

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

May 18, 2023 - 6 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Dennis Posey – Moment of Silence is observed.

GUESTS: Tom Danner, Vice-Chair, Berwick Township
Timothy "Dustin" Dewey, 427 Sutton Road

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only): None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept minutes from April 20, 2023, as presented; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

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 4/30/23
Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

*Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru
5/18/2023; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

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

A resolution to oppose HB 299 unfunded mandates supported by PSAB was tabled.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to adopt a resolution for E-cycling services with North York Borough and creating a \$20 charge for services; 2nd by Dale Reichert. Motion carried, 4 Ayes (Baker opposes).

Motion made by Frank Anderson to adopt a resolution for PA One Call eliminating sunset provisions in law; 2nd by April O'Brien. Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to adopt a resolution to dispose of 2015 financial records in accordance with State retention law; 2nd by Laura Baker. Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to authorization Pres. Posey to re-sign Developer's Agreement with Affordable Pet Supply; 2nd by Laura Baker. Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Berwick Township Vice-Chair Tom Danner discusses the issues with H&H Contractors and the work done on Kinneman Road last year. Road must be redone (mill and overlay) due to engineering advice of poor quality work. The two municipalities would split a cost of \$11,700 which was the contingency for the contract. ***Motion made by Laura Baker to engage with Berwick Township for half the costs of \$11,700, contingent on Solicitor's and Engineer's advice; 2nd by Dale Reichert. Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis

Review of Ordinance 2021-03 and the proposed draft contents of Ordinance 2023-02 – Council previously requested that the Solicitor amend Ordinance Section 64-5 to remove acre limits, making it applicable to ANY parcel in the borough. Solicitor has advised to change the working to include “any parcel less than an acre.” ***Motion made by Laura Baker to authorize solicitor to advertise Ord 2023-02; 2nd by Dale Reichert. Motion carried, 4 Ayes (O'Brien opposes).***

ENGINEER: Keller Engineers

No Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr. – Updates Council on his training

CODE ENFORCEMENT: PMCA – Updates Council on current situations in the borough.

ABPD: Reports filed. Chief Graham gives an update on enforcement activities in the borough.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Reports filed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: No comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular Council meeting is June 15, 2023, at 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: ***Motion made by Frank Anderson to adjourn at 6:55 pm; 2nd by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***