

**Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting**  
**July 16, 2015**

Meeting was called to order in the Council Room at 7:03 p.m. by Council President April Trivitt.

COUNCIL ROLL CALL: Mark Heisey, Dale Reichert, April Trivitt, Hugh Wellen, Mayor Craig Peterson.

Also in Attendance: Guy Beneventano, Solicitor; Chad Clabaugh, Engineer;  
Loreen Greer, Secretary/Treasurer

VISITOR(S): Perry Shearer, Abbottstown; Debbie Shearer, Abbottstown; Angelo Galantino, Abbottstown; Mary Galantino, Abbottstown; Chris Bianco, New Oxford; Sandy Myers, Abbottstown

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT(S): An executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. June 16, 2015 to obtain legal counsel

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Perry Shearer suggested installing a storm water drain on the south side of East Fleet Street at the South Country Club Road intersection. He also had hoped to see decorations on the circle for Memorial Day and Fourth of July. He is disappointed to see weeds growing at the circle.
- Debbie Shearer commented on the amount of weeds on the sidewalk at 105 East King Street and several other places on the south side of Route 30.
- Angelo Galantino said that maintenance should be done on the circle after the Square Beautification Project. He believes the concrete planters that were ordered for the circle will crack during the winter when water gets in them and freezes. He also points out that a lot of thistles and high weeds are present on the circle

NEW OFFICE MUNICIPAL BUILDING:

- Report from the Construction Committee – Mark Heisey  
Demolition should get started next week; electric will be disconnected early next week. The landscaping can be done after the building is completed; any time within five years. Chad suggests it being completed during the summer of 2016.  
The electric contractor has found light fixtures that work the same at significant savings to the borough.
- Engineer's response to Adams County Office of Planning and Development
- Engineer's response to Abbottstown Borough Zoning Officer
- Engineer's List of Requested Land Development Waivers
- Construction Insurance  
***Motion made by Hugh Wellen to acquire Construction Insurance Coverage not to exceed \$3,000 for 241 High Street; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Heisey; Motion carried, 4 Ayes***

GUESTS:

Sgt Matthew Nickey of the Pennsylvania State Police, Gettysburg Barracks introduced himself to Council. He presented a map of Adams County showing coverage area and explained how the State Police patrol their areas/zones. He reviewed the numbers of calls for

June 2015 and the annual numbers. Sgt Nickey then answered questions about borough code violations, stops signs and night time coverage.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

***Motion made by Mark Heisey to approve minutes of June 18, 2015 with the addition of the contract awards information; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hugh Wellen; Motion carried 4 Ayes.***

#### REPORTS:

##### TREASURER'S REPORT:

***Motion made by Mark Heisey to accept the Treasurer's Report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 4 Ayes***

##### APPROVAL TO PAY BILL(S):

***Motion made by Mark Heisey to authorize payment of bills as presented; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 4 Ayes***

##### ABBOTTSTOWN PARADISE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

The next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2015

#### COMMITTEES

- Adams County Tax Collection Committee – none
- Advisory – none
- Center Square Maintenance - none
- Construction – see NEW OFFICE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
- Finance and Budget
  - General Fund and Liquid Fuels Fund 2016 budget information
- Parks and Recreation - none
- Personnel – April Trivitt
  - April conducted the secretary's review.  
***Motion made by Hugh Wellen to give Loreen Greer a \$.55 per hour raise; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Heisey; Motion carried, 4 Ayes***
- Sidewalk & Street Committee – Dale Reichert
  - Award 2015 Street Repair Contract  
***Motion made by Dale Reichert to reject the bid received for the 2015 Street Repair project; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hugh Wellen; Motion carried, 4 Ayes***  
Chad explained that the bid that came in was extremely high and he did an analysis comparing other similar current projects showing much lower prices. It is his recommendation to reject the bid received. He will follow up with the Sidewalk and Street Committee.
  - 5 West King Street sidewalk repair –  
The Solicitor and Engineer will work with the Street and Sidewalk Committee to find a solution for the problem and make a recommendation to Council at the August meeting.

#### COMMONWEALTH CODE INSPECTION SERVICES

- June 2015 Building Permit Report presented
- June 2015 Code Enforcement Report presented

EAST BERLIN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER – June report presented

## ENGINEER

A design of the storm drains on East Fleet Street was done in conjunction with the street repair project. They will be separated from the street repairs because they are stand-alone projects and will do better on pricing as separate projects. The design calls for two inlets on either side of East Fleet Street and a third one across the intersection. The borough should go out for bids in January.

MAYOR – none

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE

- June report presented

## PLANNING COMMISSION

- July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled due to lack of issues to be discussed

## SECRETARY

- June report presented
- The American flag was repaired and taken to Whistler Dry Cleaners who will clean it at no cost.

## UNITED HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY #33

- June report presented

## CORRESPONDENCE –

06/30/15 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan approval

## OLD BUSINESS –

- Joint Regional Police Force – no report
- Resolution 2015-11 Sale of Race Track Road Property  
***Motion made by Mark Heisey to approve Resolution 2015-11; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.***

NEW BUSINESS – none

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mary Galantino believes a survey was not done and her property was taken unlawfully. Faith Peterson was Council President at the time. She never signed a document to take the property. C. S. Davidson has given a recommendation to council for repairs. Her insurance company will not cover this area. She has been told that the Borough's insurance company will not cover the area. The elevation is wrong and there is no curb. She has hired an attorney and will pursue a legal remedy. If the property does not belong to her, she wants refund of the taxes she has been paying on it.
- Debbie Shearer the sidewalk on the south side of East King Street is broken and it is the responsibility of the Borough to have the property owner fix it.
- Angelo Galantino said that Kinsley did not put in the required curb. He feels the curb could have prevented his house from being hit during an accident that occurred last year. Kinsley proposed to put in a legal curb as a solution; a curb which should have been installed to begin with. Pennsylvania requires a 6" curb. At the onset of the Square Beautification Project, he offered to install hitching posts. That offer was declined.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Secretary Loreen Greer – none
- Council Vice President Mark Heisey – none
- Mayor Craig Peterson – none
- Councilor Dale Reichert – none
- Councilor Hugh Wellen – none
- Council President April Trivitt – parking out front of office is limited to two spaces, please be sure to leave enough room for two cars.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next scheduled Council meeting is August 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Council recessed to an Executive Session at 7:50

Council reconvened at 8:10

Special Council Meeting to discuss the any bids received for the Race Track Road property and to interview financial advisor about issuing a bond for construction of the new municipal building and other projects.

***Motion made by Mark Heisey to hold a special meeting on July 28 2015 at 7:30 p.m.; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.***

***Motion made by Hugh Wellen to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Heisey; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***

Submitted,

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Loreen Greer, Secretary – Treasurer