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## AVOCA BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

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### 1. Mill Creek – Elevated Floodplain Project

The pipes in Mill Creek have been removed and the project is complete. The Project Inspection Chief at DEP said they will get something in writing to Avoca Borough stating the required maintenance for the project. He also said they will be available for a meeting concerning required maintenance if Avoca Borough would like to have one.

### 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. MS4 program

Avoca Borough has received a comment letter from DEP on their Annual MS4 Status Report. Our office is reviewing the comments and will address their concerns. One of the items is a new Stormwater Ordinance is required to be adopted by Avoca Borough. Our office will review the model ordinance and forward it to Attorney Boyd for final review.

### 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 and design will begin shortly.

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

The project is on hold until more favorable weather conditions.

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

Construction has begun and is progressing.

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

Bids for the roof project are anticipated to be received in February and bids for the paving project are anticipated to be received April.

**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,

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