

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

June 20, 2019 7PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Dennis Posey

ROLL CALL: Laura Baker, Dale Reichert, April O'Brien, Dennis Posey, Daniel Watkins.
Also in attendance: Mayor Duane Watson; Administrator/Secretary/Treasurer, David Bolton, MBA, CBO; Solicitor, Tim Shultis. Engineer, Chad Clabaugh. Code Enforcement, Jim Graham.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Presentation of "Exploring PA Boroughs" from PSAB and PCN.**
Executive session was held on personnel matters 6:35-7:05.

GUESTS: Steve Garvick, 101 Sutton Rd, Abbottstown, Craig and Faith Peterson, 207 E. King Street, T.W. Burger Gettysburg Times, Susanne Littlestar, 39 Town Circle, Abbottstown, Dave Arndt 39 Town Circle Abbottstown.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS: Volunteer Recognition Week in Abbottstown, June 23-29th.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ***Motion made by Dale Reichert to accept the minutes of May 16; 2nd by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Council reviewed the financial documents and prepared bills; Mr. Bolton answered questions concerning specifics. A bank audit was also presented, which was thoroughly reviewed by Ms. O'Brien.

Motion made by April O'Brien to accept the Treasurer's Report through May 31, 2019; 2nd by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Motion made by Dan Watkins to approve paying the bills as presented; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

ADMINISTRATOR – David W. Bolton, MBA, CBO, updated Council on the following:

- ⇒ Abbottstown received three awards at the PSAB Annual Conference. More information in the PSAB Committee report.
- ⇒ Correspondences from the Moore case. To date, \$6,600 collected, \$17,925 due. Payment due May 12th past due (\$2000), June 12th (\$1500).
- ⇒ Borough and County voting delegate for PSAB Annual Conference (in comm. report).
- ⇒ Codification process; continuing to work with Mr. Shultis; updates in his report.

- ⇒ Ordinance establishing Fire/EMS service, Nuisances completed & forwarded to Mr. Shultis; revisions completed; collaboration on tax and codification ordinances; update during Solicitor report; action in New Business.
- ⇒ President Posey installed electricity in concession stand; meter has been installed.
- ⇒ Preliminary Cost Analysis for items needed to establish Police Dept. was given out at last Council meeting. (informational)
- ⇒ Carpets cleaned in Municipal Office after election per Council.
- ⇒ COG Comcast Negotiation meeting with Sam Wiser (June 10th). Information collected from the five municipalities already committed. New Oxford decided not to participate with Salzmann Hughes. Ceiling quote of \$6000 total shared between all. Billing based on total participants (\$1200 for 5). Gettysburg has not entered into group.
- ⇒ Adams County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee, “nominated” to serve on behalf of Abbottstown and Adams County as a whole, to prepare new H.M. Plan thru 2023. First meeting is Monday, June 24th at Emergency Services Bldg. Council approve?
- ⇒ Public Works supplies: Quote from Garden State Highway Products (\$253.50) for curb paint and sign for W. Fleet St. Negotiated with Gemmill for same at \$129.25; saved \$124.25 (half price) with free delivery.
- ⇒ Newsletter company (Hometown Press) did not make enough from our previous issues; will not produce any more. Gettysburg Times has given me an article bi-weekly for “Neighborhoods” section to display happenings and events in Abbottstown.
- ⇒ Borough website updated with information on ordinance, minutes, etc.
- ⇒ Adams County Planning & Development “Parks, Recreation and Green Space Grant Program” open for 2019 cycle. Trying to find someone with drone for photos of park.
- ⇒ PSAB efforts to have PennDOT provide funding for stormwater solutions for their projects through municipalities.
- ⇒ Meeting with J.A. Myers and Hanover Land Services on development along Sutton Road held on Monday, June 18th at 3 pm. More in Engineer reports.
- ⇒ Proposal for services from AT&T for phones. Monthly cost for only phones is \$60.80 plus 6% sales tax; current bill from Comcast is \$89.41 per month. Fee of \$200 for equipment (one-time) would pay for itself after 10 months, if current is not compatible. Not sure how that would affect our internet service with Comcast.
- ⇒ Adams County Coordinating Committee meeting June 13th. Report in binder. I announced I will be stepping down as Chair.
- ⇒ House Bill 1400 (Small Wireless Facility Deployment) being pushed through legislature. PSAB opposing (Abbottstown resolution).
- ⇒ Insurance coverages for Bulldog baseball field with Mr. Shultis and Councilor Baker.
- ⇒ Discussion on purchasing solar-powered roundabout warning signs (4) at \$899.99 each (comparable to \$1,400 to \$1,700 from other suppliers) with restitution money.
- ⇒ Christian Harris, our new Intern, is an Abbottstown resident and West Chester grad (MPA). Introduction to Council.

