**AGENDA FOR THURSDAY December 8th, 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
2. 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. **ACTION ITEM – ORDINANCE #1 2023 -** AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVOCA, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE 3.1 MILS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023.
2. **ACTION ITEM – ORDINANCE #2 2023** - AN ORDINANCE RE-ENACTING THE WAGE TAX ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVOCA, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL WAGE TAX ORDINANCE ENACTED JUNE 29, 1962(1%), AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION AND REGISTRATION OF SAID ORDIANANCE.
3. **ACTION ITEM – ORDINANCE #3 2023 -** AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVOCA, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE 1% FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE TITLES OF REAL ESTATE AND THE TAKING POSSESSION THEREOF FOR PROPERTY SITUATE IN THE BOROUGH OF AVOCA FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023
4. **ACTION ITEM – ORDINANCE #4 2023** AN ORDINANCE RE-ENACTING THE LOCAL SERVICES TAX (LST TAX) OF THE BOROUGH OF AVOCA, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL LOCAL SERVICES TAX (LST TAX) ORDINANCE ENACTED NOVEMBER 2007 AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION AND REGISTRATION OF SAID ORDINANCE.
5. **ACTION ITEM** - Resolution 1 of 2023, imposing an annual tax in the amount of $75.00 on each amusement device located within the Borough of Avoca
6. **ACTION ITEM –** Resolution 2 of 2023**,** reenacting no member/employee contribution to the police pension fund for the 2023 calendar year
7. **ACTION ITEM** - Setting the regular Council meeting dates for the 2023 calendar year. Meetings will be the 2nd Thursday of each month with the work session beginning at 6:30p.m
8. **ACTION ITEM**

* **Option 1** Pay in full $250 per unit from January 1 – February 28th, 2023

$275 per unit from March 1 – April 30th, 2023

$300 per unit from May 1 – June 30th

* After June 30th, $350 per unit (Fee with penalties) and property owners may be subject to further legal action and penalties
* **Option 2** – Pay in Installments - your total owed may be split into two payments during each period (Examples: If you would like to split up payments and pay $125 during the month of January, your second payment of $125 will be due by February 28th.

1. **ACTION ITEM –** McLean Lane Project - Approved Change Order 1 (Final) to deduct $5,322.00 from the original contract amount to $135,884.00.
2. **ACTION ITEM –** McLean Lane Project - Approved Stafursky’s Pay Application #1 in the amount $135,884.00.
3. **ACTION ITEM –** McLean Lane Project - Authorize and direct Sandra Van Luvender to execute and deliver the Certification Request for Payment (Exhibit G).
4. **ACTION ITEM –** Annual membership fee for 2023 for Greater Pittston Regional Compost Facility $2500.00.
5. **ACTION ITEM –** Insurance renewal quotes From Joyce Insurance (Carrier – HARIE) for general liability, auto, property, inland marine & cyber insurance policies. Breakdowns are in the Council Folders. Total cost of renewal $34,390 (expiring $32,830).
6. **ACTION ITEM** – review/ accept Civil Service Commission Board Letters
7. **ACTION ITEM –** Review and finalize letter to residents regarding increased garbage fee and payment schedule. As well as, discuss how monthly bulk item pickup will be addressed**.**
8. **ACTION ITEM –** Accept second reading of 2023 Budget.
9. Construction Permits issued for the month of November – no activity reported**.**

**NOTES:**

* Suscon Road to be closed for bridge replacement over I81 starting early to mid- January 2023.
* Remembrance Dinner in memory of Kelly – Friday Dec. 16th at Queen of Apostles Hall
* Santa will be around town Sunday 12/18 starting at 4pm
* Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all