**AGENDA FOR THURSDAY December 12, 2024 – 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. **ACTION ITEM**: Motion 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.
2. **ACTION ITEM**: Resolution 9 of 2024 - Authorizing and directing the President of Council to sign the agreement for the Applicant’s Authorization for Agent to Apply for Highway Occupancy Permit.
3. **ACTION ITEM**: Approve Payment Application # 1 for Panzitta Construction in the amount of $59,040 for work at the Community Center. There is a balance of $29,060 still pending on the project.
4. **ACTION ITEM**: Approve Payment Application # 1 for Pennsy Supply Inc. in the amount of $130,760 for the Cavaleri Street Project.
5. **ACTION ITEM:** Motion to authorize PennEastern Engineers, LLC to provide grant administration services for the 2024 Statewide LSA Grant – Police Speed Enforcement Equipment.
6. **ACTION ITEM: ORDINANCE #1 2025 -** An Ordinance of The Borough of Avoca, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania Fixing the Tax Rate 3.1 Mils for The Calendar Year 2025.
7. **ACTION ITEM: ORDINANCE #2 2025** - 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 Ordinance.
8. **ACTION ITEM: ORDINANCE #3 2025 -** 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 2025.
9. **ACTION ITEM: ORDINANCE #4 2025** 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.
10. **ACTION ITEM**: **Resolution 1 of 2025**, imposing an annual tax in the amount of $75.00 on each amusement device located within the Borough of Avoca
11. **ACTION ITEM: Resolution 2 of 2025,** reenacting no member/employee contribution to the police pension fund for the 2025 calendar year.
12. **ACTION ITEM**: Setting the regular Council meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year. Meetings will be the 2nd Thursday of each month with the work session beginning at 6:30p.m.
13. **ACTION ITEM:** Accept second reading of 2025 Budget.
14. **ACTION ITEM:** Accept Insurance quote through **Trident/Arch/Ascot/Hartford** from Joyce Insurance Group (Risk Strategies) for: package price $46,316 includes: Commercial Property, Equipment Breakdown, Inland Marine, Crime, General Liability, Employee Benefits Liability, Business Auto, Public Officials/EPLI, Police Professional and Umbrella Policy - Cyber Policy $2679 New Renewal Premium $48,995 – expiring cost $63,998 – savings of just over $15,000
15. **ACTION ITEM:** set 2025 refuse fee schedule as follows:postcards to residents during week of December 30, 2024.

**-Pay in Full**

$250 per unit from January 1 – February 28th, 2025

$275 per unit from March 1 – April 30th, 2025

$300 per unit from May 1 – June 30th, 2025

**-Pay in Installments**

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

1. **ACTION ITEM:** Authorize the Borough of Avoca to intervene in the matter of Big Rocks LLC v. Luzerne County Zoning Hearing Board, which was filed in the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas.
2. **ACTION ITEM:** Work with BHW to modify current contract regarding code enforcement and inspection services.
3. **ACTION ITEM:** Accept/Reject/Table Contracts #1 General, #2 Electric, #3 Plumbing for the Avoca Little league Club House project.
4. **Street Department:**

* Dodge Truck needs electrical work – still having issues with it not starting
* Applications for full-time position available, due 12/27/2024 by 3:30pm.
* Polaris UTV was delivered to Borough on 12/03/2024.

BHW November Permit Fees $187.64

Santa will be going around town with ACC members, Police and Hose Company members on Saturday, December 21, 2024, starting around 4pm.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!