

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting
March 19, 2015

Meeting was called to order in the Council Room at 7:00 p.m. by Council President April Trivitt.

COUNCIL ROLL CALL: Mark Heisey, Dale Reichert, April Trivitt, Mayor Craig Peterson. Travus Brown and Hugh Wellen were absent.

Also in Attendance: Chad Clabaugh, Engineer; Guy Beneventano, Solicitor; Loreen Greer, Secretary/Treasurer

VISITOR(S): Laura Carson, Abbottstown; Walter Baker, Abbottstown; Andy Brough, Conewago Construction representing G & S Foods; Dale Spahr, G & S Foods; David Smith, NOJAL Baseball; David Bolton, ACBA; B. J. Giangiuolo, H.A. Thomson Company

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT(S): none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

GUESTS:

- Mr. Giangiuolo reviewed the insurance coverages the borough currently has with H. A. Thomson Company
- Mr. Bolton reviewed Resolution 2014-02 from the Adams County Boroughs Association in support of Industrial hemp Cultivation in Pennsylvania. He presented a revised version of the sample resolution.
- Mr. Smith said that the New Oxford Junior American Legion baseball teams could adjust their schedule to play all their home games prior to mid-June so that they would not be using the fields during the construction of the new municipal building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- ***Motion to approve minutes of February 19, 2015 made by Mark Heisey; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion unanimously carried 3 Ayes.***

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- ***Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Mark Heisey; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 3 Ayes***

APPROVAL TO PAY BILL(S):

- ***Motion to authorize payment of bills as presented by Dale Reichert; 2nd by Mark Heisey; Motion unanimously carried, 3 Ayes***

REPORTS:

ABBOTTSTOWN PARADISE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

The next meeting will be March 24th.

COMMITTEES

- Adams County Tax Collection Committee – none
- Advisory – none
- Center Square Maintenance – none

- Construction
 - Location of municipal building
Motion made by Mark Heisey to tear down the existing pavilion/kitchen and put the municipal office building on that site; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion unanimously carried, 3 Ayes
 - Floor Plan Options
Motion made by Mark Heisey to use floor plan option #3 (three) for the municipal office with some minor adjustments; 2nd by April Trivitt; Motion unanimously carried, 3 Ayes
- Finance and Budget – none
- Parks and Recreation
 - 2015 Yard Sale
Motion made by Mark Heisey to hold a Community Yard Sale at the Recreation Park; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion unanimously carried, 3 Ayes
 - 2015 Y. S. Ads
Motion made by Mark Heisey to approve \$150 in advertising costs for the Community Yard Sale; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion unanimously carried, 3 Ayes
- Personnel – none
- Sidewalk & Street Committee – none

COMMONWEALTH CODE INSPECTION SERVICES

- Building Permit Report – February report presented
- Code Enforcement Report – February report presented

EAST BERLIN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER

Craig reported that the center will be replacing part of the roof, they are getting ready to install Wi-Fi in the building, install new computer systems and hire two new Fitness Center employees. The center will have 21 summer camps for children and youth.

ENGINEER

Chad Clabaugh surveyors will be working on Sutton Road and Country Club Road. A meeting with the Sidewalks/Streets Committee will be scheduled. He will bring the plan for the storm sewer replacement on South Country Club Road and East Fleet Street to council for approval. Chad expects to get approval to advertise for the 2015 street repairs bids at April's meeting.

Rob Thaeler, Abbottstown Borough's Zoning Officer would like direction from council on the use of Land Development plans.

Motion made by Mark Heisey to have the Zoning Officer forward the documents to the Borough Solicitor and authorize the solicitor to render an opinion; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion unanimously carried, 3 Ayes

MAYOR

Craig presented his February report

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE REPORT – February report presented

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Presented draft of March 10th minutes

Dale reported the Planning Commission unanimously voted to conditionally recommend approval of waivers on the plan for G & S Foods. Chad said there are a handful of administrative items to be addressed and a major item; widening Sutton Road. The Borough Solicitor does not recommend voting on the waiver requests at this time. There has been an extension for approval of their plan until April 17th.

