

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting January 19, 2023 - 6 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Frank Anderson, Laura Baker, Dennis Posey, Dale Reichert, April O'Brien, Mayor Dan Watkins, M/S/T Dr. David W. Bolton, Solicitor Tim Shultis, Esq., Chief James Graham. Engineer Erik Vranich was excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Dennis Posey

ANNOUNCEMENTS: An Executive Session was held tonight from 5:30 to 6:00 pm to consult with Solicitor on matters of pending litigation which may be filed (Section 08-A4).

GUESTS: Roberto Rivera, 62 Cardinal Court, Abbottstown
Amanda Hollenbaugh, Gettysburg Times
Todd Kurl, RGS Associates
David Cunningham for Keller Engineers

PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only): None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept minutes from December 15, 2022, as presented; Seconded by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 4 Ayes (O'Brien abstains, did not attend meeting).*

TREASURER REPORTS: Dr. Bolton provided an update on the borough's fiscal status.

*Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept the Treasurer's Reports thru 12/31/22
Seconded by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

*Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru
1/19/2023; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

*Motion made by Frank Anderson to ratify bills paid through December 31, 2022
(previously tabled); Seconded by April O'Brien. Motion carried; 5 Ayes.*

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Dr. Bolton updated Council on projects, current agreements, and other borough activity.

⇒ Copier: \$4,065.00 for purchase with fixed repair agreement for \$62/quarter.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve purchase; Seconded by Laura Baker. Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

⇒ Res. 2023-01 2nd Amendment Sanctuary Borough Designation

TABLED

⇒ Working on state reporting, audit prep (2), and researching grant opportunities.

⇒ PA One Call Board meeting January 24-25 in Harrisburg.

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis

- ⇒ Nuisance Ordinance (2023-01) – vote to enact as duly advertised.
Motion made by Frank Anderson to enact Ordinance 2023-01; Seconded by Laura Baker. Motion carried, 5 Ayes.
- ⇒ Discussion on dog regulation ordinance proposal. Codification sets limits of number of dogs to (4) per property. Solicitor will double-check all actions to ensure these were enacted by ordinance previously and will advise Council at the next meeting.

ENGINEER: Dave Cunningham for Keller Engineers

- ⇒ Sutton Run Estates : Engineer asks to table the Sewage Planning Module approval pending a Zoning Hearing Board decision on variance for density restrictions (4A). Mr. Graham will work to arrange ZHB upon receipt of application.
- ⇒ Affordable Pet Supply : Engineer recommends three actions –
1. Conditional approval of Sewer Planning Module (***Anderson/Reichert, 5-0***)
 2. Four waivers addressed in Eng. Letter (***Anderson/Reichert, 5-0***)
 3. Conditional Approval of Final Land Development Plan with Solicitor to review and recommend final language for #9 (roads) as addressed in Review Letter from Engineer dated 1.12.2023 (***Anderson/Reichert, 4-1, O'Brien***)
- ⇒ MS4 Permit Waiver – filed and pending

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr. – Nothing at this time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: PMCA – Code & Zoning Officer James Graham informs Council of various enforcement efforts in the borough for the previous month. Reports submitted.

ABPD: Reports in file. Chief James Graham presents 2022 cumulative statistics for the department and informs Council that he is working on the speed sign trailer.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Reports filed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Watkins asks that Manager Bolton get commendations for the police officers to recognize their service during COVID-19 outbreak, and would like to prepare to add a third officer for 2024 budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Councilor O'Brien inquires about Warehouse Rocks project. Code Officer Graham explains the delays and process that needs to be completed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular Council meeting is February 16, 2023, at 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: ***Motion made by Frank Anderson to adjourn at 7:36 pm; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***