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AVOCA BOROUGH

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022 - COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of Avoca Borough Council was held on Thursday, August 11th, 2022 with Council President, Bob Dommermuth, presiding. The work session began at 6:30pm. The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:49pm. and Pledge of Allegiance was said by Gary Halagarda.

Council members in attendance: Mike Fuller, Gary Halagarda, Alan Kiesinger, Joe Satkowski, Stanley Waleski and Bob Dommermuth. Jim Emlaw, Holly Homschek and Dennis O'Brien were absent.

Also in attendance: Mayor Robert Mullen, Atty. Matthew Boyd and Engineer Paul Pasonick. Chief Dave Homschek and Secretary Kelly O'Brien were absent.

Please note, meeting minutes were prepared by Secretary Kelly O'Brien from notes taken at the Council meeting by Sandy Van Luvender, who filled in due to Mrs. O'Brien's absence.

Motion by Joe Satkowski, second by Mike Fuller to accept the minutes of the July 2022 Council meeting as presented. Voice Vote: Six (6) YES

Motion by Gary Halagarda, second by Joe Satkowski to pay all bills presented with funds available. Voice Vote: Six (6) YES

Motion by Alan Kiesinger, second by Stan Waleski to accept new correspondence as presented. Voice Vote: Six (6) YES

Motion by Joe Satkowski, second by Mike Fuller to accept the July 2022 police report prepared by Chief Homschek and read aloud by Mayor Mullen. Voice Vote: Six (6) YES

Engineers report was prepared and presented by Paul Pasonick. See attached.

Police report was prepared by Chief Homschek and read aloud by Mayor Mullen. See attached.

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In other Borough matters:

A member of the audience voiced their concern over a blighted property at 204 Grove Street. It was stated that the owner passed away and it is now in the daughter's hands. Officer Alaimo will follow up and try to make contact with the daughter/current owner.

Marcy Earls, Astound Broadband, addressed Council about a potential franchise agreement between Astound and the Borough to offer cable tv to Avoca resident.

Stan Spagnuolo gave Council several updates from the street department regarding road patching, projects and ordinance compliance properties.

Resident Mike Haddock prepared and gave a letter to all Council members regarding his concerns over the new UCC Inspector, BHW Construction Consultation Services. After a bit of discussion, Atty. Boyd advised all inspectors are licensed and certified to perform their jobs through the State.

Mike Fuller followed up with Council regarding a meeting the fire committee had with members of the fire department. The fire department is asking for Avoca Borough to assist them in applying for a grant to purchase a new rescue truck, with an estimated cost of \$700,00 to \$1,000,000. In order to proceed with the application, the fire department will have to provide a more accurate/detailed cost.

Stan Waleski stated he had gotten a complaint about vehicles, specifically a red truck, speeding on Cherry Street. The police department will patrol the area and keep watch.

Motion by Joe Satkowski, second by Stan Waleski to adjourn meeting at 7:10p.m. Voice Vote: Six (6) YES