Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

September 15, 2022 6 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Frank Anderson, Laura Baker, Dale Reichert, April O’Brien, Dennis Posey, Chief James Graham, Solicitor Tim Shultis, Engineer John Golanoski. M/S/T David W. Bolton was excused.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Dale Reichert

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**GUESTS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only):**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** ***Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept minutes from July 21, 2022, as amended; Seconded by April O’Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***

**TREASURER REPORTS:** Mr. Bolton provided an update on the borough’s fiscal status.

***Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept the Treasurer’s Reports thru 7/31/22; Seconded by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 4-1 (O’Brien).***

***Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru 8/18/2022; Seconded by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:** David W. Bolton, MBA, CBO updated Council on projects, current agreements, and other borough activity.

* Met with PennDOT on Aug 12 to discuss programming of Country Club Road bridge.
* Berwick has completed working on catch basins around Abbotts Ct.
* Ross Industries did street sweeping along Rts 30 and 194, and Center Square.
* Previously reported that new interest rate on bldg loan was 3.135% (down from 4.75%,
* 2.75 index). Prime base rate changed again since then, and rate increased by .5%.

**SOLICITOR:** Tim Shultis

* Cheapside Alley development: Walk through done with solicitor and engineer, right of way on deeds, utilities are present. Solicitor recommends asking owner approval first, as project will be disruptive and extensive. Engineer will provide quote prior to start.

**ENGINEER:** John Golanoski

* Sutton Run Estates – Received plan revisions from June submission, Engineer provided comments and expects a new revision based on those comments given to developer.
* MS4 permit renewal – Due in November, renewal of previous permit.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** The Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr. – Mayor is concerned again with the parking on Cheapside. Engineer will review previous study and report back.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** PMCA – Shrubbery problem again at E. Fleet and Country Club Road. Officer Graham will send official letter asking to trim and see if they comply, if they do not comply within 20 days the Council may ask Engineer to again evaluate sight distance study and take legal action.

 Resolution 2022-10 to amend fee schedule in Res. 2021-09 Exhibit A: ***Motion made by Laura Baker; 2nd by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***

**ABPD:** Quiet lately, grant hours have been completed and efforts were successful. Future grants will most likely be available based on this performance.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:** Reports filed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** In File

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**: None

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Councilor O’Brien mentions the start of school and is concerned about people parking too close to intersections at the German Street bus stop. Chief Graham will have an officer on duty Tuesday for the first day of school to ensure safety. She is also concerned about bees in the park. This will be investigated.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Budget Workshop is scheduled for September 1st at 6 pm.

Next regular Council meeting is September 15th at 6 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** ***Motion made by Frank Anderson to adjourn at 6:31 pm; Seconded by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes***.