

**BOROUGH OF AVALON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 20, 2016**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with President Joshua Klicker presiding, leading the Meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A prayer followed by Mayor David Haslett. A moment of silence was held in memory of Ethel Howie, a long time employee of Avalon Borough.

Roll Call of those present:

Victoria Donnelly, Joshua Klicker, Thomas Lloyd, Shawn McWilliams, Patrick Narcisi, Lee Nelson, William Pascale, John Vetterly. Also present: Solicitor Ott, Engineer Scally, Chief Kokoski, Deborah Grass and Lorraine Makatura. Absent: Ralph Cortese, Tax Collector, Klicker.

Nelson moved:

To accept the Minutes of the November 15, 2016 Avalon Borough Council Meeting.

Pascale 2nd
Donnelly abstained.

CARRIED

Pascale moved:

To accept the Tax Collector's Report as submitted for December 20, 2016.

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

To approve the List of Bills as submitted for December 20, 2016, in the amount of \$510,396.85.

Lloyd 2nd

Pascale clarified the amount - \$100,000 was a final payment to Brindlee Mountain for the purchase of the firetruck, and \$247,997.86 for the S. Brimingham Road repair.

CARRIED

To approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted for December 20, 2016.

McWilliams 2nd

CARRIED

To adopt the 2017 Budgets as advertised and displayed.

General Fund	\$3,061,750
Sewer Fund	\$1,318,095
Fire Truck Fund	\$ 69,870
Health & Sanitation	\$ 5,000
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 120,000

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

To adopt Ordinance No. 1368 establishing the real estate tax rate for 2017 at 9.83 mills.

Donnelly 2nd

Commented that this is not a tax increase.

CARRIED

Mayor Haslett swears in Leo DiCesare as a Police Officer of Avalon Borough Police Department.

Officer DiCesare takes a moment to thank Chief Kokoski and Council and introduce his family.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items):

Kevin Moss
706 Sedalia Avenue

Presented the story of his brother, Pete Moss, killed a fallen Avalon Firefighter. A Go Fund Me account has been opened to raise money for a memorial in his honor. Looking for approval to place the memorial in front of the Borough Hall. President Klicker and Narcisi noted that this had been discussed prior to the meeting and Council is in favor of the memorial. Mr. Moss will continue to advise as funds become available and he is closer to installation.

President Klicker was given a request to purchase or match funds to purchase benches and trash cans at every bus stop.

Councilman Narcisi announced the results of Avalon Volunteer Fire Department's annual election and introduced the new Fire Chief, Charles Berie. Mr. Berie served as Assistant Chief for 10 years. Chief Berie took a moment to address council.

Received and opened one bid for the Mini-pumper from Andy Bordt in the amount of \$1,801.00.

MAYOR:

- Request received to participate in the National School Choice Week officially recognizing January 22-28, 2017. Recommends submitting a proclamation supporting National School Choice Week.

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

Merry Christmas and happy holidays!

ENGINEER: Report submitted.

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

- G. Salandro Landscaping, LLC has completed the project in its entirety.
- Paving was not required at the entrance therefore was removed from the contract.
- Contractor provided additional electrical work that was required within the site limits.
- The total cost of the project was reduced from \$67,000 to \$57,605.
- Recommendation for payment to Contractor for Payment Application Number 2 in the amount of \$13,005.00

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

- Continental Construction authorized to start construction.
- Awaiting a start date from the Contractor.

QVCOG CD No. 41-7.7 - ADA Ramps

- ADA Handicap Ramps – Bids due at the QVCOG office no later than 10 AM December 28, 2016

QVCOG CD No. 42-3.11.4 - 423 Florence Demolition

- 423 Florence Demolition – Preparing bid package now (looking to complete this project in Dec 2016 or Jan 2017 if needed).

Interim Consent Decree

- Source Reduction Study Progress Report submitted to ACHD and ALCOSAN on 12/1/16.
- ALCOSAN has been televising the interceptors along Spruce Run
- Meeting with Tim Prevost of ALCOSAN held on December 8th to discuss ALCOSAN's plan to flow monitor Spruce Run.
 - 3-4 locations selected.
 - Plan to install this month for monitoring to begin in early January. Installations will be done during the day.

- ALCOSAN will add O-20 to the monitoring list to assist with a potential Demonstration Project. Some monitoring could occur in the evening.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

- Public Participation update - School presentation held on December 1st - Avalon Elementary 4th grade students applied Avalon’s MS4 permit concepts through student projects and presentations. Presentations simulated real-life effects of hydrology to the local environment in Avalon Borough and throughout the ALCOSAN region.

221 South Chestnut Street Demolition

- On Nov 21st, Chester, Avalon Borough, and the ACHD conducted a pre-bid site visit with reputable asbestos contractors to review the asbestos abatement requirements.
The previously selected general contractor and a recommended low-bid asbestos contractor will be performing the work, assuming all contract documentation is successfully processed.
- After contract documents are successfully processed, the next intended step is to arrange for the pre-construction meeting with both contractors and issue the notice to proceed to complete the work.

