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## AVOCA BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

August 10, 2023

### 1. Mill Creek Flood Protection Project

DEP has completed their annual inspection of the flood protection project and has determined the overall project rating to be Minimally Acceptable. Their inspection report contains several maintenance items to be addressed by Avoca Borough including updating the project's Emergency Action Plan.

### 2. Mill Creek – Elevated Floodplain Project

DEP has provided the Operation and Maintenance requirements for the elevated floodplain with their annual inspection report for the flood protection project.

### 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

A letter requesting a grant agreement extension for the Penn DOT Multimodal Transportation Grant has been submitted to Penn DOT.

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

Stafursky has completed the storm sewer work and the remaining pave restoration is scheduled to be completed next week.

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

Both the general contractor and electrical contractor are finishing up punch list items.

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

**10a. Roof Project**

The final payment requests have been submitted by Spotts Brothers and forwarded to the West Side Club for approval. The final reimbursement request has been prepared and will be submitted shortly.

**10b. Parking Lot Improvements**

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

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

Lineco Painting has begun and completed some of the improvements. There are still some items remaining to be completed.

12. 2022 LSA Grant - Street Improvements Project

A final change order was prepared for the addition of Wood Street from Hawthorne Street to Spruce Street and for the final balancing of quantities for the project. The change order results in an increase of \$18,310.00 for a total construction cost of \$134,812.50. Pennsy Supply, Inc. has also submitted their pay application in the amount \$134,812.50. Our office has reviewed the change order, pay application and completed work and recommends approval.

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

DEP has suggested to apply only for planning, development and design cost at this time due to certain grant requirements for construction projects, and to apply for construction cost after the design and environmental clearance has been obtained. This will allow Avoca to determine where the material is going and to obtain the required environmental clearance. Submission of the grant application for planning, development and design is not anticipated until the third round which is due 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,



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