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## AVOCA BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

December 12, 2024

### 1. Mill Creek Flood Protection Project

DEP has recently submitted the summary of their inspection on September 26, 2024. The summary list 8 maintenance items to be addressed which are attached with this report. Our office will proceed with item #1 which is updating the Emergency Action Plan and submitting it to DEP for review. Please notify our office if council would like our office to assist with any of the other items.

### 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

Avoca Borough received an email from DCED indicating the CFA Multimodal Transportation Grant expires on June 30, 2025 and a time extension request will need to be filed by February 15, 2025. Our office will follow up with a time extension request letter for Avoca Borough to submit.

**7. 2022 Statewide LSA Grant – Community Center Improvements**

DCED denied the change order to replace the sink and valves at the Community Center. Panzitta Enterprises has submitted their first payment application in the amount of \$59,040. Our office has reviewed the payment application and completed work and recommends payment in the amount of \$59,040. Panzitta’s contract has a remaining balance of \$29,060.

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

Construction bids were received yesterday for the renovations and building addition to the Avoca VFW. There are two separate contracts for the project. Contract #1 is for the renovations and Contract #2 is for the addition. A copy of the bid tabulation is attached with this report.

**9. 2023 Community Development Program – Calaveri Street Improvements**

Pennsy Supply, Inc. has submitted their payment application in the amount of \$130,760. Our office has reviewed the payment application and completed work and recommends payment in the amount of \$130,760.

**10. 2023 LSA Grant – New Emergency Rescue Truck**

The final reimbursement has been received and final payment has been made to Bulldog OEM Services. Also, the cancelled checks have been forwarded to DCED and the project is closed out.

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

Waiting to hear from All American Rotor as to when they can flush the lines and finish televising the rest of the sewer lines.

**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**

Construction bids were received yesterday for the improvements to the Little League Club House. There are three separate contracts for the project. Contract #1 is for general construction, Contract #2 is for electrical construction and Contract #3 is for plumbing construction.

Marks Construction submitted the lowest bid for Contract #1, however there several issues with their bid submission as noted in the attached letter. Panzitta submitted the only bid for Contract #2 (no issues with their bid submission). And Petroski Plumbing submitted the lowest bid for Contract #3, however there are several issues with their bid submission also. In addition, the combination of the lowest base bid for each contract exceeds the grant funding for construction by \$85,900. A copy of the bid tabulation is also attached with this report.

**14. 2024 Statewide LSA Grant – Bennett Street Wall and Drainage Improvements**

A motion item has been prepared to authorize PennEastern Engineers, LLC to provide professional services for the 2024 Statewide LSA Grant – Bennett Street Wall and Drainage Improvements. Services include providing the surveying and engineering services and preparing contract documents and construction plans. Services also include inspection, construction management and assisting with the grant administration.

**15. 2024 Statewide LSA Grant – Police Speed Enforcement Equipment**

A motion item has been prepared to authorize PennEastern Engineers, LLC to provide grant administration services for the 2024 Statewide LSA Grant – Police Speed Enforcement Equipment.

**16. 2025 LSA Grant – Street Improvements Project**

Currently waiting for a decision on the grant application.

**17. 2025 LSA Grant – Clark and South Streets Wall Repairs Project**

Currently waiting for a decision on the grant application.

**18. 2025 AML Grant - Coal Waste Pile Removal – Design Phase**

Currently waiting for a decision on the grant application.

**19. 626-628 Main Street Sanitary Sewer Lateral Repair**

Emergency sanitary sewer repairs were required at 626-628 Main Street which requires a PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit to be submitted. Our office has submitted the application and required information under Avoca Borough's Emergency Permit Certificate, however, PennDOT is requiring a current Resolution stating the President of Council is authorized and directed to sign the agreement for the Applicant's Authorization for Agent to Apply for Highway Occupancy Permit.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Paul Pasonick, PE, PLS  
PennEastern Engineers, LLC

# INSPECTION COMMENTS

DEP staff inspected the Avoca Flood Protection Project on September 26, 2024 with the assistance of Stan Spagnuolo and Mickey Volch of Avoca Borough.

This project is not active in the USACE Rehabilitation Program due to the hydraulic inadequacy at York Avenue Bridge. DEP is currently designing a phase to the project that will address this issue.

Since the last inspection, the sponsor has removed the sediment accumulations and vegetation from the concrete channel and debris basin. The sponsor has also repaired areas of fence that were damaged from fallen trees.

The following maintenance items need to be addressed:

1. Update the project specific Emergency Action Plan (EAP) and submit to DEP for review.
2. Repair all spalls at joints of the concrete channel's invert (Photos 4, 6, 7 and 8).
3. Repair the concrete spalls and deterioration along the channel wall (Photos 5 and 13).

Replace displaced joint material with an elastomeric joint sealant.

