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## AVOCA BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

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### 1. Mill Creek -- Elevated Floodplain Project

No new information to report.

### 2. Mill Creek Flood Protection Project

No new information to report.

### 3. MS4 PRP Project along the Norfolk Southern Railroad

No new information to report.

Previously Reported: The second project for the MS4 PRP (Pollution Reduction Plan) is a vegetated swale along the Norfolk Southern Railroad. Funding will be needed for this project. Rough preliminary costs have the project at \$600,000.

### 4. McAlpine Street Storm Sewers

No new information to report.

Previously Reported: The McAlpine Street Storm Sewers (both east and west of Mill Creek) tested for high amounts of fecal coliform. Both storm sewers will need to be investigated for the source(s) the fecal coliform.

### 5. Lampman and Gedding Streets Drainage Issues

No new information to report.

### 6. 2020 CDBG Application -- McLean Lane Drainage Issue

Stafursky Paving Company, Inc. has begun work on the project.

**7. Main and McAlpine Streets Intersection Improvements**

**7a. 2019 Penn DOT Multimodal Transportation Grant**

The consultant agreement has been approved and the Notice to Proceed needs to be issued by Avoca Borough, however there was an issue with Penn DOT's BCMS site the other day and this could not be accomplished.

**7b. 2020 CFA Multimodal Transportation Grant**

No new information to report.

**8. 2019 PA Small Water and Sewer Grant McAlpine Street Storm Sewer Project**

The Notice to Proceed was issued to Stafursky Paving Company, Inc. Their completion date is January 30, 2023.

**9. Fire and Ambulance Building - 2021 LSA Grants**

The Avoca Hose Company No. 1 awarded the general contract to Scandale Associates and the electrical contract to Brennan Electric. Currently waiting for the required contract documents from the contractors. Upon receiving and reviewing the required contract documents the Notice to Proceed will be issued for each contract.

**10. West Side Social Club - 2021 LSA Grants**

Our office is proceeding with preparing the plans, specifications and contract documents for the roof replacement.

**11. 630 Main Street Parking Lot Improvements - 2021 LSA Grant**

No new information to report. Currently we are waiting to receive the required contract documents from Lineco Painting, LLC.

**12. 926 Main Sanitary Sewer Lateral Repairs.**

The permanent restoration of the roadway has recently been completed. Currently waiting to receive an invoice for this work from Don E. Bower, Inc.

13. 2022 LSA Grant - Street Improvements Project

Anticipate receiving bids in the Spring.

Previously Reported: Avoca Borough was awarded \$150,000 for the Street Improvements project. The original request was \$269,926.25. DCED was notified that Avoca Borough will be scaling back the project and will be responsible for any costs over \$150,000.

14. 2022 LSA Grant - New Dump Truck

No new information to report.

15. 2022 Statewide LSA Grant - New Police Vehicle

Waiting for a decision on the grant application.

16. 2022 Statewide LSA Grant - Community Center Improvements

Waiting for a decision on the grant application.

17. 2022 Statewide LSA Grant - Avoca VFW Renovations and Building Addition

Waiting for a decision on the grant application.

18. 2022 Statewide LSA Grant - West Avoca Park Improvements

Waiting for a decision on the grant application.

19. 2022 Statewide LSA Grant - Lampman Street Improvements

Waiting for a decision on the grant application.

**20. 2023 Community Development Program**

The Local Needs Questionnaire was submitted to the Luzerne County Office of Community Development; however, our office did not have the income surveys to include with the submission. This will most likely prevent the project for being included with the County's plan to HUD, and subsequently will most likely not be funded by the 2023 Community Development program.

**21. 2023 LSA Grant – Road and Sewer Improvements Project**

The application and supporting documentation were submitted with copies sent to State Representative Mike Carroll and State Senator Martin Flynn. The grant application requests \$963,655.00 for street improvements to the following street:

1. Wood Street (from Hawthorne St. to Spruce St.)
2. Plane Street (from William St. to the Interstate 81 overpass)
3. Vine Street (from Main St. to William Street)
4. Campbell Street (from Dawson St. to 1396 Campbell)
5. Gedding Street (from McAlpine St. to Park Dr.) This also include the sanitary sewer repair from McAlpine Street to 206 Gedding Street.

**22. 2023 LSA Grant – New Emergency Rescue Truck**

The application and supporting documentation were submitted with copies sent to State Representative Mike Carroll and State Senator Martin Flynn. The grant application requests \$1,289,344.00 for a New Emergency Rescue Truck.

**23. 2023 LSA Grant – New Police Vehicle**

The application and supporting documentation were submitted with copies sent to State Representative Mike Carroll and State Senator Martin Flynn. The grant application requests \$65,804.00 for a New Police Vehicle.

**24. 2023 LSA Grant – North East Pennsylvania Land Bank**

Our office prepared a budget for the project and forwarded it to the North East Pennsylvania Land Bank. The North East Pennsylvania Land Bank handled the rest of the application and submission to DCED for the grant. The grant is requesting \$500,000 for acquisition, demolition, environmental remediation, construction, rehabilitation and professional services.

**25. 709 Grove Street Driveway Permit**

A driveway permit application was submitted for 709 Grove Street. Our office has reviewed the submission and recommends approval with the condition the proposed work maintains the existing curb/sidewalk reveal at the street's pavement edge. Council also needs to approve the driveway permit.

**26. 402 Packer Street Driveway Permit**

A driveway permit application was submitted for 402 Packer Street. Our office has reviewed the submission and recommends approval with the condition the proposed work maintains the same pipe size as the existing pipe. Council also needs to approve the driveway permit.

Respectfully Submitted,

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