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AVOCA BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

April 13, 2023

1. Mill Creek – Elevated Floodplain Project

Still 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

No new information to report.

Previously Reported: 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

Penn DOT has informed our office that the fees for entering Norfolk Southern Railroad property for surveying purposes can only be paid by the grant as engineering fees, however the engineering fees cannot exceed 10% of the grant and the current engineering agreement accounts for this.

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

Construction work has begun and is progressing. Our office met with the road committee to discuss the project and additional work beyond the awarded base bid to expend the remaining grant funds. It was determined to continue to extend the storm sewer up McAlpine Street and to eliminate the storm sewer work on South Street.

All American Rooter is scheduled to televiser the sanitary sewer on South Street on Saturday April 22, 2023 at 9:00 am.

9. Fire and Ambulance Building - 2021 LSA Grants

Construction is progressing.

10. West Side Social Club - 2021 LSA Grants

10a. Roof Project

Currently waiting for a delivery date of the materials.

10b. Parking Lot Improvements

Bids are scheduled to be received on May 1, 2023 for the parking lot improvements.

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

Lineco Painting, LLC has responded and has indicated they will be dropping off the required signed documents.

12. 2022 LSA Grant - Street Improvements Project

Four bids were received for the paving project. Our office has reviewed the bids and recommends awarding the project to the low bidder, Pennsy Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$116,502.50. A copy of the bid tabulation is attached with this report.

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

Avoca Borough has been awarded the full requested amount of \$50,532 for the new police interceptor vehicle. Currently waiting to receive the contract for the grant.

15. 2022 Statewide LSA Grant – Community Center Improvements

Avoca Borough has been awarded the \$130,000 for improvements at the Community Center. Currently waiting to receive the contract for the grant.

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

Avoca Borough has been awarded the full requested amount of \$221,600 for the renovations and building addition at the VFW. Currently waiting to receive the contract for the grant.

17. 2022 Statewide LSA Grant – West Avoca Park Improvements

Avoca Borough has not been notified of any funding being awarded for the improvements at the West Avoca Park.

18. 2022 Statewide LSA Grant – Lampman Street Improvements

Avoca Borough has not been notified of any funding being awarded for the Lampman Street improvements.

19. **2023 Community Development Program**

Avoca Borough received a subrecipient agreement for the project to be signed and returned. The agreement has been signed by the Borough and delivered to the Luzerne County Office of Community Development along with the completed income surveys for the project.

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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PROJECT: AVOCA BOROUGH - 2023 STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

BID OPENING: April 10, 2023 @ 3:00 PM

BID TABULATION

Bidder	TOTAL BID AMOUNT	10% Bid Bond		Remarks
		Yes	No	
STAFURSKY 3 Export Lane Archbald, PA 18403	\$133,130.00	Yes	No	
AMERICAN ASPHALT 500 Chase Rd Shavertown, PA 18708	\$129,445.00	Yes		
PENNSY SUPPLY 300 Armstrong Rd Pittston, PA 18640	\$116,502.50	Yes		
H&K GROUP 40 Elm Rd Hazleton, PA 18202	\$179,444.79	Yes		
STELL 16 E Ann St Plains, PA 18705	Did Not Submit			
CONSTRUCT CONNECT	Did Not Submit			