4. Repair the ladder rung at the downstream end of the concrete channel as well as the loose rung near the pedestrian bridge (Photo 9).
5. Continue to remove the vegetation through or over the fence.
6. Remove all debris and vegetation growing in the weep holes.

Remove the woody vegetation from the downstream railroad project culvert outlet (Photo 15).

7. Continue to monitor the channel for sediment accumulation. Clear off all debris from the debris rack after every heavy rainfall. The sponsor has previously removed sediment accumulations from the debris basin and the concrete channel. The sponsor should contact DEP for permitting requirements prior to any future work being done.

8. Monitor the map cracking observed throughout the project. If spalls develop or rebar becomes exposed, the areas should be repaired.

DEP thanks Avoca Borough for their assistance with this inspection.



# PennEastern Architects, LLC

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December 12, 2024

Avoca Borough (via email)  
950 Main Street  
Avoca, PA 18641

Attn: Sandy Van Luvender, Interim Borough Secretary

Re: Avoca Borough Little League Club House Improvements

Dear Mayor and Council:

Our office has reviewed the received bids for the Avoca Borough Little League Club House Improvements. We are enclosing a bid tabulation sheet of all bids received and below are items noted during our review.

- Marks Constructions, Contractor #1 – General Construction: They did not acknowledge receipt of Addendum #1 on the Bid Form.
- Marks Constructions, Contractor #1 – General Construction: They did not provide a price for Add Alternate No. 1.
- Marks Constructions, Contractor #1 – General Construction: They did not provide the Noncollusion Affidavit of Contractor.
- Marks Constructions, Contractor #1 – General Construction: They did not provide the Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities.
- Marks Constructions, Contractor #1 – General Construction: They did not provide the Certification of Bidders Regarding Equal Employment Opportunity.
- Marks Constructions, Contractor #1 – General Construction: They did not provide the Bid Security form.
- Marks Constructions, Contractor #1 – General Construction: They did not provide the Certificate as to Corporate Principal form.
- Marks Constructions, Contractor #1 – General Construction: They did not provide the Bidder's/Contractor's Waiver of Right to Make Claim Any Built-Rite Claims form.
- Petroski Plumbing, Contractor #3 – Plumbing Construction: They did not provide a Bid Bond.
- Petroski Plumbing, Contractor #3 – Plumbing Construction: They did not provide a Bid Security form.
- Petroski Plumbing, Contractor #3 – Plumbing Construction: They did not provide a Form of Surety Guarantee.
- Petroski Plumbing, Contractor #3 – Plumbing Construction: They did not provide a Certificate as to Corporate Principal form.
- Petroski Plumbing, Contractor #3 – Plumbing Construction: They did not provide the Bidder's/Contractor's Waiver of Right to Make Claim Any Built-Rite Claims form.

If funding is available and the Solicitor concurs, we recommend awarding each contract to the apparent low bidder. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Avoca Borough (via email)

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew J. Pasonick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "A" and "P".

Andrew J. Pasonick, P.E., R.A.  
Principal

C.c. Sandy Van Luvender, Interim Borough Secretary – Avoca Borough (via email)  
Paul Pasonick, P.E., P.L.S. – PennEastern (via email)

Enclosure (s)

- Bid Tabulation Sheet



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**PROJECT: AVOCA BOROUGH LITTLE LEAGUE CLUB HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS**

**BID OPENING: 12/11/2024 @ 10:00 AM**

**BID TABULATION**

Bidders Name & Address	Contract #1 General Const	Bid Bond		Contract #2 Electrical Const	Bid Bond		Contract #3 Plumbing Const.	Bid Bond		Remarks
		Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No	
AIRCON 275 Buttonwood St Larksville, PA 18651										
PANZITTA 72 George Ave Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702	BASE: \$217,600- ADD: \$15,950-	YES		BASE: \$24,900- ADD: \$1,150-	YES		\$62,100-	YES		
APOLLO GROUP 601 Wyoming Ave Kingston, PA 18704										
MARKS CONSTRUCTION 4000 4 <sup>th</sup> St Moosic, PA 18507	BASE: \$197,600-	YES								DID NOT SUB. ADD ALTER. PRICE
PETROSKI PLUMBING 337 S Walnut St Nanticoke, PA 18634							\$23,400-	NO		
H&P CONSTRUCTION 10788 State Route 61 Kulpmont, PA 17834										
D&M CONSTRUCTION 107 N Turnpike Rd. Dalton, PA 18414	BASE: \$750,000- ADD: \$52,000-	YES								
BOGNET, INC 1298 N Church St Hazle Twp, PA 18202	BASE: \$225,000- ADD: \$15,000-	YES					\$36,878.01	YES		
MULTISCAPE 995 S Township Blvd Pittston, PA 18640										
SPOTTS BROTHERS 1327 Long Run Rd Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972										
MONK HVAC 393 Village Rd Dallas, PA 18612										

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