

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

June 18, 2020 7 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Frank Anderson, Dennis Posey, Dale Reichert, Daniel Watkins, Sr.
Also in attendance: Mayor Duane Watson; M/S/T David Bolton, MBA, CBO; Solicitor, Tim Shultis; Engineer, John Golanoski. Absences: Laura Baker, ABPD Chief James Graham.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Posey

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Dennis Posey thanks Berwick for attending.

GUESTS:
Jim Leonard, PO Box 217, Abbottstown.
Earl Black, Berwick Township Supervisor
Barry Cockley, Berwick Township Supervisor
Tim Knoebel, Berwick Township Engineer
Scott Kennedy, Berwick Township Supervisor
Pete Socks, Berwick Township Chair
Tom Danner, Berwick Township Vice-Chair
April O'Brien, Abbottstown Borough Resident

PUBLIC COMMENT: April O'Brien, questions on PT workers, did Raeanne get safety training? What will she be doing? What about Logan? Pres. Posey said we will discuss these items during the meeting.

Jim Leonard: Wants a stop sign at W. Water St and Pleasant St.

NEW BUSINESS: KPI answers questions from Vice-Chair Tom Danner on why the bids were \$20k higher than original cost projections; original plans were not changed that much to account for increases; a number of estimates were lower than bid (\$7500); cross-pipe added was not on original (\$2500); higher than they hoped it would be, quantity differences make up for \$10k of increase from budgeted estimate. Solicitor Shultis reports regarding Intermunicipal Agreement: explains draft. Various questions and discussions were had on the details. Previous project schedule still current, notice to proceed around July 4th.

Abbottstown motion made by Frank Anderson to accept bid for Kinneman Road Joint Project from H&H General Excavating Co. at a cost of \$85,750; 2nd by Daniel Watkins, Sr.; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

Berwick motion made by Scott Kennedy to accept bid for Kinneman Road Joint Project from H&H General Excavating Co. at a cost of \$85,750; 2nd by Earl Black.; Motion carried, 5 Ayes per roll call vote.

>>Berwick adjourns at 7:20 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Review of minutes from meeting held May 21, 2020.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept the minutes of May 21, 2020; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Council reviewed the financial documents and prepared bills; Mr. Bolton answered questions concerning specifics. A bank audit was also presented, which was thoroughly reviewed.

Motion made by Daniel Watkins, Sr. to accept the Treasurer's Report thru 5/31/2020; 2nd by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

Approval of Expenditures:

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve paying the bills as presented; 2nd by Daniel Watkins, Sr.; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

PennDOT Liquid Fuels Audit for 2017-2019: Completed, signed by President Posey. All good.

Reinvestment of funds to PLGIT PRIME account (\$150,000 from General Fund). Mr. Bolton recommends reinvestment of principle and interest accrued to the PRIME account.

Motion made by Daniel Watkins, Sr. to accept recommendations; 2nd by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

ADMINISTRATIVE: David Bolton, MBA, CBO **Report submitted - copy on file.**

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis

- ⇒ Codification, no current updates, will reach out to General Code.
- ⇒ Intermunicipal Agreement: will be finalized and resolution written for next meeting.
- ⇒ Sewage Management Ordinance: draft for review, list of licensed pumper/haulers, send notices to residents, every three years notices sent, Act 537 plan (sewage mgmt. plan), reference to the plan will be removed from the mgmt. ordinance, prepared to advertise for next meeting. Questions for solicitor from Council on details. John Golanoski, Engineer, will talk with Bryan Leese, SEO, about a sewage management plan going forward.

Motion to advertise Ordinance 2020-04 made by Frank Anderson; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried; 4 ayes.

Motion to authorize recommended actions by SEO made by Dale Reichert; 2nd by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

ENGINEER: John Golanoski

- ⇒ W Fleet St, all good with pipe repair from Columbia Gas strike.
- ⇒ E Fleet St resealing with Stewart and Tate; part of contract repair, will be scheduled with them.
- ⇒ 2020 TIP: manholes to be uncovered next week. Dan questions some of the work near his house. John will check it out and address accordingly.
- ⇒ Park design: wetland delineation done in May, no word yet.

ABBOTTSTOWN BOROUGH POLICE DEPT: Report submitted - copy on file.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: James Graham, PMCA Report submitted - copy on file.

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

COMMITTEES and ORGANIZATIONS:

⇒ EBACC: emergency meeting to be held next Monday about reopening/COVID.

⇒ Personnel Committee:

Motion made by Daniel Watkins, Sr. to rehire Raeanne Stumpf for seasonal maintenance through September 30, 2020 at a rate of \$12.00 per hour for up to 16 hrs/two weeks; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

Motion made by Daniel Watkins, Sr. to hire Logan Kibler for seasonal maintenance through August 30, 2020 at a rate of \$8.00 per hour for up to 10 hrs/two weeks; 2nd by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

⇒ President Posey reiterates that all employees must check in at the borough office to 'clock in' and receive their duties for the shift and then check out with Mr. Bolton prior to end of shift, to ensure timekeeping integrity and maintain safety of employees.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: April O'Brien asks about community picnic funding. President Posey sent Debbie Shearer a letter for picnic funds but received no response. He asks Solicitor Shultis to send a letter by certified mail to the two signers of the bank account for the picnic funds, asking for the funding to be given back to borough for safe keeping and use in future public events.

April thanks Dale for his years of service to the Abbottstown FD/UH&L.

Mr. Leonard asks about the installation of a stop sign at W. Water St. and N. Pleasant St.: Council will direct Chief Graham to start review process. President Posey also suggests the need to address Jake Brakes in borough.

President Posey also asks John to check into the gas pipes near post office where proposed sidewalk would be, Dale is concerned with the grading and utilities.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Councilor Frank Anderson: Nothing at this time.
- Councilor Laura Baker: Absent.
- Councilor Daniel Watkins, Sr.: Proposes that the borough drop PMCA as code enforcement and have Mr. Graham perform these duties as police officer. Mr. Bolton explains that Mr. Graham cannot issue UCC and other building permits, nor inspect properties, through the police department. Most communities are going 3rd party for code/zoning services to save staff expenses and minimize liability, as 3rd party has their own insurance for any problems that may arise. Mr. Watkins withdraws his suggestion.
- Mayor Duane Watson: Absent.
- Council Vice President Dale Reichert: Nothing at this time.
- Council President Dennis Posey: Nothing at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Council meeting is July 16th at 7 pm.

Motion made by Dan Watkins to adjourn at 8:06 pm; 2nd by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.