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AVOCA BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

May 11, 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.

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 suggested for Avoca Borough to apply for a grant through the Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Transportation Enhancements Grant Program to cover the cost of the Norfolk Southern's fees and the cost of the construction inspection. These costs are estimated to be \$152,200. A Pre-Application Scoping Form was due and was submitted by April 30th. The application period is from June 1st to June 30th. Our office estimates the cost to complete and submit the application to be \$1,500.

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

The televising of the sanitary sewer on South Street revealed a break in the sanitary sewer due to a gas service line. UGI repaired the sewer main earlier this week. All American Rooter will need to come back to flush the line and cut out some tree roots.

Stafursky is currently waiting for utility conflicts to be rectified.

9. Fire and Ambulance Building - 2021 LSA Grants

Construction is progressing and the second payment reimbursement is being processed.

10. West Side Social Club - 2021 LSA Grants

10a. Roof Project

The project has been completed, and the first payment reimbursement is being processed.

10b. Parking Lot Improvements

Bids were received on May 1st and Smith Blacktopping, Inc. submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$72,200.00. The West Side Social Club awarded the project to Smith Blacktopping, Inc. A copy of the bid tabulation is attached with this report.

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

Our office still has not receive the required signed documents from Lineco Painting, LLC.

12. 2022 LSA Grant - Street Improvements Project

Pennsy Supply, Inc. has submitted the required contract documents and the Notice to Proceed will be issued shortly. Due to the lower than anticipated bid prices, our office requested approval to re-include Wood Street from Hawthorne Street to Spruce Street. DCED has approved this request.

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

The grant contract has been received and the new police vehicle can be ordered.

15. 2022 Statewide LSA Grant – Community Center Improvements

The grant contract has been received and preliminary design work will begin shortly.

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

The grant contract has been received and preliminary design work will begin shortly. Zoning approval will be required for the building addition.

17. 2023 Community Development Program

Our office has been informed by Luzerne County’s Office of Community Development that Avoca Borough may begin the Request for Professional Services for the project.

18. 2023 LSA Grant – Road and Sewer Improvements Project

Waiting for a decision on the grant application.

19. 2023 LSA Grant – New Emergency Rescue Truck

Waiting for a decision on the grant application.

20. 2023 LSA Grant – New Police Vehicle

Waiting for a decision on the grant application.

21. 2023 LSA Grant – North East Pennsylvania Land Bank

Waiting for a decision on the grant application.

22. Municipal Building Parking Lot Settlement

Our office has inspected the settlement in the Borough Building's parking lot. There are no known pipes or utilities in this area which may have contributed to the settlement. If Council decides to repair this area, we suggest sawcutting and removing the pavement and compacting the subgrade prior to repaving the area.

Respectfully Submitted,



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PROJECT: WEST SIDE SOCIAL CLUB PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS – AVOCA BOROUGH

BID OPENING: 05/01/2023 at 2:00 PM

BID TABULATION

Bidders Name & Address	Total Amount Of Base Bid	Bid Bond 10%		Remarks
		Yes	No	
PENNSY SUPPLY 300 Armstrong Rd Pittston, PA 18640	\$74,200.00	Yes		
AMERICAN ASPHALT 500 Chase Rd Shavertown, PA 18708	\$88,088.00	Yes		
STAFURSKY PAVING 3 Export Lane Archbald, PA 18403	\$82,023.50	Yes		
H & K GROUP 40 Elm Rd Hazleton, PA 18202	\$95,373.40	Yes		
MIHALKA 914 Suscon Rd Pittston, PA 18640	\$102,140.00	No		Provide a corporate check for 10% of their bid. Not acceptable.
Smith Blacktopping, Inc. 125 First Street Plains, PA 18705	\$72,200.00	Yes		
Construct Connect 30 Technology Pkwy S Norcross, GA 30092	Did Not Submit			