

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

May 4, 2017 7PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Laura Baker, Dennis Posey, April Trivitt, Daniel Watkins, Mayor Craig Peterson. Also in attendance: Secretary/Treasurer, Loreen Greer; Dale Reichert was absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

GUEST:

Becky LaBarre, Gettysburg Borough Director of Planning and Historic Preservation spoke about Gettysburg's Rental Inspection Ordinance. Their permits are \$25 per unit per year and is non-transferable between owners. Units are inspected every three years if they are in good standing regardless of change in tenants. Council is going to review the information and consider using something similar.

OLD BUSINESS:

Codification

Laura reviewed Nuisance Ordinance 2012-02 and feels it is not very effective. Craig contacted PSAB for information. PSAB does not have any guidelines, but can have someone attend a meeting to go over what they do have available. Craig will make arrangements.

NEW BUSINESS:

2017 Community Development Block Grant Application

Council will review the information sent out in a 05/02/17 email from Adams County Office of Planning and Development

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilor Laura Baker planted more of the required landscaping at the office. She has two honeysuckle bushes, one Japanese maple and ground cover to place along the east side of the building. She would like to consider buying fresh mulch for the fall or next spring.
- Secretary Loreen Greer – none
- Mayor Craig Peterson – none
- Councilor April Trivitt asked about opening up the office for the primary election on May 16th. Dan will on site all day and Dennis said he will also come out in the morning.
- Councilor Daniel Watkins would like to develop a survey for the residents to see if they are interested in a local police force and if so, would they consider a tax to help support it. Craig will make the survey and have it available to distribute May 16th.
- Council President Dennis Posey – none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next council meeting is May 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- ACBA meeting 6:30 pm May 15th at the Pike Rest. in Gettysburg
- Supporting Our Heroes Event 7:00 p, May 18th at Cross Keys Conf. Center

***Motion made by Daniel Watkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.; 2nd by Laura Baker;
Motion carried 4 Ayes.***