**AGENDA FOR THURSDAY December 14, 2023 – AVOCA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

1. LOMR submission to FEMA regarding Mill Creek Flood Protection Project
2. Main St & McAlpine Street Project – PENNDOT Multimodal Grant: Awarded $1.55 million

Borough received a letter stating that the **30% match needed ($465,000) will be waived.**

CFA Multimodal Grant: Applied for $500,000 originally, revised application was for $650,000

Awarded $325,000. Will be utilizing exemption request for Municipalities for match needed.

1. Completed - McAlpine Street water issue – PA Small Water & Sewer Grant

Awarded $312,000 from Senator Blake & State Rep. Mike Carroll **(Avoca needs 15% match of TOTAL cost, $55,200**) Total project cost is $368,000

Contract awarded to Stafursky Paving Company Inc in the amount of $265,857.

1. **ACTION ITEM – ORDINANCE #1 2024 -** AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVOCA, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE 3.1 MILS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023.
2. **ACTION ITEM – ORDINANCE #2 2024** - AN ORDINANCE RE-ENACTING THE WAGE TAX ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVOCA, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL WAGE TAX ORDINANCE ENACTED JUNE 29, 1962(1%), AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION AND REGISTRATION OF SAID ORDIANANCE.
3. **ACTION ITEM – ORDINANCE #3 2024 -** AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVOCA, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE 1% FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE TITLES OF REAL ESTATE AND THE TAKING POSSESSION THEREOF FOR PROPERTY SITUATE IN THE BOROUGH OF AVOCA FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023
4. **ACTION ITEM – ORDINANCE #4 2024** AN ORDINANCE RE-ENACTING THE LOCAL SERVICES TAX (LST TAX) OF THE BOROUGH OF AVOCA, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL LOCAL SERVICES TAX (LST TAX) ORDINANCE ENACTED NOVEMBER 2007 AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION AND REGISTRATION OF SAID ORDINANCE.
5. **ACTION ITEM** - Resolution 1 of 2024, imposing an annual tax in the amount of $75.00 on each amusement device located within the Borough of Avoca
6. **ACTION ITEM –** Resolution 2 of 2024**,** reenacting no member/employee contribution to the police pension fund for the 2024 calendar year.
7. **ACTION ITEM** - Setting the regular Council meeting dates for the 2024 calendar year. Meetings will be the 2nd Thursday of each month with the work session beginning at 6:30p.m.
8. **ACTION ITEM –** Accept second reading of 2024 Budget.
9. **ACTION ITEM –** Appoint representative to L.L.V.S.A. Board for a (5) five-year term.
10. **ACTION ITEM –** AdoptOrdinance 6-2023 clarification of wording on police pension.

1. **ACTION ITEM –** Insurance renewal quotes from Joyce Insurance (Risk Strategies) for:

General Liability -$12,725, Auto - $13,219, Property - $9,923, inland marine(included) and Cyber - $2,670. Total cost of renewal $38,573 – expiring cost $35,021 – increase of $3,552.

1. **ACTION ITEM** – Holding the Bi-Annual Reorganization meeting and the regular monthly meeting for January on January 2, 2024, beginning at 6:30pm.

1. **ACTION ITEM –** Hire Joseph Delaney as a full-time Police Officer, effective January 02, 2024.

Officer Delaney will be subject to a (3) month probationary period as per CBA.

1. **ACTION ITEM –** Purchase cameras for the Borough Garage.
2. **ACTION ITEM** – set 2024 refuse fee schedule as follows:postcards to residents during week of December 26, 2023.

**-Pay in Full**

$250 per unit from January 1 – February 29th, 2024

$275 per unit from March 1 – April 30th, 2024

$300 per unit from May 1 – June 30th, 2024

After June 30th, $350 per unit (Fee with penalties) and property owners may be subject to further legal action and penalties.

**-Pay in Installments**

Your total owed may be split into two payments during each period.

-Anything from Street Department

**NOTES:**

* BHW Construction – inspections for month of NOV 2023 - $529.16
* Thank you to Joe Satkowski for years of service.
* Welcome to Kyler KOVALESKI
* Santa will be going around town on December 17, 2023 – 4pm start
* Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all !!!!

Reminder: January meeting will be on **TUESDAY, January 2nd, 2024** – 6:30 pm start