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| **Mayor**  Robert Mullen  **Solicitor**  Atty. Matthew G. Boyd  Ufberg & Associates  **Chief of Police**  David Homschek  **Secretary**  Kelly O’Brien  **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**  Bob Dommermuth  **Vice President**  Gary Halagarda  Michael Fuller  Joe Satkowski Jr.  Jim Emlaw  Stanley Waleski  Holly Homschek  Dennis O’Brien  Alan Kiesinger |

**AVOCA BOROUGH**

**THURSDAY, MAY 12TH, 2022 – COUNCIL MEETING**

**MEETING MINUTES**

The regular monthly meeting of Avoca Borough Council was held on Thursday, May 12th, 2022 with Council President, Bob Dommermuth, presiding. The work session was called to order at 6:32p.m. The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:45p.m. and Pledge of Allegiance was said by Alan Kiesinger.

Council members in attendance: Mike Fuller, Gary Halagarda, Holly Homschek, Alan Kiesinger, Dennis O’Brien, Joe Satkowski, Stanley Waleski and Bob Dommermuth. Jim Emlaw was absent.

Also in attendance: Mayor Robert Mullen, Atty. Matt Boyd, Engineer Paul Pasonick and Office Assistant Sandy Van Luvender. Chief Dave Homschek and Secretary Kelly O’Brien were absent.

Please note, meeting minutes were drafted by Secretary Kelly O’Brien from notes taken by Sandy Van Luvender.

Please note, there was an executive session held prior to the work session from 6:15p.m. until 6:32p.m. for the purpose of discussing \*\*\*

Motion by Joe Satkowski, second by Alan Kiesinger to accept the minutes of the April 2022 Council meeting as presented. Voice Vote: Eight ( 8 ) YES

Motion by Mike Fuller, second by Gary Halagarda to pay all bills presented with funds available. Voice Vote: Eight ( 8 ) YES

Motion by Stan Waleski, second by Mike Fuller to accept new correspondence as presented. Voice Vote: Eight ( 8 ) YES

Motion by Dennis O’Brien, second by Joe Satkowski to accept the April 2022 police report prepared by Chief Homschek and read aloud by Mayor Mullen. Voice Vote: Eight ( 8 ) YES

Motion by Alan Kiesinger, second by Mike Fuller to approve Ordinance 9 of 2022, prohibiting the use of tobacco and electronic smoking devices in outdoor parks and recreational facilities, to include a fine of $200.00 per violation occurrence. Voice Vote: Eight ( 8 ) YES

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Motion by Alan Kiesinger, second by Holly Homschek to approve change order no. 2 (final) for the Plane Street Park Concrete Wall Repairs and Fence Improvement Project. The change is for a concrete cheek wall for the inlet behind the basketball couty. The amount is $2,700.00 and will use up the remaining money in the grant. Voice Vote: Eight ( 8 ) YES

Motion by Holly Homschek, second by Dennis O’Brien to direct Atty. Boyd to advertise the formation of a Civil Service Commission and prepared all necessary paperwork. Voice Vote: Seven ( 7 ) YES, One ( 1 ) NO – Fuller

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Holly Homschek, second by Dennis O’Brien to table Lineco Painting’s bid proposal of $8,168.75 regarding the 630 Main Street Parking Lot Improvements Project. Roll Call Vote:

Four ( 4 ) YES – Homschek, O’Brien, Satkowski & Dommermuth,

Four ( 4 ) NO – Fuller, Halagarda, Kiesinger & Waleski

Mayor Mullen broke the tied vote, voting YES

MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED

Motion by Dennis O’Brien, second by Mike Fuller – Ordinance 10 of 2022 (Amending Ordinance 5 of 2017), pave cuts and openings within the public roads and rights of way, sidewalks and tree lawns, to reflect that the Borough Street Dept workers will inspect all road restorations and will include an updated fee schedule effective 5/13/22. Voice Vote: Eight ( 8 ) YES

Motion by Dennis O’Brien, second by Joe Satkowski – Resolution 8 of 2022, appointing the positions of Council President & Secretary as Chief Administrative Officers on both the police pension plan and the non-uniformed pension plan. Voice Vote: Six ( 6 ) YES, Two ( 2 ) ABSTAIN – Homschek & Dommermuth. MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Stan Waleski, second by Mike Fuller to approve updated procedures put in place between the police department and street dept regarding the property maintenance code and ordinance enforcement. Voice Vote: Eight ( 8 ) YES

Motion by Joe Satkowski, second by Dennis O’Brien to approve pay request no. 2 from Multiscape Inc. for repairs to the Plane Street Park Wall in the amount of $24,409.80. Voice Vote: Eight ( 8 ) YES

Motion by Joe Satkowski, second by Dennis O’Brien to approve pay request no.3 from Multiscape Inc. for repairs to the Plane Street Park Wall in the amount of $16,886.10. Voice Vote: Eight ( 8 ) YES

Motion by Gary Halagarda, second by Alan Kiesinger to accept Stafursky Paving’s bid proposal of $101,583.50 (base bid) and $39,622.50 (alternate A) as the lowest responsible bidder for the 2020 Luzerne County Community Development Program Grant with the project being McLean Lane Drainage and Roadway Improvements project. Voice Vote: Eight ( 8 ) YES

Engineers Report was prepared and presented by Paul Pasonick. See attached.

Police Report was prepared by Chief Homschek and read aloud by Mayor Mullen. See attached.

In other Borough matters:

Alan Kiesinger asked what would happen if the proposal from Lineco Painting in regard to the 630 Main Street Parking Lot project kept getting tabled and pushed back. After some discussion, Paul Pasonick advised that the grant is valid until June 2024 to the best of his knowledge.

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It was mentioned that signage will be ordered to advise the public of the updated Tobacco Ordinance.

There was some discussion about drag racing on Highway 315 and that the jake break’s are getting bad again. Officer Alaimo advised the issues are coming from Interstate 81 and it was suggested that the Borough look into grant options to extent the sound wall to deter some of the sound issues.

Dennis O’Brien mentioned that the potholes on New Street are bad and in need of repair as soon as possible. The street department will follow up asap.

Holly Homschek spoke on several items including a possible mine subsidence in the 600 block of Packer Street, kids jumping off the Plane Street Park wall and a Skid Steer Pro for the street department.

Motion by Joe Satkowski, second by Holly Homschek to adjourn meeting at 7:07p.m. Voice Vote: Eight ( 8 ) YES