is involved in the Tiny House project with the Veterans Leadership Program. Cortese approached his union for possible donation of service and material.

Cortese moved:

“To accept Waste Management’s waste proposal, Option A, for weekly curbside pickup and bi-weekly recycling for a 5 year contract beginning 2017 through 2021.”

Lloyd 2nd

Donnelly suggested amending dates to begin January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021. Cortese restated motion as such.

Pascale stated slight decrease due to not engaging in the E-Waste recycling due to the COG recycling days.

CARRIED

“To accept the bid of G. Salandro Landscaping in the amount of \$67,000.00 subject to the DEP approval for temporary creek location during the project.”

Donnelly 2nd

Pascale commented that we should utilize the Sewage Surcharge for this project due to the unbudgeted emergency of the situation. All agree.

CARRIED

➤ Library

Avalon Friends of the Library annual fundraiser Touch A Truck event is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 12:00-4:00 pm.

➤ Government

Adam Ravanstahl is holding a shredding event on October 1.

Library Meeting October 4

COG Meeting September 21

Lloyd attending the PSAB conference at Gettysberg,

October 13-15

Cortese moved to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

Lorraine Makatura

**Lorraine Makatura
Borough Secretary**