

# Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

## May 20, 2021 6 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Frank Anderson, Dale Reichert, Dennis Posey, April O'Brien, Laura Baker (tele), Mayor Daniel Watkins, Sr. Also in attendance: ABPD Chief James Graham; M/S/T David W. Bolton; Solicitor, Tim Shultis; Engineer, John Golanoski.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by President Posey.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**GUESTS:** Spencer Frandsen, Text My Gov presentation.  
Robin Hyser, East Berlin Area Community Center Director  
Adam and Noah Schneider, 32 Summer Lane, NO – Boy Scout project

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None on agenda items.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting presented for approval.

***Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve minutes from 4/15/21; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.***

### **REPORTS:**

**TREASURER:** Treasurer's report for 4/30/2021 is presented for approval.

***Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve Treasurer's report from 3/31/2021 as presented; 2<sup>nd</sup> by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.***

Motion to approve payment of municipal bills through 4/15/2021.

***Motion made by Frank Anderson to ratify/approve paying the bills as presented; 2<sup>nd</sup> by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.***

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** David Bolton, MBA, CBO, updated Council on the following:

- ⇒ Waste hauler joint bidding process with County.
- ⇒ Park rentals and yard sale permits up.
- ⇒ Resignation of Don Myers from Public Works due to health. Birthday on the 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ⇒ Begin process of writing job description for Public Works position with Personnel Comm.
- ⇒ Park improvements: BB lines painted, mulch in playground next week.

- ⇒ Projects: Paint over graffiti on stage, replace electric there (supplies purchased last year), clean up concession bldg (animals upstairs), general watering and weeding.
- ⇒ Updated Park Ordinance for review; loitering and littering; no smoking.
- ⇒ Carpets to be cleaned; generally after an election (Covid last year – skipped).
- ⇒ Electric consumption: 2017 - \$720.95 and 2,203 kwh. 2021 - \$596.08 and 1,667 kwh.  
(same three billings excluding new park meter; decrease with increased activity).
- ⇒ Work underway on Kinneman Rd. York Water to redo E & W Fleet Street after project.
- ⇒ Activity at the JA Myers property on Sutton Rd. Engineer request for material specs.

**SOLICITOR:** Tim Shultis:

Ordinance 2021-01 Updating the Real Estate Transfer Tax (no change in rate). Advertised 4/28, 5/5, 5/12/21 in the Gettysburg Times.

***Motion made by Frank Anderson to adopt Ordinance 2021-01 as advertised; 2<sup>nd</sup> by April O'Brien. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.***

Ordinance 2021-02 Updating local services and earned income tax (no change in rate). Advertised 4/28, 5/5, 5/12/21 in the Gettysburg Times.

***Motion made by Frank Anderson to adopt Ordinance 2021-02 as advertised; 2<sup>nd</sup> by April O'Brien. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.***

No Parking areas for ordinance updates; study received from Engineer. North and South German Streets. Temporary parking two spots on square (mail). KPI did study on no parking for Kinneman Rd., Mr. Golanoski agrees with assessment.

***Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept studies presented and to authorize Mr. Bolton and Mr. Shultis to coordinate changes to the existing ordinance to include these zones; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Reichert. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.***

**ENGINEER:** John Golanoski

- ⇒ No word on grant, get Ecker involved. Letter from Ecker to be signed.
- ⇒ Light post at square, do not need a post, ordering rest of materials (Monacacy)
- ⇒ Masonry company to send quote on wall.
- ⇒ PennDOT reviewing study for jake brakes on W King St.
- ⇒ Sutton Run, some may be in Berwick. May need IG agreement.
- ⇒ Fleet St York Water, not told soon enough to get a stormwater system in. May be able to take care of stormwater issues with paving and grading.
- ⇒ No parking study. Nine criteria, must meet one. Both met width of road. Ok to do No Parking on both as proposed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr.

⇒ Makes recommendation to codify borough ordinances.

***Motion made by April O'Brien to adopt Ordinance 2021-03 as duly advertised; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Anderson. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.***

⇒ Dedication of Public Works Shed to honor Don Myers for his service to the borough. Plaque to commemorate the years of improvements made should be purchased and hung over the Public Works Shed (after painting is done).

***Motion made by Frank Anderson to have plaque made; 2<sup>nd</sup> by April O'Brien. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.***

**ABBOTTSTOWN BOROUGH POLICE DEPT:** Chief James Graham

⇒ Incidence report review. No response on any additional officer applications. If feds do away with Implied Immunity, it will be difficult to recruit. McSherrystown and Chief Woods have a PT list that they may share.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** James Graham, PMCA

⇒ Nothing out of norm with code. Zoning request from Watson.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:** UH&L No. 33, PSP, AREMS      Reports submitted

**COMMITTEES and ORGANIZATIONS:**

⇒ **PSAB:** Annual Conference and Board meeting first and second week of June.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** On File.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**      Noah Snyder Boy Scouts: Eagle Scout project; handicap swing (?).

Robin Hyser from EBACC: Weighing three options for new or same bldg. Needs input from council as to the direction to take. Joint Recreation Commission for Intergovernmental Commission to be authority over organization. Capital campaign to move. OR capital campaign for same location with support OR capital campaign with a per capita donation yearly from each municipality. Monday meeting for feasibility study. Asked EB for the title to the bldg for rebuild or tear down but they declined. EB looking to public sell within a year, will not give it to the organization. \$1.8M invested since 1990 to 2015 into bldg, needs over \$1M in the next 10 years. Council comments on various options. Solicitor Shultis comments on his experience over the years with the organization.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- None

**RECESS:** Council recess into Executive Session at 7:10 pm.

**RECONVENE:** Council reconvenes at **7:23 pm**. Purpose of session was under section 708 (a) (5) of the Sunshine Act.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next regular Council meeting is June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

***Motion made by Frank Anderson to adjourn at 7:26 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.***