**AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2021 – AVOCA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

1. LOMR submission to FEMA regarding Mill Creek Flood Protection Project
2. Hawthorne St / Keisinger property – PennEastern is in receipt of Mr. Parker’s plans and they are in active discussion regarding a few items
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) 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. Project awarded to: James T. O’Hara for $162,410
3. 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. HARIE Safety Improvements Grant – Avoca submitted an application for $11,126.37 and was awarded $5500
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)

Distributions: A) Security camera system at West Avoca Park (approved)

B) Avoca Fire Company (Allotted $30,000 – approved)

C) Avoca Ambulance Association (Allotted $15,000 – approved)

1. **ACTION ITEM**: Quotes to clean out debris basin were acquired

James T. O’Hara, Inc. $5,900

Latona Trucking & Excavating $12,789.00

1. **ACTION ITEM**: Hire part time police officer Charles Yarick
2. **ACTION ITEM:** Pay request from Don E. Bower (Main & McAlpine Inlet Project) in the amount of $14,933.70. Please note $1,659.30 (10%) has been retained from their original bid price until they submit the maintenance bond.
3. **ACTION ITEM**: Ratify approval of insurance renewal quotes from Joyce Insurance for Police Professional’s policy $12,900 (expiring $13,862) and Public Officials policy $11,949 (expiring $11,725)
4. **ACTION ITEM**: Proposed $2500 bonus for each full time police officer (from American Rescue fund)
5. **ACTION ITEM**: Proposed $500 bonus for other full time borough employees (street department & secretary) from general fund
6. **ACTION ITEM**: First reading of the proposed 2022 budget
7. **ACTION ITEM**: Request from Mike Riddle of Greater Pittston Crossover to use the Community Center from November 6th – January 28th for a winter youth basketball league.
8. **ACTION ITEM**: Resolution 11 of 2021, applying for DCED’s Community Development Block Program Cares Funding in conjunction with Pittston City to establish a regional home rehab program that will focus on ventilation needs for area residents and seniors.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS & REMINDERS:**

* Langcliffe Church will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event for children on Sunday, October 31st – time TBA