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## AVOCA BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

July 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.

### 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

Avoca Borough received a letter from Penn DOT concerning the Penn DOT Multimodal Transportation Grant. The letter states the grant expires on November 23, 2023 and if Avoca Borough wishes to request a grant agreement extension, an official request must be submitted by August 25, 2023.

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

Stafursky has completed permanent trench restoration and are waiting for materials to connect the 12” pipe discharging to the gutter line at the upper end of McAlpine Street. They have also submitted their 2<sup>nd</sup> Pay Application in the amount of \$139,108.15. Our office has reviewed the pay application and recommends payment in the amount of \$139,108.15.

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

Construction is progressing and completion of the project is near.

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

**10a. Roof Project**

Waiting for the final payment request from Spotts Brothers.

**10b. Parking Lot Improvements**

The construction work has been completed and currently waiting for the pay application and other required documents.

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

Lineco Painting will begin work at the site on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

The construction work has been completed and currently waiting for the pay application and other required documents.

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

No new information to report. The new dump truck is in the process of being ordered.

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

No new information to report. The new police vehicle is in the process of being ordered.

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

Currently design work is being scheduled.

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

Currently the co-operation agreement is being prepared.

**17. 2023 Community Development Program – Calaveri Street Improvements**

Currently the Request for Professional Services is being prepared.

**18. 2023 LSA Grant – New Emergency Rescue Truck**

No new information to report. Avoca Borough has been awarded \$440,781 for the New Emergency Rescue Truck.

**19. West Avoca Park - DEP AML Grant Program - Coal Waste Pile Cleanup**

Our office met with DEP and Borough officials to discuss DEP's Abandoned Mine Land Grant Program and removal of the waste coal pile at the West Avoca Park. Our office will prepare the grant application and supporting documentation. The grant has three rounds of funding. The 1<sup>st</sup> application period has passed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> period has started and is due August 25, 2023. The 3<sup>rd</sup> application period is from October 2, 2023 to December 2, 2023.

**20. 2024 LSA Grants**

Applications for Luzerne County Local Share Account (LSA) grants are currently being accepted. Applications will be accepted until September 30, 2023.

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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