

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting
February 16, 2017 **7PM**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 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 February 16, 2017 from 6:18 – 7:00 p.m. to obtain legal advice on pending legal matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

GUESTS: Brad Pinz, John Chicorelli and Rory McGlasson of The Walsh Group re: Route 194 bridge repair. Mr. McGlasson explained the scope of the project, stating the work should begin mid-June and last ten weeks. Signage will be put up two weeks before the start of work. Renovations will include a box culvert, 12 feet lanes with 8 feet shoulders. Walsh Group will be the contact point for questions and problems. The plans will be on display at the borough office until March 3rd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 19, 2017

Motion made by Daniel Watkins to accept the minutes of January 19, 2017; 2nd by April Trivitt; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

February 2, 2017

Motion made by Daniel Watkins to accept the minutes of February 2, 2017; 2nd by April Trivitt; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

REPORTS:

TREASURER:

Profit /Loss Statements; Check Registers

Motion made by April Trivitt to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2017; 2nd by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

Approval to Pay Bills

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

ABBOTTSTOWN PARADISE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – April Trivitt

November 22, 2016 meeting minutes presented

Next meeting is March 28th at 6:00 p.m.

ADAMS COUNTY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION – April Trivitt

Next meeting is Monday March 13th at 6:15pm – anyone interested in attending must let them know prior to the meeting. They will no longer allow walk-ins.

ADAMS COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – Craig Peterson

Next meeting is February 23rd at 8:30 a.m.

COMMITTEES:

- Adams County Tax Collection Committee – no report
- Finance and Budget – no report
- Parks and Recreation
Laura is talking to youth in the area to get their ideas for raising funds for the matching grant.
Loreen will get three quotes for repairing dug out roof. She will give results to Council and they will decide if an insurance claim should be filed.
- Personnel – no report
Reviews
- Sidewalk & Street Committee
2017 Stormwater Improvements – Committee recommends abandoning Clinton Alley after completing the following improvements: remove the pavement on Clinton Alley; fill the low area where ponding occurs with soil; reestablish the private stone drive off Water street to the existing residence/garage; grade along the back of Ivy Hall to provide positive drainage to a pipe that will be install along Water Street down to the existing inlet at the intersection of Abbott St.

Chad will speak to the property owners at 337 West King Street and 381 West King Street to explain the proposal and get their reactions.

Motion made by Daniel Watkins that Chad will move forward with the Clinton Alley talking to both property owners. If both property owners agree, he moves forward with the project, reports back to council with a ratification for next month; 2nd Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

Chad asked about advertising the project. Dennis said if both property owners agree to the borough abandoning the alley, then Chad could go ahead and get things going. The only thing that would come into play is if one or both parties disagree. If Chad gets a verbal agreement from the property owners, then he will draw up a design, send it to Guy and have Guy write up an agreement for property owners to sign prior to construction.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Building Permit Report – January 2017 report
- Codes Enforcement Report – January 2017 report

EAST BERLIN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER – no report

ENGINEER

Chad reported that they haven't heard anything on the MS4 waiver request.

MAYOR –

The newsletter was mailed on Saturday.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES – no report

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE – January 2017 report

SECRETARY PERMIT REPORT – January 2017 report

UNITED HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY #33 – January 2017 report

YORK ADAMS TAX BUREAU – no report

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

Appraisal of Borough Owned Properties – Decision on sale of properties

Motion made by Laura Baker to advertise for bids for two borough owned properties; 105 Kinneman Road and North Queen Street (Route 194); 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

Bids to be opened at March 16th meeting.

Police Coverage

Dan was told by E.A.R.P. Chief Staab that Chief Staab would like to meet with Council. Dan is going to set up a time for him to meet with council.

Trash Collection 2018 Contract – no report

Recognition of Past Donations – tabled until May

Keystone Historical Marker – tabled until May

Electric Rate Comparisons

Craig gave presented a rate proposal from APPI. Guy a sample APPI Electric agreement to review. Craig would like to have something definite to present by the March 2nd council meeting. Guy suggested two changes to the agreement which he made note of on the sample and returned to Craig.

MS4 – see Engineer’s report

Rental Property Ordinance – no report

Trunk or Treat – no report

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Daniel Watkins to allow Guy to use the papers in the box and return them to the Borough after he’s completed his review; 2nd Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

HVAC Maintenance – Dennis will contact an HVAC company to get pricing.

Landscaping Agreement – Loreen will contact at least three companies for pricing.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilor Laura Carson – none
- Secretary Loreen Greer – none
- Mayor Craig Peterson – none
- Council Vice President Dale Reichert – none
- Councilor April Trivitt would like the Fire Company Annual report to be returned to the Borough Office. She also wanted clarification on who represents the borough to the ACBA and the PSAB. Dennis thought the positions were switched; Dennis would be PSBA rep and April would be ACAB rep., but the January minutes show April as rep for both.
- Councilor Daniel Watkins is aware of a petition being circulated regarding police coverage.
- Council President Dennis Posey thanked Guy and Dan for the work they have done on the issues at 312 Sutton Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next council meeting is March 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Laura Baker to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.