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AVOCA BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

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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

Norfolk Southern Railroad (NSR) is requesting a standard NSR gate be added to the project at their access road at no cost to Norfolk Southern Railroad. The gate is estimated to cost \$5,000.

PennDOT has forwarded a letter to Avoca Borough requesting Avoca Borough to sign, date and affix the Avoca Borough seal to the letter and provide a resolution agreeing to allow the Department (PennDOT) to file an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) on Avoca Borough's behalf and authorizing the Department to issue the Notice to Proceed to the railroad for design and/or construction.

7. 2022 Statewide LSA Grant – Community Center Improvements

The project is approximately 75% complete. A color chart for the flooring was submitted to Avoca Borough for selecting a color.

8. 2022 Statewide LSA Grant – Avoca VFW Renovations and Building Addition

The project is anticipated to be advertised within the next two weeks.

9. 2023 Community Development Program – Calaveri Street Improvements

Our office met with Pennsy Supply last week to review the scope of work and they have begun work this week.

10. 2023 LSA Grant – New Emergency Rescue Truck

No new information to report.

11. 2024 EDCDI Grant - Gedding St Sewer and Road Project

Currently proceeding with the development of the plans, specifications and permit for the project.

12. 2024 COVID-19 ARPA Grant – Community Center Renovations

Currently waiting for a decision on the grant application.

13. 2024 LSA Grant – Little League Club House Improvements Project

Bids are anticipated to be received for December's meeting.

14. 2024 LSA Grant – New Police Vehicle

The final pay request has been submitted for reimbursement.

15. 2024 Statewide LSA Grant – Bennett Street Wall and Drainage Improvements

Currently waiting for a decision on the grant application.

16. 2024 Statewide LSA Grant – Street Improvements Project

Currently waiting for a decision on the grant application.

17. 2024 Statewide LSA Grant – Police Speed Enforcement Equipment

Currently waiting for a decision on the grant application.

18. 2025 LSA Grant – Street Improvements Project

The application and supporting documentation were submitted along with copies sent to State Representative James Haddock and State Senator Martin Flynn. The grant application requests \$307,000.00 for improvements to the following streets:

1. Court Street and Railroad Street (from McAlpine St. to McAlpine St.)
2. Packer Street (from 3rd Street to the Municipal Line)

19. 2025 LSA Grant – Clark and South Streets Wall Repairs Project

The application and supporting documentation were submitted along with copies sent to State Representative James Haddock and State Senator Martin Flynn. The grant application requests \$222,100.00 for repairing the wall at Clark Street and South Street.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul Pasonick, PE, PLS
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