

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

June 20, 2024 - 6 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Laura Baker, Hanna Carbaugh, April O'Brien, Dale Reichert, Austin Wertz, Mayor Daniel W. Watkins, Sr., M/S/T Dr. David W. Bolton, Solicitor Tim Shultis, Esq. Engineer Ted Brillhart

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Dale Reichert

GUESTS: Tara Bolton

PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only): None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion made by Laura Baker to accept minutes from May 16, 2024, as presented; Seconded by Austin Wertz; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

TREASURER REPORTS: Dr. Bolton provided an update on the borough's fiscal status

Motion made by April O'Brien to accept the Treasurer's Reports thru 5/31/24 Seconded by Austin Wertz; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Motion made by Austin Wertz to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru 06/20/2024; Seconded by Hanna Carbaugh; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Dr. Bolton updates Council on projects, current agreements, and other borough activity

- ⇒ Street Widths and Parking Restrictions – Engineer Recommendations. Council will consider the list and bring back to next meeting for discussion.
- ⇒ Motion to increase compensation for Asst. Sec/Treas. Elijah Staub by \$3/hr.
Motion made by April O'Brien; 2nd by Austin Wertz. Motion carried, 5 ayes.
- ⇒ Motion to Bond Elijah Staub for Asst. Treasurer and Clerk duties.
Motion made by Hanna Carbaugh; 2nd by Austin Wertz. Motion carried, 5 ayes.
- ⇒ Affordable Pet Supply Bond Reduction Final Request. Council is advised by the Engineer that the streets were not paved to code. Other items on the punch list.
Motion made by Hanna Carbaugh; 2nd by Austin Wertz. Motion carried, 5 ayes.
- ⇒ Resolution to destroy outdated financial records from 2016.
Motion made by April O'Brien; 2nd by Hanna Carbaugh. Motion carried, 5 ayes.
- ⇒ Resolution to name the Country Club RD bridge over Beaver Creek.
Motion made by April O'Brien; 2nd by Hanna Carbaugh. Motion carried, 5 ayes.
- ⇒ Motion to donate to the Adams County Constable Association.
Motion made by Austin Wertz; No 2nd. Motion dies from lack of support.
- ⇒ Council would like to consider adding a donation during the 2025 budget review.
Motion made by Hanna Carbaugh; 2nd by April O'Brien. Motion carried, 4 ayes.
Dale Reichert dissents.
- ⇒ Consideration of Columbia Gas restoration plan. No numbers available from C.G.
Action postponed on motion by Austin Wertz; 2nd by Laura Baker. Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

April O'Brien leaves the meeting.

⇒ Updates: Abbotts Manor SWM; Dumpster compliance, 2025 inspections schedule.

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis

⇒ Updates council on Enforcement Activity, Court Involvements.

⇒ 13 East King Street is under Sheriffs Sale as of July 19th.

ENGINEER: Ted Brillhart of Keller Engineers. – Nothing at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr. – Mayor asks if we have an AED for the Election; Chief confirms we do in the squad car. We also need a cross-traffic sign for W. Fleet Street near the mill. Dr. Bolton will check into ordering one. Mayor discusses issues from 4th of July events. He also advises a plan for Election Day parking, as it will be busy.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: PMCA – Some high grass warnings issued. A lot of permits.

ABPD: Chief James Graham – Police car inspected, no outstanding issues.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Reports delayed; New CAD system.

APJSA: Councilor Carbaugh informs council about a \$1 million grant opportunity.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Working on more park grants. Ready to get some items done after receiving county grant money at the end of the month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Councilor Baker asks Chief Graham about York Water project. He explains the project parameters and the effects on borough traffic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular Council meeting is July 18, 2024, at 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Hanna Carbaugh to adjourn at 7:37 pm; 2nd by Austin Wertz; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*

