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| **Mayor**  Robert Mullen  **Solicitor**  Atty. Matthew G. Boyd  Ufberg & Associates  **Chief of Police**  David Homschek  **Secretary**  Sandra Van Luvender  **Treasurer**  Jennifer Davitt  **Engineer**  PennEastern Engineers, LLC  Paul Pasonick | Borough of Avoca  950 Main St.  Avoca, Pa 18641  [Secretary@AvocaBorough.com](mailto:Secretary@AvocaBorough.com)  Telephones  Secretary: 570-457-4947  Fax: 570-451-1750  Police Department: 570-457-4011 Street Department: 570-451-0625 | **Council**  **President**  Holly Homschek  **Vice President**  Gary Halagarda  Michael Fuller  Joe Satkowski Jr.  Jim Emlaw  Stanley Waleski  Bob Dommermuth  Dennis O’Brien  Alan Kiesinger |

**AVOCA BOROUGH**

**Thursday October 12, 2023 – Council Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Avoca Borough Council was held on Thursday October 12, 2023, with Council President, Holly HOMSCHECK, presiding. The work session began at 1900HRS. The regular meeting was called to order at 1903HRS, and Pledge of Allegiance was said by Stan WALESKI.

Council Members in attendance: Holly HOMSCHEK, Gary HALAGARDA Dennis O’BRIEN, Jim EMLAW, Joseph SATKOWSKI, Mike FULLER, Bob DOMMERMUTH, Alan KIESINGER and Stanley WALESKI.

Also in attendance: Mayor Robert MULLEN, Attorney Jordan DEMPSEY, Police Chief Dave HOMSCHEK and Secretary, Sandra VAN LUVENDER. Borough Solicitor, Matthew BOYD and Borough Engineer, Paul PASONICK were absent.

Motion by Mike FULLER, second by Stan WALESKI to accept the minutes from last month’s meeting. Voice Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by Joseph SATKOWSKI, second by Alan KIESINGER to pay all bills presented with monies available. Voice Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by Bob DOMMERMUTH, second by Stan WALESKI to accept new correspondence as presented. Voice Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by Bob DOMMERMUTH, second by Joseph SATKOWSKI to accept police report prepared by Chief HOMSCHEK and read by Mayor MULLEN. Voice Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by Bob DOMMERMUTH, second by Alan KIESINGER to hire Part-Time Police Officer, Joseph DELANEY pending MPOETC Re-Certification. Voice Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by Joesph SATKOWSKI, second by Dennis O’ BRIENtoauthorize Council President, Holly HOMSCHEK to sign change order Change Order for McAlpine Street Storm Sewer Improvements Project – change order amount $49,305.10 to be added to contract price – adjusted contract price $316,412.85. Roll Call Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by James EMLAW, second by Mike FULLER to submit Stafursky Paving Company, Inc.’s Pay Application #3 (Final) in the amount of $172,129.50. Roll Call Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by Alan KIESINGER, second by Bob DOMMERMUTH to purchase (2) two new tires for St. Department Dodge Dump Truck – Good Year quote $181.92 per tire, install additional. Voice Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by Alan KIESINGER, second by Mike FULLER to **p**urchase (4) four tires for St. Department GMC pickup truck – Good Year quote $739.35, includes install. Each tire $118.90. Voice Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by Dennis O’BRIEN, second by Joseph SATKOWSKI to treat Flatts field with grub protection by Whitman Lawn Care, as skunks are destroying the field – estimate $250-300. Dan WHITMAN will donate time and equipment; cost is for product. Voice Vote: (9) Nine Yes

**Street Department**:

Michael VOLCH was present, nothing to report.

Water Fall Spreader at shop – Bob DOMMERMUTH to look at and see if can sell for parts.

Empty ride bases at West Avoca Park can be removed and holes filled in.

**Audience:**

Avoca Fire Chief, Thomas MATTHEWS asked if there had been any further discussion on a paid fireman for the weekday, daytime hours. Other towns around us have been attempting pilot programs. Chief MATTHEWS requested a meeting with council, the Borough Solicitor and fire department members to discuss some of the logistics of a program. Chief MATTHEWS advised that a representative from Dupont Borough was willing to come to the meeting and explain how Dupont Borough will be setting up their program.

President, Holly HOMSCHEK advised that the Borough could not fund a paid fireman with the current/projected budget.

Chief MATTHEWS also advised that the grant money received for the new rescue project was now being requested to be used to refurbish our current rescue, as the cost of a new rescue was not feasible with the funds received. The cost of a new rescue came in at over a million dollars and the Hose Company can’t make up the difference in funds received.

**Engineer:**

Avoca Borough Engineer’s Report (dated October 12, 2023) prepared by Paul PASONICK. (See attached)

**Police:**

The Police Report was prepared by Chief David HOMSCHEK and read by Mayor Robert MULLEN. (See attached). Avoca Patrol Officer, Jonathon ALAIMO and Hughestown Police Chief, James HALFORD were also present at the meeting.