

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

March 16, 2017 7PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:09 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ANNOUNCEMENT: An Executive Session was held on March 16, 2017 from 6:30 – 7:08 p.m. to obtain legal advice on pending legal matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Susan Mecaly would like to have veteran flags installed on the light posts along Route 30 and Route 194 and asked council if she could gather more information on the project. Council will discuss it at the next council meeting.

GUESTS:

Robin Heyser, EBACC Board President was scheduled to attend, but did not show.
(EBACC information taken from Abbottstown Borough minutes 1992 – 2015 presented)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 16, 2017

Motion made by Laura Baker to accept the minutes of February 16, 2017; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried 5 Ayes

March 2, 2017

Motion made by Laura Baker to accept the minutes of March 2, 2017; 2nd by April Trivitt; Motion carried 5 Ayes

REPORTS:

TREASURER:

Profit /Loss Statements; Bank Acct Statements;

Motion made by Daniel Watkins to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2017; 2nd by April Trivitt; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

Approval to Pay Bills

Motion made by April Trivitt to approve paying the bills as presented; 2nd by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

ABBOTTSTOWN PARADISE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – no report given

ADAMS COUNTY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION – no report given; next meeting is Monday March 20th at the Pike Rest. in Gettysburg.

ADAMS COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – no report given

COMMITTEES:

- Adams County Tax Collection Committee – no report given
- Finance and Budget – no report given
- Parks and Recreation – dugout roof replaced and secured; Clabaugh Excavating donated much of the labor to do the work.
- Personnel – no report given
- Sidewalk & Street Committee – 03/09/17 meeting was cancelled
2017 Stormwater Improvements – award bid – bids were not sought because the Committee wanted to present a change to the scope of the project before going out for bids. The new plan would be for the borough to make the necessary changes to get rid of the standing water and then abandoned the alley to the adjacent properties. This could be a \$15,000 - \$20,000 savings. Both property owners are agreeable to the proposed plan. This plan would include moving the stone parking area on the east side of the alley north to the side of the current garage location. There will be approximately 20' feet of new curb along Route 30. Greg Mummert, owner of west property, will separately contract with someone to do more work to finish off his side. Mr. Bailey, east side owner, will let Chad know before work is completed if he intends to put in concrete, so the borough can adjust the amount of stone to be used. Chad is looking to get Council's approval to go out for bids at the April 20th meeting, with construction to begin in June.

Laura suggested removing the bush that is next to the supposed grave of a member for the founding Abbott family. Council felt that they should focus on the alley project before taking on any other issue.

Motion made by Laura Baker to authorize Guy to prepare separate Good Faith Agreements between Abbottstown Borough and Baileys, and Abbottstown Borough and Mummerts; 2nd by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Building Permit Report – February 2017 report presented
- Codes Enforcement Report – February 2017 report presented

The four properties: 270 High Street, 282 High Street, 81 Hughes Drive, 300 North Pleasant Street.

Motion made by Dennis Posey to authorize Land & Sea Services (code enforcement officer) to review properties and, anyone who has not corrected the issues, fine accordingly; 2nd by Laura Baker; Motion carried 5 Ayes

Land & Sea Services will not cite property owners for snow on the sidewalk this time because it is expected to melt in a couple of days.

EAST BERLIN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER – no report given

Information was given on the history of the borough's involvement with EBACC. In 2007 the borough ended their annual donation due to budget constraints.

ENGINEER – Chad Clabaugh – see Sidewalks & Streets Committee and MS4 under Old Business

MAYOR – no report given

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES – April Trivitt

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE – February 2017 report presented

SECRETARY – Loreen Greer

Guy reported that in reference to the Right-To-Know request that Loreen forwarded to him, since the records are not kept in the medium requested, the borough does not have to create the records.

UNITED HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY #33 – February 2017 report presented

YORK ADAMS TAX BUREAU – no report given

CORRESPONDENCE:

02/14/17	PIRMA	confirming visit of 02/08/17 for review of property loss controls
02/20/17	Adams Electric Co-Op	Ownership Reward check & donation request
03/07/17	PennDOT	notice of HOP expiration for application 97,649

OLD BUSINESS:

Office Cleaning – hiring a person to clean the office and outside bathrooms
According to the information received from the State Workers Insurance Fund, the borough's premium would not increase because the borough is already paying the minimum and this employee would not cause the premium to increase over the minimum. Guy strongly suggested reviewing the process of hiring someone in relation to borough liability. Loreen will give Council information on the start of ball practice so someone can come up to clean the bathrooms prior to their use.

Appraisal of Borough Owned Properties – no bids were received from the notice that ran in the Gettysburg Times. Council agreed to run the notice again for bids to be received by and opened on April 20th. Loreen will give Guy a copy of the notice prior to publishing.

Police Coverage – Use of regional force in lieu of State Police. Dan and Dennis will meet with EARP Chief of Police.

Trash Collection 2018 Contract – April had nothing new to report; still waiting for the next meeting.

Electric Rate Comparisons – APPI Electric Rates Proposal – Mayor sent information to Guy for review.

MS4 – will be tabled until July Council meeting

Rental Property Ordinance – nothing to report

Trunk or Treat – nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Proclamation for Disaster Emergency

Motion made by Dennis Posey to adopt the Proclamation for Disaster Emergency; 2nd by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

HVAC Maintenance – nothing to report

Landscaping Agreement – nothing to report

312 Sutton Road – Moore Property

Guy will send a letter to Mr. Moore's attorney reporting that the fees are approximately \$23,000 and provide backup.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilor Laura Baker – Questioned whether the codification ordinance from 1965 was ever approved by council. Guy said he does not believe there is a codified ordinance. Loreen reported she checked the minutes and could not find any reference to a vote on the ordinance, nor could she find a signed copy.
- Secretary Loreen Greer – reported the ordinances were copied for everyone to review.
- Mayor Craig Peterson was absent
- Council Vice President Dale Reichert – nothing
- Councilor April Trivitt – nothing
- Councilor Daniel Watkins – nothing
- Council President Dennis Posey – thanked Guy for his work on the Moore property issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next council meeting is April 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by April Trivitt to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.; 2nd by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes