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**AVOCA BOROUGH**

**Thursday, June 13, 2024 – Council Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Avoca Borough Council was held on Thursday, June 13, 2024, with Council President, Holly HOMSCHECK, presiding. The work session began at 1845HRS. The regular meeting was called to order at 1857HRS, and Pledge of Allegiance was said by Gary HALAGARDA.

Council Members in attendance: Holly HOMSCHEK, Gary HALAGARDA, Dennis O’BRIEN, Jonathan GEDRICH, Kyler KOVALESKI, Bob DOMMERMUTH, Michael FULLER and Alan KIESINGER. Jim EMLAW was absent.

Also in attendance: Mayor Robert MULLEN, Attorney Jordan DEMPSEY, Police Chief Dave HOMSCHEK, Police Officer Jonathan ALAIMO, Borough Engineer, Paul PASONICK and Secretary, Sandra VAN LUVENDER.

Motion by Mike FULLER, second by Dennis O’BRIEN to accept the minutes from last month’s meeting. Voice Vote: (8) Eight Yes

Motion by Alan KIESINGER, second by Kyler KOVALESKI to pay all bills presented with monies available. Voice Vote: (8) Eight Yes

Motion by Bob DOMMERMUTH, second by Dennis O’BRIEN to accept new correspondence as presented. Voice Vote: (8) Eight Yes

Motion by Bob DOMMERMUTH, second by Mike FULLER to accept police report prepared by Chief HOMSCHEK and read by Mayor MULLEN. Voice Vote: (8) Eight Yes

Motion by Kyler KOVALESKI, second by Dennis O’BRIEN to approve posting a 30 minute parking sign at the new Thrift Shop at 645 Main Street. Council requested that the building owner, Bart BRYK be made aware of request and that hours of operation be listed on sign. BRYK acknowledged and approved of sign request. Hours were provided by the shop owner. Sign ordered by Street Department. Roll Call Vote: (8) Eight Yes

Motion by Dennis O’BRIEN, second by Mike FULLER to approve driveway permit at 825 William Street, Avoca – contingent on final approval from Paul PASONICK. Roll Call Vote: (8) Eight Yes

Motion by Alan KIESINGER, second by Kyler KOVALESKI to sign Independent Contractor Agreement with Sandra Opshinsky regarding Grant writing assistance. Sandra Opshinsky to receive a $1,250.00 non-refundable retainer and be compensated at a rate of $50.00/hour. Roll Call Vote: (8) Eight Yes

**Audience:**

Mark MULLEN asked if there were any updates o n the ORLUK property 813 Grove Street and if there was anything that could be done with the garage at 734 Main Street (next to firehouse). The garage is falling over and has been a mess for years. Secretary VAN LUVENDER was asked to check with BHW for any updates and inform them of the garage issue.

Daniel and Lisa WHITMAN were also in attendance and had questions regarding Right to Know paperwork that had been filed with the Borough regarding their property (fence and pool). They asked what the procedure would be for obtaining a copy of those Right to Know requests. Attorney Jordan DEMPSEY to research the procedure and get back to them. Attormey DEMPSEY did find that they could obtain a copy by filing a Right to Know request with the Borough. Secretary VAN LUVENDER advised Daniel WHITMAN that he could obtain a copy by filing a Right to Know request.

**Street Department**: No one present

**Council Members:** Mike FULLER reminded all that the Farmer’s Market was scheduled to start on July 10, 2024 at the Queen of Apostles school grounds.

**Engineer:** Avoca Borough Engineer’s Report (dated June 13, 2024) prepared by Paul PASONICK. (See attached)

**Police:**

The Police Report was prepared by Chief David HOMSCHEK and read by Mayor Robert MULLEN. (See attached).

Motion by Jonathan GEDRICH, second by Mike Fuller to adjourn the meeting at 1925HRS.