**AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2021 – AVOCA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

1. LOMR submission to FEMA regarding Mill Creek Flood Protection Project
2. Hawthorne St / Kiesinger property – PennEastern is in receipt of Mr. Parker’s plan and they are in active discussion regarding a few items
3. 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. LSA Recreation Grant Projects – A) Plane Street Park Wall / Fence -

 \* Requested grant extension due to fence work not yet being completed

1. 2020 Luzerne County Community Development Program - Submitted grant application in the amount of $199,515 (Proposed Project – McLean Lane Drainage Issues)
* The Borough was recently awarded $150,000 for this grant/project **(NO match required)**
1. DCED Watershed Restoration Program (Project: MS4 Pollutant Reduction Plan) –
2. Awarded grant in the amount of $62,672 on 9/17/19 that requires a 15%

Match of the TOTAL project cost **(Match approx.$9,400)**

1. $80,900 awarded from “Other Parks” Grant
2. Project awarded to: James T. O’Hara for $162,410
3. Grant award extended until 6/30/22
4. McAlpine Street water issue – applying for PA Small Water & Sewer Grant

 Awarded $312,000 from Senator Blake & State Rep. Mike Carroll **(Avoca needs 15% match of TOTAL cost, $55,200**)

 Total project cost is $368,000

* PennEastern is currently in the design/planning phase of this project.
1. Storm Drains – 4 storm drains remain in need of repair, 1) South & Cherry - **COMPLETED**

2) Spring St – Multiscape approved to start work

 3) McAlpine & Grove 1

 4) McAlpine & Grove 2

1. Changing the name of Grove Street in the area of Highway 315 to Petro Road
2. **ACTION ITEM**: Setting the 2022 Refuse Fee Schedule as follows:

 Jan 21st – Feb 20th  (Discount period) $165 per unit

 Feb 21st – March 20th (Base period) $170 per unit

 March 21st – April 20th (Fee w. Penalty) $180 per unit

 April 21st – May 20th (Fee w. Penalty) $190 per unit

 May 21st – June 21st (Fee w. Penalty) $200 per unit

1. **ACTION ITEM**: Set regular monthly Council meetings for 2022 calendar year - Regular meetings will be every 2nd Thursday of the month with the work session beginning at 6:30pm, with the exception of the January 2022 meeting that will be held on Monday, January 3rd,2022 in coordination with the bi-annual Reorganization meeting.
2. **ACTION ITEM:** Ordinance 1 of 2022, fixing the tax rate at 3.1 mills for the 2022 calendar year
3. **ACTION ITEM**: Ordinance 2 of 2022, re-enacting the wage tax ordinance without substantial change from the original wage tax ordinance enacted June 29, 1962 (1%)
4. **ACTION ITEM**: - Ordinance 3 of 2022, re-enacting the Local Service Tax (LST Tax) for 2022
5. **ACTION ITEM**: Ordinance 4 of 2022, fixing the tax rate of 1% for the transfer or title of real estate for the 2022 calendar year
6. **ACTION ITEM**: Resolution 1 of 2022, imposing an annual tax in the amount of $75.00 on each amusement device located within the Borough of Avoca
7. **ACTION ITEM**: Resolution 2 of 2022, eliminating the member/employee contribution to the police pension fund for the 2022 calendar year
8. **ACTION ITEM**: Insurance renewal quotes from Joyce Insurance (Carrier - HARIE) for general liability, auto, property, inland marine & cyber insurance policies. Breakdowns are in Council folders. Total cost of renewal $32,635 (expiring $32,583). Please note, due to extreme market increases, this total includes a $250,000 limit on the cyber policy versus a $1,000,000 limit that was in our expiring policy.
9. **ACTION ITEM**: Annual membership fee for 2022 for Greater Pittston Regional Compost Facility $2500
10. **ACTION ITEM**: Authorizing Atty. Boyd to draft and publish an Ordinance to vacate the relevant portion of Hawthorne Street and accept/approve the Kiesinger easement.