SOLICITOR:

- Announced Executive Session held immediately prior to the Council meeting to discuss labor negotiations and legal matters.

FINANCE:

Pascale moved:

To adopt Resolution No. 1131 approving a vacant property application for Jennifer Reisdorf Parcel 214-L-236 on Spruce Run Road.

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

To accept a proposal from Wesbanco for the Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note (TAN Loan) in the amount of \$300,000 at a rate of 2.25% and to adopt Resolution No. 1132 approving the borrowing and establishing the terms and conditions of the loan.

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

Thank you for Council and Administration Office for completing the budget.

SAFETY:

Narcisi moved:

To accept the bid from Andy Bordt for the purchase of 1978 GM Fire Department mini-pumper for \$1,801.00.

Pascale 2nd

CARRIED

To accept the resignation letter from Anthony Ricchiutto from employment as a full-time police officer with the Borough of Avalon Police Department.

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

To appoint Leo DiCesare to a position as a full-time police officer with the Borough of Avalon Police Department, effective January 1, 2017, conditioned on the successful completion of physical and psychological examinations as required by the Civil Service Commission regulations.

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

To appoint Christopher Rossetti to a position as a designated part-time police officer with the Borough of Avalon Police Department effective January 1, 2017, pursuant to an agreement with the Borough.

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

To request that the Civil Service Commission void the current police eligibility list and request that a new test be administered.

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

To authorize final payment in the amount of \$100,000.00 to Brindlee Mountain for the fire pumper truck.

Pascale 2nd

President Klicker commented to reach out to the AVFD Treasurer on future payments.

CARRIED

Klicker commented on the stop signs at Fisk and Florence. Debby Grass stated we did not locate an ordinance issuing any stop signs. Suggested to the Chief, as a project to be included as part of the codification, we identify all the stop signs and one way streets.

Solicitor Ott stated the Mayor can issue temporary stop sign locations. Further discussion on what needs to be done, (traffic study) to establish the 4-way stop at Fisk Avenue and Florence Avenue. Solicitor will work on the ordinance and work with the Mayor, and issue by resolution.

STREETS:

Vetterly moved:

To approve the collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Local Union 249 for January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018 and execute related Settlement Agreement.

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

To authorize an agreement with the Borough of Ben Avon Heights for one-call and public works services for 2017 contingent on the Borough approving same.

Pascale 2nd

CARRIED

To authorize an agreement with Kilbuck Township for one-call and public works services for 2017 contingent on the Township approving same.

Lloyd 2nd

President Klicker that new agreements were created where there were none in place.

CARRIED

To approve a change order reducing the Spruce Run Pipe Repair contract by \$9,395 for G. Salandro Landscaping.

Pascale 2nd

CARRIED

To approve final payment in the amount of \$13,005 to G. Salandro Landscaping for the Spruce Run Road Pipe Repair.

Pascale 2nd

CARRIED

To approve payment in the amount of \$247,997.86 to Mele & Mele & Sons for the S. Birmingham Road Project.

Pascale 2nd

Pascale noted that this number is inflated somewhat due to Columbia Gas doing their restoration at the same time, their portion being approximately \$87,000 and storm line repair of approximately \$27,000 covered from the sewage surcharge account.

CARRIED

BOROUGH DEVELOPMENT:

McWilliams moved:

To authorize a 3 year lease agreement with Middle Atlantic Services for office space at the David Mayernick Building pending final approval of the Solicitor.

Lloyd 2nd

Discussion on the lease and changes to the rental agreement.

CARRIED

To accept the low bid for asbestos removal at 221 Chestnut Street in the amount of \$17,050 from Top Sipes Demolition.

Pascale 2nd

Clarified that this is for asbestos removal only.

CARRIED

4th of July:

Nelson moved:

To authorize payment in the amount of \$201.54 to the Fourth of July Committee to reimburse the Committee for 2016 expenses.

Pascale 2nd

CARRIED

LIBRARY:

Mr. Lloyd read a letter from Santa thanking the Borough for all the work done in preparation for and during the Avalon Now for Brighten the Season.

Library is working on adopting updating bylaws for working with the county library system.

Debby Grass and I will be meeting with COG to discuss the issues Avalon Borough has with the COG

COUNTY:

Christmas Party was held, no meeting at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ron Ganza, PSAB, issues regarding advertising in newspapers vs. online. Contact your state representative, Fontana, to support the bill to be passed regarding this issue.

President Klicker commented that this body has seen trauma and change, thank you to all. Proud in what we have done and the direction we are moving and the synergy in working together to make the Borough a better place.

Lloyd moved to adjourn at 7:53 pm.

Narcisi 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

Lorraine Makatura

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Borough Secretary