

# Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

April 20, 2017 7PM

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Laura Baker, Dennis Posey, Dale Reichert, April Trivitt, Daniel Watkins  
Also in attendance: Mayor Craig Peterson; Secretary/Treasurer, Loreen Greer; Solicitor, Guy Beneventano; Engineer, Chad Clabaugh.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** An Executive Session was held on April 20, 2017 from 6:45 – 7:13 p.m. to obtain legal advice on pending legal matters.

**OPENING BIDS FOR BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTIES:**

No bids were received for either property. Dennis will contact St. John's Lutheran Church to see if they are interested in acquiring the North Queen Street parcel. The Kinneman Road parcel will be put up for sale by owner for two months.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** none

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

***Motion made by Dale Reichert to accept the minutes of March 16, 2017; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes***

***Motion made by Daniel Watkins to accept the minutes of April 6, 2017; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes***

**REPORTS:**

**TREASURER:**

***Motion made by April Trivitt to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2017; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes***

***Motion made by April Trivitt to approve paying the bills as presented; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes***

**ABBOTTSTOWN PARADISE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – April Trivitt**  
January 24, 2017 minutes were presented

**ADAMS COUNTY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION – no report**

**ADAMS COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – no report**

**COMMITTEES:**

- Adams County Tax Collection Committee – no report
- Finance and Budget – no report
- Parks and Recreation –  
Stones will be placed under the dumpster  
A steel plate will be installed over the storage shed door to seal it off.
- Personnel – no report

- Sidewalk & Street Committee –  
2017 Stormwater Improvements Project (Clinton Alley)  
The project is expected to come in at \$40,000; \$15,000 less than the first plan presented.

***Motion made by Dale Reichert to authorize Chad to advertise for bids for the 2017 Stormwater Improvement Project; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes***

***Motion made by Daniel Watkins to approve form of agreement between Abbottstown Borough and Mr. & Mrs. Bailey with such changes as may be approved by Solicitor; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes***

***Motion made by Daniel Watkins to approve form of agreement between Abbottstown Borough and Mr. & Mrs. Mummert with such changes as may be approved by Solicitor; 2<sup>nd</sup> by April Trivitt; Motion carried, 5 Ayes***

Vacate Clinton Alley between West King Street and West Water Street  
Guy will email a draft of the vacation ordinance to Council by Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> for comments. He needs to advertise no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>, but will try for April 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

March 2017 Building Permit and Codes Enforcement reports were presented

#### **EAST BERLIN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER**

February 20, 2017 minutes and March 20, 2017 minutes were presented

***Motion made by Dennis Posey to appoint Nancy Posey to be an Abbottstown Borough representative on the East Berlin Area Community Center Board; 2<sup>nd</sup> by April Trivitt; Motion carried, 4 Ayes, 1 Abstention Dennis Posey***

**ENGINEER** – see Sidewalk & Streets Committee report and New Business

**MAYOR** – no report

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES** – no report

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE** – March 2017 report was presented

**SECRETARY** – no report

**UNITED HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY #33 & AREMS** – March 2017 report was presented

**YORK ADAMS TAX BUREAU** – no report

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

02/23/17	Adams County Council of Governments	minutes of 02/23/17 meeting
03/24/17	Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs	2016-2017 annual report
03/31/17	Boyer & Ritter LLC	2016 audit report

04/06/17

Berwick Township

Notice of zoning hearing for Kinneman Rd property

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Police Coverage –

Use of regional force in lieu of State Police – Dan reported that the E.A.R.P.Chief is going to wait until after the current round of arbitration is over to meet with the borough. Dan found out that any hours left over can be carried over to the next period. He also reported that if someone sues an officer and EARP, if it happens in Abbottstown Borough, the borough can incur all legal costs and as well as defense for the police department.

Police Ordinance Tax being proposed by the state includes a \$25 head tax to support the State Police.

Trash Collection 2018 Contract – no report

Rental Property Ordinance – Guy suggests asking Andy Merkel to attend a meeting to talk about his experience with rental regulations. Gettysburg Borough has an ordinance in place that could be reviewed. This will be on the May 4<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Trunk or Treat – no report

HVAC Maintenance – no report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Veteran Banners – Council would like Susan to provide a more specific proposal.

Planters on Traffic Circle – Faith will go to Cashman's to pick up plants (12 per pot) and supplies.

***Motion made by Daniel Watkins to authorize Faith to purchase plants and supplies for the pots on the circle not to exceed \$300; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes***

Sutton Road Water Issue on the 100 block of Sutton Road

Denny Alwine reported via email dated 4/06/17, drainage issues at his home on Sutton Road. Both Dale and Chad explained the issues involved in the standing water. G & S Foods and Mr. Alwine agreed to a stormwater plan that G & S Foods is responsible for. Dennis will respond to Mr. Alwine letting him know G & S Foods is responsible for correcting this problem.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilor Laura Baker – none
- Secretary Loreen Greer – none
- Mayor Craig Peterson – none

- Council Vice President Dale Reichert – reminded council of the SkyWarn training being presented April 25<sup>th</sup> by the Adams County Dept of Emergency Services
- Councilor April Trivitt – none
- Councilor Daniel Watkins – none
- Council President Dennis Posey – none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next council meeting is May 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Laura Baker to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes***