

**Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting
September 3, 2015**

Meeting was called to order in the Council Room at 7:09 p.m. by Council President April Trivitt.

COUNCIL ROLL CALL: Walter Baker, Dale Reichert, April Trivitt;
Mark Heisey and Hugh Wellen were absent

Also in Attendance: Guy Beneventano, Solicitor; Chad Clabaugh, Engineer;
Loreen Greer, Secretary/Treasurer

VISITOR(S): Laura Carson, Abbottstown

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

An executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. September 3, 2015 to obtain advice of counsel on pending matters. Mr. Jay Wenger of Susquehanna Group Advisors attended part of that executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

GUESTS

Jay Wenger, representing Susquehanna Group Advisors, presented the request for proposal for the loan. The monies would be used for the construction of the new municipal building, storm water and street repair projects. The loan will be structured as a tax exempt bank qualified rate. The loan amount is \$750,000 and it would be a draw down loan. The proposals will be due so they can be presented at the September 17, 2015 council meeting. The Borough will need to adopt a bank note ordinance. The loan closing could be late October or early November.

Resolution 2015-13 Tax-Exempt Bond Reimbursement

Motion made by Walter Baker to approve Resolution 2015-13 Reimbursement of Construction Costs amended as follows: "obligation not to exceed \$750,000"; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 3 Ayes

NEW OFFICE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

- Report from the Construction Committee – Chad Clabaugh
Chad let council know that the project is on schedule, the bricks will be laid next week. Minutes from the fourth on-site construction meetings were presented. Chad presented Contract #4 Change Order #1 to eliminate the floor drains in the restrooms and drip tubes and put in clean-outs, for a savings of \$206.
Motion made by Dale Reichert to approve Contract # 4 Change Order # 1; 2nd by Walter Baker; Motion carried, 3 Ayes.

The next on-site construction meeting will be Wednesday September 16th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Walter Baker to approve minutes of August 20, 2015; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried 3 Ayes.

REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion made by Dale Reichert to accept the Treasurer's Report; 2nd by Walter Baker; Motion carried, 3 Ayes

APPROVAL TO PAY BILL(S)

Motion made by Walter Baker to authorize payment of bills amended to include Amric Construction AFP #2 and Met-Ed 100 021 127 277; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 3 Ayes

ABBOTTSTOWN PARADISE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – April Trivitt
Minutes of the July 28th meeting were presented

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Building Permit Report – not available
- General Code Enforcement Report – not available

COMMITTEES

- Adams County Tax Collection Committee – recent meeting was cancelled
- Advisory - none
- Center Square Maintenance - none
- Construction – see above
- Finance and Budget – Loreen let Council know that the budget documents would be ready by the end of next week for their review prior to the September 17th budget meeting.
- Parks and Recreation –
Walter wants to talk to the mowing contractor about the condition of the park. He is not happy with the way the contractor is mowing. Proposals will be sought for the mowing work for 2016.
- Personnel - none
- Sidewalk & Street Committee – Dale reminded Council that the next S&S Committee meeting would be October 8th.

EAST BERLIN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER – presented
ENGINEER

Chad reported that the Country Club Road storm sewer project is moving forward to go out for phone quotes (the estimate for work is less than \$19,000). Chad is looking for quotes to be returned to his office by noon on 9/17 and he can bring them with him for the 09/17/15 meeting.

MAYOR – presented

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE – August report presented

PLANNING COMMISSION – none

A conference call will be held with Rob Thaeler, Andy Merkel, Guy Beneventano, Chad Clabaugh and Loreen Greer to discuss Land Development Plans.

SECRETARY – not available

UNITED HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY #33 – August report presentation

CORRESPONDENCE

- 08/26/15 To: Mr. & Mrs. Galantino Sidewalk issues at 3 West King Street

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

- Policy for Conduct of Council Meeting

Motion made by Dale Reichert to eliminate the second Public Comment period of the Borough Council Meetings and to make the time for the remaining Public Comment period three (3) minutes; 2nd by Walter Baker; Motion carried 3 Ayes.

Mayor Peterson feels the second comment period is helpful so that the public can comment on the items that have occurred during the meeting.

Waiver of conflict of interest of McNeece, Wallace and Nurick

- ***Motion made by Dale Reichert to waive the conflict of interest with McNeece, Wallace and Nurick; 2nd by Walter Baker; Motion carried, 3 Ayes***

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Walter Baker – Asked if there is a plot plan available for 5 West King Street. According to the Adams County mapping system, the sidewalk does not belong to Galantinos. There was discussion of who will be maintaining the traffic circle and square property. The secretary was instructed to contact Rep. Tallman's office to see if Penn Dot can clean the debris from the circle area. The 2016 mowing contract will include the landscaping in the circle area. Walter also brought up the lack of parking time limits on the NW corner of the circle. He asked what was done regarding the burning complaints on Sutton road. The secretary said that the appropriate entities were contacted.
- Secretary Loreen Greer – Reminded everyone about the Rt 194 Bridge Repair meeting on 9/10/15 at 7:00 p.m.
- Council Vice President Mark Heisey – absent
- Mayor Craig Peterson – none
- Councilor Dale Reichert – none
- Councilor Hugh Wellen – absent
- Council President April Trivitt – April asked about the Community Yard Sale report. The secretary will check to see where it is. The contract with Berwick Township was not renewed due to problems Berwick were having with the snow removal. Dale did not hear from Bob Foltz regarding any other concerns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next scheduled Council meeting is September 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Walter Baker to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 3 Ayes

Submitted,

Loreen Greer, Secretary – Treasurer