

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

April 15, 2021 7 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Frank Anderson, Dale Reichert, Dennis Posey, April O'Brien, Laura Baker (tele), Mayor Daniel Watkins, Sr. Also in attendance: ABPD Chief James Graham; M/S/T David W. Bolton; Solicitor, Tim Shultis; Engineer, John Golanoski.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Posey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Special recognition by Council honor former Mayor Duane Watson for services rendered. Watson proclaims it was his honor to serve as Mayor, is currently very busy business-wise and working on a full time business, a new inspection station in the works.

GUESTS: Requests to be placed on agenda to speak to Council:

Mr. & Mrs. Gutierrez, Abbotts Court — Private stormwater issues/solution – no show.
Ms. Hanna Coulson, W. King Street — Comments on waste collection – now show.
Mr. Scott Alwine, Sutton Rd — Stormwater issues – now show.

Mayor Duane Watson – 335 Sutton Road – Special Recognition.
Karey Markosian – 5 Eisenhart Drive – ‘variety’ (arrived mid-meeting).
Kris Raubenstein, HLS, Inc. – representing the Guterrez Family (end of meeting).

PUBLIC COMMENT: None on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the March 18th meeting presented for approval.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve minutes from 3/18/21; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Treasurer’s report for 3/31/2021 is presented for approval.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve Treasurer’s report from 3/31/2021 as presented; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Motion to approve payment of municipal bills through 4/15/2021.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to ratify/approve paying the bills as presented; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

ADMINISTRATIVE: David Bolton, MBA, CBO

- ⇒ Council has received periodic reports by email during the past month on specific items. PSAB Board of Directors meeting June 2-3 in Hershey; to attend.

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis:

- ⇒ Defers until later reports

ENGINEER: John Golanoski

- ⇒ Multimodal Grant for N/S German Street: No updates from DCED.
- ⇒ Park Phasing: Plan on back burner until next round of grants.
- ⇒ Light post on Center Square: Quote of \$13,600 from Monacacy in Littlestown. President Posey: Concerns about safety, kids.

Motion made by April O'Brien to accept Monacacy quote and submit to insurance; 2nd by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

- ⇒ Accident Wall Damage in Center Square: 2 masons are involved to get pricing.
- ⇒ Jake Brakes: certain qualifiers such as over 4% grade cannot be restricted. Reflective breakaway signs are ok. Rumble strips have not been approved. Frank asks if modified exhaust restrictions are opposed to jake brake restrictions? Engineer states that coming into town from west is less than 4%. Chief has called to find out if something can be done on W. King St. We can restrict jake brakes used coming in from west (all qualifiers met). Mr. Shultis will work on this ordinance after the current slate of activity is completed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr.

- ⇒ Makes recommendation to codify borough ordinances.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to initiate adoption process for Codification Ordinance on Mayor's recommendation; 2nd by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Mr. Shultis will work on ordinance; advertise both new tax ordinances 3 successive weeks for vote at next meeting.

ABBOTTSTOWN BOROUGH POLICE DEPT: Chief James Graham

- ⇒ 130% revenues over budget from enforcement; not the goal but shows activity levels are increased.
- ⇒ Mutual Aid Act in Adams County: Chiefs' of Police meeting last Wednesday; considering Derek Chauvin murder trial, anticipating disturbances or riots in Gettysburg depending on verdict. Any department who responds will be covered

under Gettysburg insurance coverage. Riot gear is not currently available for purchases, some depts have older equipment. President Posey suggests we should look into getting some gear.

- ⇒ NEW HIRE: stagnant with two parties interested.
- ⇒ No Parking on Kinneman: Mr. Shultis advises that KPI has finished study, we can make Kinneman Rd no parking. Ordinance must be amended to list specific areas, each one listed. Must be advertised. Mr. Shultis advises that studies may not have been done, copies are not available.
- ⇒ Mr. Bolton suggests we tear out the faded no parking sign that is on Abbott St since it is not listed in the ordinance: Council agrees.
- ⇒ Engineer to do study on N. German St and S. Cheapside St. by fire hall to discuss adding it to the ordinance. On Engineers recommendation, Solicitor will add those to the advertisement for next meeting.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to authorize advertisement of the no parking changes by Mr. Shultis as discussed; 2nd by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: James Graham, PMCA

- ⇒ Pending issues at 24 Abbots Drive, resident retained an engineer and contractor to alleviate water issues. Engineer wants to put a collection box and run pipe under sidewalk to street. Requested info from Borough Engineer for materials list so they can quote resident. Tabled since no one was present to discuss.
- ⇒ 145 Sutton Rd, Scott Alwine: stormwater issues from G&S property, washout on edge of property. Councilors Reichert and O'Brien remember G&S expansion plans were supposed to put in place solutions. G&S future expansion plans are supposed to address these issues but they never expanded. Conversation tabled as resident did not show at the meeting to discuss.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: UH&L No. 33, PSP, AREMS Reports submitted

COMMITTEES and ORGANIZATIONS:

- ⇒ **EBACC:** Meets next week.

CORRESPONDENCE: On File.

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kerry Markosian: issue about marijuana in Abbottstown? Chief: small amounts are a fine in the borough, medicinal is legal in PA. Resident was concerned about neighbors using marijuana but there have been no negative interactions

Chris Raubenstein, Engineer for Gutierrez (HLS), wants to put an inlet at curb, tie sump pump in, connect to existing system. Not sure if resident will move forward with this plan. Curious of the specifications for the work. Will need permit and Road Opening

permit. Mr. Shultis asks if there any prohibitions for pumping into collection boxes? NO, only prohibitions on sewer lines. Counselor Anderson has concerns of anything that got into the pump and put into system. Engineer will confer with clients and notify borough.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Mayor Daniel W. Watkins, Sr: Speed limit sign on W. Fleet St needs replaced. Grading in front of house on W. Fleet St. – waiting on German St decision. Chris Moore putting more stuff on property, might need to get another warrant to investigate Campbell's order.
- Counselor Laura Baker: Bought new flowers for square pots but got cold and died with frost; will purchase more.
- President Dennis Posey thanks everyone for their service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular Council meeting is May 20th at 6 pm

Motion made by Frank Anderson to adjourn at 7:09 pm; 2nd by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.