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**AVOCA BOROUGH**

**Thursday, June 12, 2025 – Council Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

Prior to the start of the meeting, a moment of silence was offered for the passing of Council Member, Dennis O’Brien.

The regular meeting of the Avoca Borough Council was held on Thursday, June 12, 2025, with Council President, Holly HOMSCHECK, presiding. The work session began at 1842HRS. The regular meeting was called to order at 1852HRS, and Pledge of Allegiance was said by Jonathan GEDRICH.

Council Members in attendance: Holly HOMSCHEK, Gary HALAGARDA, Mike FULLER, Kyler KOVALESKI, Bob DOMERMUTH, Alan KIESINGER and Jonathan GEDRICH. Jim EMLAW was absent.

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

Motion by Mike FULLER, second by Jonathan GEDRICH to accept the minutes from last month’s meeting. Voice Vote: (7) Seven Yes

Motion by Kyler KOVALESKI, second by Alan KIESINGER to pay all bills presented with monies available. Voice Vote: (7) Seven Yes

Motion by Alan KIESINGER, second by Kyler KOVALESKI to accept new correspondence as presented. Voice Vote: (7) Seven 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: (7) Seven Yes

Motion by Gary HALAGARDA, second by Alan KIESINGER to approve handicap parking request for Rear 1000 Vine Street – have received request, check, letter and copy of license. Roll Call Vote: (7) Seven Yes

Motion by Kyler KOVALESKI, second by Bob DOMMERMUTH to renew antivirus with Computer Visionaries $180.00 annually. Voice Vote: (7) Seven Yes

Motion by Bob DOMMERMUTH, second by Jonathan GEDRICH to appointWilliam SATKOWSKI tofill vacant council seat in 1st Ward. Roll Call Vote: (7) Seven Yes

Motion by Bob DOMMERMUTH, second by Mike FULLER toappoint council member, Jonathan GEDRICH to fill Vice President position. Roll Call Vote: (7) Seven Yes

Motion by Gary HALAGARDA, second by Mike FULLER to approve putting 10% down on Skid Steer Grant Project until funds are received. Roll Call VOTE: (7) Seven Yes

Motion by Alan KIESINGER, second by Kyler KOVALESKI to approve disbursement of insurance escrow money for 813 Grove Street ORLUK property demolition to BEJESKI Construction $17,200. Roll Call Vote: (7) Seven Yes

Motion by Alan KIESINGER, second by Kyler KOVALESKI to accept recommendation from Borough Engineering Firm, Penn Eastern to award contract for Gedding Street Sewer and Road Project to KRASAVAGE. Roll Call Vote: (7) Seven Yes

**Audience**:

Debbie MOORE, 1019 Grove Street, Avoca – came to report poor conditions at the neighboring home at 1017 Grove Street. Grass has been overgrown and there are several skunks living under the shed. Debbie reported that she spoke to the grass cutter who related that he was hired by an APP and he has no direct contact with the owner. Secretary VAN LUVENDER has left messages for the owner about the conditions.

**Council:**

Council Member, Mike FULLER confirmed that the Farmer’s Market would be taking a pause this year.

President HOMSCHEK wanted to advise that the appeal arguments for the Waste Transfer Station was scheduled for June 20, 2025 and the hearing for the land use of the Quarry was scheduled for August 5, 2025 in Luzerne County.

**Street Department**: Michael VOLCH was present. Nothing to report.

**Engineer:** Avoca Borough Engineer’s Report (dated June 12, 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 Bob DOMMERMUTH to adjourn the meeting at 1907HRS.