**AGENDA FOR THURSDAY OCTOBER 13TH, 2022 – AVOCA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

1. LOMR submission to FEMA regarding Mill Creek Flood Protection Project
2. 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. 2020 Luzerne County Community Development Program - Submitted grant application in the amount of $199,515

(Project – McLean Lane Drainage Issues)

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

Project was awarded on 5/12/22 to Stafursky Inc. for a total bid of $141,206.00

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

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

Total project cost is $368,000

* Both storm drains in need of repair at the intersection of McAlpine & Grove will be repaired within this project.
* Contract awarded to Stafursky Paving Company Inc in the amount of $265,857.75

1. Astound Broadband Franchise Proposal
2. Proposed SPCA Municipal Services Partnership agreement 2023-2028. If executed, this agreement will provide the residents the opportunity to bring any stray, domestic companion animals to the shelter. Tiered cost structure with increases over the 5 year term of agreement, 2 options (Intake Data or Census Data). Details in Council folders.
3. **ACTION ITEM**: Motion to accept the lowest responsible bid for garbage collection. (Current contract set to expire 1-31-23)
4. **ACTION ITEM**: Donation request from Pittston Area Baseball Booster Club in the amount of $100
5. **ACTION ITEM**: Donation pledge to the Pittston Memorial Library for their Sustainability Fund Campaign which invests in the expansion of library & community center services for the local surrounding communities.

(Example: “Supporter” level pledge would be $100 for 3 years, etc.) – Info in Council folders

1. **ACTION ITEM**: Approval of driveway permit for 402 Packer Street per Engineers recommendation
2. **ACTION ITEM**: Approval of driveway permit for 709 Grove Street per Engineers recommendation.
3. Construction Permits Issued for month of Sept – 5 ($630.98)
4. **ACTION ITEM**: Proposed Employee retention/performance bonus for 2022 (ARP allotted funds) to be paid on 11/15/22

$6000 for each full time police officer, assuming negotiation & MOU reached with union, & $4000 for full time borough workers and secretary

1. **ACTION ITEM**:  Motion to direct Atty. Boyd to negotiate and execute a MOU with FOP if terms are reached on the payment of a retention bonus
2. **ACTION ITEM**: Motion to repeal original ordinance establishing a sole appointed Borough Treasurer, effective 1/1/23
3. **ACTION ITEM:** Motion to direct Atty. Boyd to prepare and advertise a new and/or amended ordinance, combining the positions of Borough Secretary & Borough Treasurer into one role, effective 1/1/23

**Borough Events & Reminders:**

* Langcliffe Church “Trunk or Treat” Halloween Event – Sat. October 30th at 2pm