

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

October 21, 2021 6 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Vice-President Reichert.

GUESTS: Ned Landis, 563 West King Street
Ryan Haugh, co-owner of The Altland House
Denny Alwine, 123 Sutton Road

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Presentation of 'Keys to the Borough' by Mayor Watkins to Ned Landis, the Haugh Family, and Denny Alwine for their public service.

PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only): None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Two separate motions made by Frank Anderson to accept the minutes from meetings held September 16 and October 7 respectively; both seconded by April O'Brien; Motions carried, 3 Ayes.*

TREASURER REPORTS: *Motion made by April O'Brien to accept the Treasurer's Reports thru 8/31/21; Seconded by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 3 Ayes.*

Motion made by April O'Brien to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru 10/21/2021 (not including H&H request); Seconded by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 3 Ayes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: David W. Bolton

⇒ Intermunicipal Agreement with Berwick for Public Works services has been arranged and ready for action.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to adopt Resolution 2021-03 Berwick Intermunicipal Agreement; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 3 Ayes.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to authorize Dale Reichert to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement with Berwick; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 3 Ayes.

- ⇒ 2021 Municipal Box Alarm Card update requested from United Hook and Ladder.
Motion made by Frank Anderson to authorize signatures for the presented form; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 3 Ayes.
- ⇒ ACNB Loan Rate Change from 2.75% to 4.65%. Mr. Bolton will continue to track these charges for future budgeting.
- ⇒ Request for Payment #2 and #3 (final) for Kinneman Rd. from H&H General Excavation has been received upon completion of project. Project was completed for less than the original quote. Engineer and Mr. Bolton have reviewed the charges and recommend Council approve payment as requested.
Motion made by Frank Anderson to fulfill payment requests from H&H; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 3 Ayes.
- ⇒ PSAB UC Plan for 2022; no change in rate (.0285)
- ⇒ Escrow account charges (Sutton Run, Peterson, Gutierrez, Moul) being calculated and balances/refunds will be distributed.
- ⇒ Dale T. Magness (community volunteer) installed new pipe and outlets on stage. Laura Baker had suggested earlier in the day to send a letter of thanks; Frank Anderson also mentions the gesture during discussion. Mr. Bolton will draft and send a letter of thanks.

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis – Excused Absence, no report.

ENGINEER: John Golanoski

East Water Street damage: Damages incurred from an unpermitted demolition of an auxiliary structure and the dragging of large timbers down the street by truck and chain. Mr. Graham is investigating, but road will need repairs before winter. Mr. Bolton and Engineer will contact Tom Parichuk for estimates, which Mr. Golanoski believes should be about \$1,500.

Heights Court/Town Circle storm sewer boxes: Engineer would like to engage with ClearView to gain estimates on repair costs.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to solicit estimates from ClearView; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 3 Ayes.

Accidents on Center Square: Monocacy has installed light post, ordered new spots for flagpole, awaiting delivery for installation.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor has completed training webinars through PSAB and is concerned about the borough's ACT 57 insurance coverage for police PTSD events. He states that Workers' Comp and Heart & Lung do not cover these events. He asks Mr. Bolton to investigate current coverage and to determine what the borough needs to do to protect our police. Chief

Graham suggests that our insurance provider should offer such coverage. Mr. Bolton will report back once information is obtained.

ABBOTTSTOWN BOROUGH POLICE DEPT: Chief James Graham reports that PennDOT has sent a letter authorizing the borough to implement restrictions on ‘Jake Brakes’ along West King Street. Mr. Bolton asks the Engineer to draft an ordinance for the Solicitor to review for consideration at the next meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: PMCA Reports as filed.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Reports as filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel Committee: Presented are the 2022 Personnel Recommendations as amended.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve recommendations; Seconded by April O’Brien; Motion carried, 3 Ayes.

Budget and Finance Committee: Mr. Bolton reviews the draft budgets compiled from the previous budget meetings and requests to advertise budgets for adoption at next meeting.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve advertising the 2022 General Budget; Seconded by April O’Brien; Motion carried, 3 Ayes.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve advertising the 2022 Liquid Fuels budget; Seconded by April O’Brien; Motion carried, 3 Ayes.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve advertising the 2022 Capital Projects budget; Seconded by April O’Brien; Motion carried, 3 Ayes.

Motion made by April O’Brien to approve advertising the 2021-22 ARPA Budget; Seconded by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 3 Ayes.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to cancel the remaining budget meetings for November and December; Seconded by April O’Brien; Motion carried, 3 Ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE: In File.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None for consideration at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Mr. Bolton details the awards won at PSAB conference (communications award and service award). He also reminds Engineer about the need for a Wireless Facilities ordinance by the end of the year when the new laws will take effect. Mr. Golanoski will draft a template from other municipal ordinances and send to Solicitor and Mr. Bolton for review prior to next meeting.

Mayor Watkins discusses Trunk or Treat on the 30th and informs Council that he will be away from January to March.

VP Reichert informs Council that 12 utility poles were replaced in town due to accidents and other damage incurred.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next regular Council meeting is December 16th at 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Frank Anderson to adjourn at 7:00 pm; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 3 Ayes.*