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AVOCA BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

November 9, 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

The meeting with the Secretary of Transportation was held on October 20, 2023. Additional engineering fees concerning the Norfolk Southern Railroad were discussed. Avoca Borough was instructed to submit a letter to Penn DOT requesting the cap for engineering fees to exceed the MTF policy of 10% of the grant awarded. A letter with this request was prepared and sent to Penn DOT. Avoca Borough received a letter from Secretary Carroll granting the request.

Also, a letter was received from Penn DOT's Office of Multimodal Transportation approving the time extension to May 23, 2025.

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

The final payment from DCED has been received and are currently waiting to receive the cancelled checks to close out the project.

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 and closed out.

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

Upon further review, of the municipal requirements for providing bonds for the protection of labor and materials, the additional work for adding crack repair and sealcoating to the project will exceed the amount (\$10,000) which requires the bond. Lineco Painting, LLC d.b.a. Universal Line Painting is not bonded and cannot provide the bond. Therefore, the additional work cannot be included with the project.

11. 2022 LSA Grant – New Dump Truck

No new information to report.

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

12. 2022 Statewide LSA Grant – Community Center Improvements

Currently proceeding with design work and preparing contract documents.

13. 2022 Statewide LSA Grant – Avoca VFW Renovations and Building Addition

Currently proceeding with zoning and planning submissions.

14. 2023 Community Development Program – Calaveri Street Improvements

Request for Professional Services has been advertised.

15. 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.

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

Our office is working the grant application.

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.

17. 2024 LSA Grant – Little League Club House Improvements Project

Currently waiting for a decision on the grant application.

18. 2024 LSA Grant – Road and Sewer Improvements Project

Currently waiting for a decision on the grant application.

19. 2024 LSA Grant – Memorial Park Improvements Project

Currently waiting for a decision on the grant application.

20. 2024 LSA Grant – New Police Vehicle

Currently waiting for a decision on the grant application.

21. 2024 Statewide LSA Grants – Bennett Street Wall and Drainage Improvements

A cost estimate and resolution has been prepared for requesting a grant for \$302,000.00 for the Bennett Street Wall and Drainage Improvements. Applications are due November 30, 2023.

22. 2024 Statewide LSA Grants – Street Improvements Project

A cost estimate and resolution has been prepared for requesting a grant for \$315,000.00 for Street Improvements to the following streets:

1. North 3rd Street (from York Ave. to the end)
2. 3rd Street (from Pittston Ave. to Packer St. and from Packer St. to Railroad St.)
3. New Street (from McAlpine St. to Greeley St.)
4. Greeley Street (from New St. to Lampman St.)
5. Lampman Street (from McAlpine St. to Greeley St.)
6. McAlpine Street (from Winans Ct. to the end)

Applications are due November 30, 2023.

23. 2024 Statewide LSA Grants – Police Speed Enforcement Equipment

A resolution has been prepared for requesting a grant for \$27,158.00 for Police Speed Enforcement Equipment. Applications are due November 30, 2023.

24. 1394 Plane Street Driveway Permit

A driveway permit application has been submitted for 1394 Plane Street. Currently there are two gravel driveways and they are proposing to pave both. Our office has reviewed the submission and recommends approval with the condition the proposed work maintains the existing drainage along Plane Street/Campbell Street.

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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