SECRETARY REPORT

- February report presented
- Abbottstown Borough has been designated as being located in the MS4 region.

UNITED HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY #33 REPORT – February report presented

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 03/16/15 Adams County Boroughs Association – March 2015 Newsletter
- 03/19/15 American Rivers – info on MS4's

OLD BUSINESS:

- Park Painting Quotes
Motion made by Mark Heisey to hire R. H. Mummert's to paint the ball field buildings; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion unanimously carried, 3 Ayes
- Street Sweeping
Motion made by Mark Heisey to contract with East Berlin to sweep the borough streets using the contract prepared by East Berlin with the following changes: "E. In the event of damages to the street sweeper (equipment) during this service, Abbottstown Borough is responsible to cover a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) insurance deductible as required by East Berlin's insurance coverage." and strike "F." altogether; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion unanimously carried, 3 Ayes
- Brush & Limb Cleanup – Tabled
Craig has been in contact with Ned Landis of Asplundh Inc and is waiting for a reply from Penn Township engineer as the township offers this service to their residents also.
- Resolution 2015-04 Sale of Personal Property
Motion made by Mark Heisey to approve Resolution 2015-04 Sale of Personal Property; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion unanimously carried, 3 Ayes

NEW BUSINESS:

- Accepting Mowing Bids for Park
Motion made by Mark Heisey to contract with Keith's Lawn and Landscape, LLC for mowing services for 2015; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion unanimously carried, 3 Ayes

- New Oxford Junior American Legion Ball Team
Loreen asked council for direction in approving the NOJAL for the use of the ball fields since there has been difficulty in receiving the required information in the past years. Mark Heisey will contact Dave Smith regarding the issue.
- ACT 194 – Tax Collector Training
The Borough Tax Collector is required by ACT 194 to take courses, 6 credits, each year at a cost of approximately \$240 per year.
- Resolution 2015-06 Adams County Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption
Motion made by Dale Reichert to approve Resolution 2015-06 Adopting Adams County's Hazard Mitigation Plan; 2nd by Mark Heisey; Motion unanimously carried, 3 Ayes
- PSAB Conference
Motion made by Mark Heisey to approve payment of costs up to \$200 for April Trivitt to attend the PSAB Spring Conference; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion unanimously carried, 3 Ayes
- Resolution 2015-08 Adams County Combined Board of Appeals
Motion made by Mark Heisey to approve Resolution 2015-08 Approving Adams County UCC Combined Board of Appeals as the Abbottstown Borough Board of Appeals; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion unanimously carried, 3 Ayes
- Amendment to Snowplowing Agreement
Motion made by Mark Heisey to approve the amendment to the snow removal agreement; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion unanimously carried, 3 Ayes
- Resolution 2015-07 Support of Industrial Hemp Cultivation in Pennsylvania
Motion made by Mark Heisey to approve with changes Resolution 2015-07 Support of Industrial Hemp Cultivation in Pennsylvania; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion unanimously carried, 3 Ayes

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Council Vice President Mark Heisey
Mark reported that the Construction Committee did look at some energy options going "Green".
- Councilor Travus Brown – absent
- Councilor Hugh Wellen – absent
- Councilor Dale Reichert – none
- Mayor Craig Peterson – none
- Secretary Loreen Greer – none
- Council President April Trivitt
April reported that Loreen is looking into grants for the new municipal building. Questions regarding the new building must go through the Construction Committee. The auction of the borough owned property on Race Track Road is set for May 30th at 10:00 a.m.

Dale Gettel will check on illegally parked cars on borough streets.
Loreen will check on any borough ordinances that may cover barking dogs.
Personal comments/opinions should not be used in the article in the Borough newsletter.
More borough information will be available when the new website is hosted by Adams County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Mr. Bolton thanked council for their support with the Industrial Hemp issue

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next council meeting is April 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Mark Heisey to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 3 Ayes.

Submitted,

Loreen Greer, Secretary - Treasurer