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| **Mayor**  Robert Mullen  **Solicitor**  Atty. Matthew G. Boyd  Ufberg & Associates  **Chief of Police**  David Homschek  **Secretary**  Sandra Van Luvender  **Treasurer**  Jennifer Davitt  **Engineer**  PennEastern Engineers, LLC  Paul Pasonick | Borough of Avoca  950 Main St.  Avoca, Pa 18641  [Secretary@AvocaBorough.com](mailto:Secretary@AvocaBorough.com)  Telephones  Secretary: 570-457-4947  Fax: 570-451-1750  Police Department: 570-457-4011 Street Department: 570-451-0625 | **Council**  **President**  Holly Homschek  **Vice President**  Dennis O’Brien  Michael Fuller  Kyler Kovaleski  Jim Emlaw  Jonathan Gedrich  Bob Dommermuth  Gary Halagarda  Alan Kiesinger |

**AVOCA BOROUGH**

**Thursday, January 9, 2025 – Council Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Avoca Borough Council was held on Thursday, January 9, 2025, with Council President, Holly HOMSCHECK, presiding. The work session began at 1804HRS. The regular meeting was called to order at 1813HRS, and Pledge of Allegiance was said by Jonathan GEDRICH.

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

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

Motion by Jonathan GEDRICH, second by Alan KIESINGER to accept the minutes from last month’s meeting. Voice Vote: (5) Five Yes

Motion by Alan KIESINGER, second by Jonathan GEDRICH to pay all bills presented with monies available. Voice Vote: (5) Five Yes

Motion by Alan KIESINGER, second by Bob DOMMERMUTH to accept new correspondence as presented. Voice Vote: (5) Five Yes

Motion by Bob DOMMERMUTH, second by Alan KIESINGER to accept police report prepared by Chief HOMSCHEK and read by Mayor Robert MULLEN. Voice Vote: (5) Five Yes

Motion by Gary HALAGARDA, second by Jonathan GEDRICH to fill Street Department position per committee recommendation, pending applicant meeting employment requirements. Rol Call Vote: (5) Five Yes

Motion by Alan KIESINGER, second by Jonathan GEDRICH to request a 12-month time extension for the CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant. Voice Vote: (5) Five Yes

Motion by Gary HALAGARDA, second by Alan KIESINGER to approve PennEastern Engineers, LLC request for an 8-month time extension for PennDOT Agreement No. L00585 for the Main and McAlpine intersection project.Roll Call Vote: (4) Four yes, Jonathan GEDRICH abstain

Motion by Alan KIESINGER, second by Bob DOMMERMUTH to table Contracts #1 General

#2 Electric, #3 Plumbing for the Avoca Little League Club House Project. Roll Call Vote: (5) Five Yes

Motin by Gary HALAGARDA, second by Alan KIESINGER to adopt **Resolution 3 of 2025** officially appointing Bob DOMMERMUTH as the representative to the Greater Pittston Compost Commission. Roll Call Vote: (5) Five Yes

Motion by Gary HALAGARDA, second by Alan KIESINGER to re-hire the listed part-time police officers for the first quarter of 2025: Mario SCOTTI, Sheri SALVO, Charles YARICK, Joshua SEGUINE, Robert MARMO, Kenneth SALVO, Ryan KACHINSKY, Jeremy J. JONES, Eric DANAHER and Edward SULIMA. Roll Call Vote: (4) Four Yes – Holly HOMSCHEK abstain.

Motion by Bob DOMMERMUTH, second by Jonathna GEDRICH to terminate the Lease

Agreement with GFA Holdings, LLC for the parking lot at 630 Main Street, Avoca. Roll Call Vote: (5) Five Yes

**Audience:** Nothing

**Street Department**: Michael VOLCH nothing to report.

**Engineer:** Avoca Borough Engineer’s Report (dated January 9, 2025) 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 Alan KIESINGER to adjourn the meeting at 1823HRS.