SOLICITOR – Tim Shultis

-- The Residence at the Bridges: Construction to begin Monday. Berwick Kinneman improvements pending. Graham asks about bond for our side of road. Chad asks about traffic and cuts ordinances. No bond issued to Berwick yet. Developer will be contacted about York Water Permit for water, sewer, and storm drains. Weight restriction on Kinneman brought up, pictures of before and after of road condition. Dennis proposed holding permits to keep

damage abated prior to bond. Graham states that an axel limit will be easier to enforce that weight, Shultis agrees. Shelva thanks for usage of buildings during election and for the service of the Constable, Council thanks her for her service.

-- Codification adoption update. Several issues, added content. Tax ordinances EIT pre-Act 32 draft. Send out "new" ordinances to discuss. Realty ordinance is okay, process.

-- Agreement for baseball field use. Committing to 2020 season? Bulldogs want to know by October 1st for next season.

Motion made by Laura Baker for October notice on baseball field use; 2nd by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 4 Ayes 1 Nay (April O'Brien opposed).

ENGINEER – Chad Clabaugh

-- G&S Stormwater issue from 2015, resident wants different layout as co-applicant and must file for new permit. Rolled curb to keep water off street, original drained around back to creek. Vendor \$4k bond online of credit. Permit will need to be brought before borough council before issuing.

-- 2019 Pavement Preservation Project Update. Underbudget so far with materials, chip and seal planned for next month, no AFP yet. W. Fleet Street grading will need to be redone, poor quality. Chad will get to dates for work to inform residents.

-- Meeting with J.A. Myers and Hanover Land Services. Sutton Road Estates stormwater issues already paved and has potential issues identified. New land development plan needed first, all other discussion in public. The units will be single family, non-high density.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – James Graham

-- Potential future issues with animals in borough brought up, both Berwick and New Oxford have families with chickens, goats, cows, in residential area. Dennis believes that an ordinance should be after the fact not before. Laura will gather examples from Franklin County.

COMMITTEES and ORGANIZATIONS:

Abbottstown-Paradise Joint Sewer Authority – April O'Brien: Reports in Binder

Adams County Boroughs Association – April O'Brien

Adams County Council of Governments – David W. Bolton

Adams County Tax Collections Committee – Craig Peterson: Reports in Binder

Parks and Recreation – Laura Baker: -- AbbottstownPark.org updates

-- Updates on Raeanne Stumpf: PT Laborer. Raeanne doing well with work. Curb will need to be painted first weekend of July. Laura will call Don if needed. Seal curbs/pavement might require Lowe's card.

-- Lawyer will be needed for 2nd week of July on park non-profit to finish paperwork. September planned Town Picnic. August PCN to get coverage. Phone has been purchased for Non-profit, website and FB page soon. P.O. box aquired.

CORRESPONDENCE – Several in Binder, to include:

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER:

- Building Permit/Inspection Report – May 2019 report
- Codes Enforcement Report – May 2019 report
- Enforcement Strategy/Discussions included in Binder/Mayor emailed.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE:

- May 2019 report

UNITED HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY #33:

- May 2019 report

ADAMS REGIONAL EMS:

- May 2019 report

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS: Consideration of Ordinance 2019-01, establishing a municipal police department in Abbottstown Borough.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-01 as presented to establish the Abbottstown Borough Police Department made by April O'Brien; 2nd by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Consideration of authorization for advertisement of Ordinance 2019-02, designating a Fire and EMS coverage for the Borough of Abbottstown.

Motion to approve advertisement of Ordinance 2019-02 as presented with adoption scheduled for July 18th meeting made by April O'Brien; 2nd by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Consideration of authorization for advertisement of Ordinance 2019-02, defining Nuisances and penalties within the Borough of Abbottstown.

Motion to approve advertisement of Ordinance 2019-03 as presented with adoption scheduled for July 18th meeting made by Laura Baker; 2nd by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Consideration of Authorization for advertisement of Ordinance 2019-04, revising the Earned Income Tax Ordinance.

Motion to approve advertisement of Ordinance 2019-04 as presented with adoption scheduled for July 19th meeting made by April O'Brien; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Chief Steve Rabine 10-year Anniversary of United Hook and Ladder, Hampton on board as of today. Dennis thanks for service.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Councilor Laura Baker – G&S plans on Sutton Rd water? Chad states that project for expansion never was started per land development plan.
- Councilor April Trivitt – Nothing further.
- Councilor Daniel Watkins – Nothing further.
- Administrator David Bolton – Performance review due next meeting.
- Mayor Duane Watson – Nothing further.
- Council Vice President Dale Reichert – Nothing further.
- Council President Dennis Posey – Thanks to volunteers

RECESS: Executive session 8:50pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Next Council meeting is Jul 18th, 2019 at 7 pm.

Motion made by Dan Watkins to adjourn at 9:01 pm; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.