

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting
February 02, 2017 7PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Laura Baker, Dennis Posey, Dale Reichert, April Trivitt, Daniel Watkins,
Also in attendance: Mayor Craig Peterson; Secretary/Treasurer, Loreen Greer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ANNOUNCEMENT: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

APPROVAL OF BILL(S):

The payment for the Quickbooks Payroll Renewal could not be processed on the Borough credit card due to a \$500 limit on the card. In order to get the payroll renewed in time for the quarterly tax returns and the end of year tax returns, the borough secretary used her personal credit card to pay the subscription fee.

Motion made by April Trivitt to approve paying Loreen Greer for Intuit Payroll Renewal, \$520.11; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion approved, 5 Ayes

GUESTS:

Ron Smeal, President of W. R. Smeal Police Management Consultant
Mr. Smeal met with Council concerning police coverage for the borough. Currently EARP is offering the Borough blocks of 10 hours per weeks for an annual cost of \$47,000 (\$90/hour). If only one block of 10 hours per week is purchased for the year, they will only respond to 911 calls and not do any patrolling. Grants for salaries is usually limited to just one year. Currently Abbottstown Borough is covered by the PA State Police and they will not enforce any local ordinances. The borough should hire someone separately to do the code enforcement. Mr. Smeal said that a part-time force is not the way to go to start; the start-up costs are extremely high. He recommends the borough just buy blocks of time and not join the regional force.

It was agreed to pay Mr. Smeal for his mileage for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Hearing Board Member Appointment

Motion made by April Trivitt to appoint Sandy Myers to the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board for a term to end December 31, 2019; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

Newsletter – Craig presented the draft newsletter for council's approval. Some slight changes were made.

Motion made by Dennis Posey to proceed with the newsletter with the changes discussed; 2nd by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

NEW BUSINESS: none

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilor Laura Baker – Laura will have Guy review the sample reservation form to see what changes need to be made to the borough’s current form. Laura attended a PSAB grant writing seminar. She will check with Chad to see if C. S. Davidson will donate the architectural drawing for the playground design.
- Secretary Loreen Greer – none
- Mayor Craig Peterson – none
- Council Vice President Dale Reichert – none
- Councilor April Trivitt – April asked who was going to meet with EARP about possible police coverage. Dennis and Dan will contact them.
- Councilor Daniel Watkins – Dan asked about looking into codification of the ordinances.
- Council President Dennis Posey

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next council meeting is February 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Daniel Watkins to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.; 2nd by April Trivitt; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

Submitted,

Loreen Greer, Secretary – Treasurer