**AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, JULY 8TH, 2021 – AVOCA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

1. LOMR submission to FEMA regarding Mill Creek Flood Protection Project
2. Hawthorne St / Keisinger property - Waiting on George Parker (Mr. Kiesinger’s surveyor) to submit a plan and description of the area to be vacated, a plan and description for storm sewer easements and a plan and a description for the access easement to the storm sewer easements
3. Main St & McAlpine Street Project – PENNDOT Multimodal Grant: Awarded $1.55 million

Borough received a letter stating that the **30% match needed ($465,000) will be waived.**

CFA Multimodal Grant: Applied for $500,000 originally, revised application was for $650,000

Awarded $325,000

Will be utilizing exemption request for Municipalities for match needed.

1. LSA Recreation Grant Projects – A) Queen of Apostles Handicap Entrance: **COMPLETED**

B) West Side Social Club Handicap Entrance: **COMPLETED**

C) Community Center Roof Replacement: **COMPLETED**

D) Plane Street Park Tennis Court: **COMPLETED**

E) Plane Street Park Wall / Fence –

**\*** Requested grant extension due to fence work not yet being completed.

1. 2020 Luzerne County Community Development Program - Submitted grant application in the amount of $199,515 (Proposed Project – McLean Lane Drainage Issues)

* The Borough was recently awarded $150,000 for this grant/project **(NO match required)**

1. DCED Watershed Restoration Program (Project: MS4 Pollutant Reduction Plan) –
2. Awarded grant in the amount of $62,672 on 9/17/19 that requires a 15%

Match of the TOTAL project cost **(Match approx.$9,400)**

1. $80,900 awarded from “Other Parks” Grant
2. **ACTION ITEM**: Bids for project were submitted on 6/8

1. McAlpine Street water issue – applying for PA Small Water & Sewer Grant

Awarded $312,000 from Senator Blake & State Rep. Mike Carroll **(15% match of TOTAL cost, $55,200**) Total project cost

is $368,000

1. Storm Drains – 4 storm drains remain in need of repair, 1) South & Cherry - **COMPLETED**

2) Spring St – Multiscape approved to start work

3) McAlpine & Grove 1

4) McAlpine & Grove 2

1. 2021 LSA Grant applications – Projects submitted:
2. West Side Social Club Roof Replacement ($46,241)
3. West Side Social Club Parking Lot Paving Improvements ($79,970)
4. Fire & Ambulance Building & Electrical Improvements Project ($134,904)
5. Fire & Ambulance Site Improvement Project ($227,634)
6. 630 Main Street Parking Lot Improvements ($14,355)
7. **ACTION ITEM**: 900 Block of Grove Street Parking Ordinance Adoption
8. **ACTION ITEM**: Donation request from Avoca A.O.H. in the amount of $50 or 100 benefitting the A.O.H. Scholarship Fund
9. Borough Building Parking Lot – Letters to residents were drafted by Atty. Boyd
10. **ACTION ITEM**: Geisinger Renewal Quotes – from 8/1/21 to 7/31/22 Expiring Renewal

Annual $95,729.76 $98,601.36 increase of $2871.60

Monthly $7,977.48 $8,216378 increase of $239.30

Deductible - $0

Other quotes were obtained for price comparisons & distributed to Council for review.

1. HARIE Safety Improvements Grant – Applications will be accepted for the 2021 year until August 13th. Maximum amount to request is $15,000 and the purpose is to improve workplace safety measures & operations, preventing property or safety loss. Roads committee to meet to discuss application.
2. American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – Avoca to receive a total of $275,175.36 (Half ($137,587.68) in 2021 & half in 2022)

Proposed Distributions: A) Improved & updated camera security system at the West Avoca Park

B) Avoca Fire Company & Avoca Ambulance Association

1. Mask requirement for entering Borough Building – on 6/28 State restrictions were lifted for both vaccinated & unvaccinated people regarding the wearing of masks.
2. **ACTION ITEM**: Re-Hire part time police officers for 2nd and 3rd quarter of 2021. See attached list of names.
3. **ACTION ITEM**: Ratify cost of police vehicle windshield repair. Originally quoted $250 from Mesko Glass, however they quoted the incorrect replacement. Due to needed special brackets, lane departure, etc. the total cost of the windshield repair was $435
4. **ACTION ITEM**: Award Main St & McAlpine Street Inlet and Pipe Replacement Project: Bids were submitted on 7/6

American Asphalt $53,235

James T. O’Hara $40,000

Don E Bower $16,593

RLE Enterprises $47,780

**COMMUNITY EVENTS & REMINDERS:**

* Farmers Market – Starting 7/7 and continuing every Wednesday 10am – 2pm during Summer.
* White Goods Collection – Wednesday, July 14th
* 150th Celebration – Friday, Sept 3 – Sunday, Sept 5th: Celebration Weekend (Parade Day will be Sunday, Sept 5th, 2021)
* Paper Shredding – Saturday, Sept 25th,2021 from 9am-3pm at Municipal Garage