

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

September 17, 2020 7 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Posey

ANNOUNCEMENTS: An Executive Session was held at 6:30 pm this evening to confer with Solicitor on pending legal matters.

GUESTS: Ray Gouker, President of Community Media of SC PA

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ray Gouker, Community Media: Abbottstown takes the lead to support the station, has encouraged more to support the station. It would have closed without it. Broadband project: USDA and Community Foundation (\$50k) grants to start the project. Kimber (non-profit) is a company that will run cable between York and Mt Alto for broadband; looking to make partnership. Skylight Group out of Baltimore to do feasibility study on the project; last of the grant money. United Data and Fiber service, CenturyLink in New Oxford to set up initial services and then use proceeds to run more cable. Comcast 25mb per second; Community Media goal is 1 Gigabyte in Abbottstown area. \$60-65 per subscriber; use fire halls to host equipment (UH&L), use space in Abbottstown and share \$1 per subscriber with them. Hired Long & Nyquist to lobby and identify grants for the services; trying to find matching grants (needed \$2.5M in 3 weeks to get \$5M grant). USDA loan program, low interest; Community Connect grant (10 mb/sec or more in the service area negates). Humbled by Abbottstown's support. Thanks Council for everything. Wants to build partnership with Borough Council to promote community efforts. Pres. Posey: Still working on Comcast to get agreement to support station better.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Review minutes from meeting held August 20th and Sept. 3.

Motion made by Laura Baker to accept the minutes of August 20, 2020; 2nd by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept the minutes of Sept 3, 2020; 2nd by Laura Baker; 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 Frank Anderson to accept the Treasurer's Report thru 8/31/2020; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

Approval of Expenditures:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE: David Bolton, MBA, CBO On File.

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis

- ⇒ Gen Code: no updates, waiting on updated quote with all ordinances
- ⇒ 2015 International Property Maint Code: John Golanoski recommends adopting it inclusively (by phone today). There is a 2018 version available; emailed to everyone for review by next meeting. Councilor Baker has some specific questions about rental property inspections. Tenants can call and complain to have something inspected. Several other sections were reviewed for applicability to borough issues. Tim: International Fire Code should also be adopted if not already (not on the books currently); enforcement would need to come from borough employee who is certified to enforce, since UH&L staff are not employees of the borough.

Gain a copy of the 2018 and authorize Mr. Shultis to begin working on specifics with Mr. Graham, Mr. Bolton, Councilor Baker and Councilor Watkins if available (Anderson as alternate). Mr. Shultis will arrange a meeting in the interim. Adams County Office of Planning and Development has approved and made one suggestion on the Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

Motion made by Laura Baker to approve advertisement of Zoning Ordinance Amendment and public comment meeting as presented; 2nd by Frank Anderson.; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

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:

- ⇒ **Adams County Council of Governments:** Meeting next Monday at 7 pm.
- ⇒ **Budget and Finance Committee:** Councilor Baker would like to table discussion until the next meeting as she has things to do later tonight and tomorrow. Discussion at Oct 1st meeting.
- ⇒ **Streets and Sidewalks Committee:** Road sealing offer end of season; not enough work to do this year.
- ⇒ **Personnel Committee:** VP Reichert signs 2021 Budget Recommendations for salary ranges; Councilor Baker has a few issues with it prior to signing; Tabled.
- ⇒ **PSAB/ACBA:** PSAB Fall Board meeting Oct 15 at 3 pm in Gettysburg. Mr. Bolton will be attending as the Adams County representative to the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE: On File.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- ⇒ R. L. Beaver has offered to do snow removal for same rates as last year.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to extend snow removal agreement through 2021 with R. L. Beaver; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

- ⇒ St. John's and Pastor Shawn have offered to host Trunk or Treat at the Church.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to have Trunk or Treat at St. John's this year; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

- ⇒ Final Grade has proposed to fix the damage they caused on E. Fleet Street to the spray coat performed by Stewart & Tate earlier this year.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept proposal from Final Grade to fix their damage on E. Fleet St.; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- No comments at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Budget meeting is October 1st at 7 pm.

Next regular Council meeting is October 15th at 7 pm.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to adjourn at 8:05 pm; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.