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| **Mayor**  Robert Mullen  **Solicitor**  Atty. Matthew G. Boyd  Ufberg & Associates  **Chief of Police**  David Homschek  **Secretary**  Kelly O’Brien  **Treasurer**  Jennifer Davitt  **Engineer**  PennEastern Engineers, LLC  Paul Pasonick | Borough of Avoca  950 Main St.  Avoca, Pa 18641  [Secretary@AvocaBorough.com](mailto:Secretary@AvocaBorough.com)  Telephones  Secretary: 570-457-4947  Fax: 570-451-1750  Police Department: 570-457-4011 Street Department: 570-451-0625 | **Council**  **President**  Holly Homschek  **Vice President**  Gary Halagarda  Michael Fuller  Joe Satkowski Jr.  Jim Emlaw  Stanley Waleski  Bob Dommermuth  Dennis O’Brien  Alan Kiesinger |

**AVOCA BOROUGH**

**Thursday November 10, 2022 – Council Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Avoca Borough Council was held on Thursday November 10, 2022, with Council President, Holly HOMSCHEK, presiding. The work session began at 1840HRS. The regular meeting was called to order at 1852HRS and Pledge of Allegiance was said by Bob DOMMERMUTH.

Council Members in attendance: Jim EMLAW, Gary HALAGARDA, Holly HOMSCHEK, Alan KIESINGER, Joe SATKOWSKI, Stanley WALESKI and Bob DOMMERMUTH. Mike FULLER and Dennis O’BRIEN were absent.

Also in attendance: Mayor Robert MULLEN, Attorney Matthew BOYD, Police Chief David HOMSCHEK, Engineer Paul PASONICK and Sandra VAN LUVENDER (filling in for Kelly O’BRIEN).

Motion by Joe SATKOWSKI, second by Jim EMLAW to accept the minutes from last months meeting.

Motion by Stan WALESKI, second by Alan KIESINGER to accept the minutes from the special meeting.

Motion by Gary HALAGARDA, second by Joe SATKWOSKI to pay all bills presented with monies available. Voice Vote: (7) seven Yes

Motion by Alan KIESINGER, second by Bob DOMMERMUTH to accept new correspondence as presented. Voice Vote: (7) seven Yes

Motion by Bob DOMMERMUTH, second by Jim EMLAW to accept police report prepared by Chief HOMSCHEK and read by Mayor MULLEN. Voice Vote: (7) seven Yes

Motion by Alan KIESINGER, second by Gary HALAGARDA to accept Astound Broadband Franchise Proposal. Voice Vote: (7) seven Yes

Motion by Bob DOMMERMUTH, second by Joe SATKOWSKI to direct the Solicitor to negotiate MOU with the Police FOP regarding unused 2022 days off for full-time Police Officers. Voice Vote: (6) six Yes – Holly HOMSCHEK abstain

Motion by Bob DOMMERMUTH, second by Alan KIESINGER to approve one-time buy back of unused 2022 days off for full-time Police Officers, at $80.00 per day. Approximately 25-35 days total, to be paid at the conclusion of 2022. Vote: (6) six Yes – Holly HOMSCHEK abstain

Motion by Joe SATKOWSKI, second by Jim EMLAW to appoint Sandra VAN LUVENDER as the interim Borough Secretary. Voice Vote (7) seven Yes

Motion by Joe SATKOWSKI, second by Bob DOMMERMUTH to add Holly HOMSCHEK and Sandra VAN LUVENDER as authorized check signers for the Borough. Voice Vote (6) six Yes – Holly HOMSCHEK abstain

Motion by Jim EMLAW, second by Alan KIESINGER to accept first reading of the 2023 Budget. Budget read aloud by Attorney Matthew BOYD. Voice Vote (7) seven Yes

Motion by Gary HALAGARDA, second by Joe SATKOWSKI to temporarily remove Kelly O’BRIEN as an authorized check signer. Voice Vote (7) seven Yes

Motion by Gary HALAGARDA, second by Bob DOMMERMUTH to accept terms/conditions of garbage fees from JP MASCARO. Voice Vote (7) seven Yes

Motion by Stan WALESKI, second by Alan KIESINGER to approve sending letter to residents, posting ad in paper, social media, and Website regarding increased garbage fee /payment option. Voice Vote (7) seven Yes

**Street Department**: Michael VOLCH and Stan SPAGNUOLO present – (3) three more weeks of yard waste collection

**Audience**: residents from Grove and Vine Street near 900 block of Grove voiced their concerns/thoughts on One-Way issue – discussion to continue.

Resident- Dante MAURIZI 618 Winans Court, Avoca – expressed his concern to have Pine Tree on Court trimmed or cut down, as it is pulling on the utility wires to his home – also requested that water culvert in the area of 618 Winans Court be cleaned out.

Borough looking into other ways to give a donation to the Avoca Ambulance Association.

Council member, Stan WALSEKI was approached by resident Gary SHAFFER at R 609 South Street (Bennett Street) regarding water run off going into his garage. Street Department to check into matter.

Avoca Borough Engineer’s Report (dated November 10, 2022) prepared and read by Paul PASONICK. (See Attached)

Police Report was prepared by Chief HOMSCHEK and read by Mayor MULLEN. (See Attached)