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## AVOCA BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

September 14, 2023

### 1. Mill Creek Flood Protection Project

No new information to report.

### 2. MS4 program

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. 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.

### 5. Lampman and Gedding Streets Drainage Issues

No new information to report.

### 6. 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 will be contacting Avoca Borough concerning a meeting with the Secretary of Transportation.

**7. 2019 PA Small Water and Sewer Grant McAlpine Street Storm Sewer Project**

Stafursky has completed the paving work and is currently completing miscellaneous items.

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

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

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

**9a. Roof Project**

The project has been completed. The only remaining items for closing out the project is submitting copies of the cancelled checks to DCED.

**9b. Parking Lot Improvements**

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

**10. 630 Main Street Parking Lot Improvements - 2021 LSA Grant**

A letter has been prepared to send to the Commonwealth Financing Authority Board to add crack repair and sealcoating to the project. Approval of the additional work by the Commonwealth Financing Authority Board is required.

**11. 2022 LSA Grant - Street Improvements Project**

The project has been completed. The only remaining items for closing out the project is submitting copies of the cancelled checks to DCED.

**12. 2022 LSA Grant – New Dump Truck**

Avoca Borough was notified the truck chassis is at Bradco for installation of the requested upfits.

**13. 2022 Statewide LSA Grant – New Police Vehicle**

The new police vehicle is anticipated to be ready in January.

**14. 2022 Statewide LSA Grant – Community Center Improvements**

Currently design work is being scheduled.

**15. 2022 Statewide LSA Grant – Avoca VFW Renovations and Building Addition**

The agreement between Avoca Borough and the Avoca VFW has been executed.

**16. 2023 Community Development Program – Calaveri Street Improvements**

Currently the Request for Professional Services is being prepared.

**17. 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.

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

No new information to report.

Previously Reported: 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.

**19. 2024 LSA Grant – Little League Club House Improvements Project**

A cost estimate and resolution has been prepared for requesting a grant for \$229,000.00 for the Little League Club House Improvements. Applications are due September 30, 2023.

**20. 2024 LSA Grant – Road and Sewer Improvements Project**

A cost estimate and resolution has been prepared for requesting a grant for \$914,000.00 for the Road and Sewer Improvements to the following streets:

1. Plane Street (from William St. to the Interstate 81 overpass)
2. Vine Street (from Main St. to William Street)
3. Campbell Street (from Dawson St. to 1396 Campbell)
4. Gedding Street (from McAlpine St. to Park Dr.) This also include the sanitary sewer repair from McAlpine Street to 206 Gedding Street.

Applications are due September 30, 2023.

**21. 2024 LSA Grant – Memorial Park Improvements Project**

A cost estimate and resolution has been prepared for requesting a grant for \$234,000.00 for the Memorial Park Improvements project. Applications are due September 30, 2023.

**22. 2024 LSA Grant – New Police Vehicle**

A resolution has been prepared for requesting a grant for \$66,278.00 for a New Police Vehicle. Applications are due September 30, 2023.

**23. 2024 Statewide LSA Grants**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



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