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## AVOCA BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

February 9, 2023

### 1. Mill Creek – Elevated Floodplain Project

Waiting to receive the maintenance requirements for the project from DEP.

### 2. Mill Creek Flood Protection Project

No new information to report.

### 3. MS4 program

Our office has revised the Annual MS4 Status Report as per DEP's comments and has forward a copy to them. We are also currently with working Attorney Boyd on adopting a new stormwater ordinance as required by DEP. DEP is also requesting more Public Education and Outreach (MCM 1) and more Public Participation/Involvement (MCM 2) during each reporting year. In addition, they are also asking for more investigation into sources of Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) and priority organics in Avoca Borough. Finally, DEP stated in their comment letter that they are concerned that Avoca Borough is not showing adequate progress in order to meet their Pollutant Reduction Plan.

### 4. 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.

### 5. 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.

**6. Lampman and Gedding Streets Drainage Issues**

No new information to report.

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

2019 Penn DOT Multimodal Transportation Grant amount \$1,550,000

2020 CFA Multimodal Transportation Grant amount \$325,000

Survey work has begun.

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

Change Order #1 has been prepared for video taping the sanitary sewer on McAlpine Street and is for \$1,250.00. Stafursky was also going to have Rossi Rooter video tape the sanitary sewer on South Street however there are roots preventing them from video taping it. The roots need to be cut out and the line still needs to be video-taped. Stafursky has also submitted their first pay application in the amount of \$5,175.00. The pay application is for video taping the sanitary sewers and completing the test pits. Our office recommends approval of both Change Order #1 and Pay Application #1. The project is still on hold until more favorable weather conditions.

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

Construction is progressing.

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

Bids for the roof project will be received on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

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

**12. 2022 LSA Grant - Street Improvements Project**

Bids are anticipated to be received in April.

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.

13. **2022 LSA Grant – New Dump Truck**

The new dump truck is in the process of being ordered.

14. **2022 Statewide LSA Grant – New Police Vehicle**

Waiting for a decision on the grant application.

15. **2022 Statewide LSA Grant – Community Center Improvements**

Waiting for a decision on the grant application.

16. **2022 Statewide LSA Grant – Avoca VFW Renovations and Building Addition**

Waiting for a decision on the grant application.

17. **2022 Statewide LSA Grant – West Avoca Park Improvements**

Waiting for a decision on the grant application.

18. **2022 Statewide LSA Grant – Lampman Street Improvements**

Waiting for a decision on the grant application.

19. **2023 Community Development Program**

Waiting for a decision on Avoca's submission to Luzerne County Office of Community Development.

20. **2023 LSA Grant – Road and Sewer Improvements Project**

Waiting for a decision on the grant application.

21. **2023 LSA Grant – New Emergency Rescue Truck**

Waiting for a decision on the grant application.

22. 2023 LSA Grant – New Police Vehicle

Waiting for a decision on the grant application.

23. 2023 LSA Grant – North East Pennsylvania Land Bank

Waiting for a decision on the grant application.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Pasonick". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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