

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

July 20, 2023 - 6 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Frank Anderson, Laura Baker, Dennis Posey, Dale Reichert, Mayor Dan Watkins, Chief James Graham, Solicitor Tim Shultis, Esq. April O'Brien, M/S/T Dr. David W. Bolton and Engineer Erik Vranich were excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Dennis Posey

GUESTS: Alfredo Angeles, 530 West King Street

ANNOUNCEMENTS: An Executive Session was held at 5:45 to 6:06 pm to discuss privileged information with the Solicitor (Section 708 (a) (5) of the Sunshine Act).

PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only): None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept minutes from June 15, 2023, as presented; Seconded by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*

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

Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept the Treasurer's Reports thru 5/31/23 Seconded by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru 6/15/2023; Seconded by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

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

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis

- ⇒ Discussion concerning 312 Sutton Road Code Enforcement Activity. No Action.
- ⇒ 530 W. King Street – Zoning discrepancies in ordinance. *Motion made by Dale Reichert to allow Solicitor to proceed with changes to the lot on the Zoning Map to be included as Commercial/Industrial in accordance with surrounding properties; 2nd by Laura Baker. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*
- ⇒ *Motion made by Dale Reichert to investigate County opinions on changing TCMU zoning provisions for auxiliary building sizes; 2nd by Laura Baker. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*
- ⇒ Discussion on Zoning Hearing Board membership. *Motion made by Frank Anderson to table discussion, 2nd by Dale Reichert. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*

ENGINEER: Keller Engineers – Sutton Run development still pending reviews.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr. – Updates Council on his training

CODE ENFORCEMENT: PMCA – Mr. Graham states that stop signs cannot legally be used to alleviate issues with traffic sight lines caused by grading issues (E. Fleet and Country Club Rd). The only option is to remove the bushes to create appropriate sight lines. *Motion made*

by Laura Baker to have Solicitor and Engineer work together to determine a solution; 2nd by Frank Anderson. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

- ⇒ 13 East King Street blighted, abandoned property. **Motion made by Frank Anderson to allow Solicitor and Code Enforcement to pursue condemnation proceedings; 2nd by Laura Baker. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.**
- ⇒ 8 East King Street (damaged property) has been sold; new owner will repair immediately to get the sidewalk open.

ABPD: Reports filed. Chief Graham gives an update on enforcement activities in the borough. July 4th – three new residents were informed about fireworks ordinance, no other issues. Department has acquired more traffic enforcement grants from the state. Efforts to find another part-time officer or another vehicle have not been fruitful.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Reports filed. Dale Reichert reports on National Night Out at New Oxford High School on August 1st from 5-8 pm. UH&L No 33 and ABPD will participate.

EBACC: \$60k needed to hire a finance officer to start the new building project. Christmas in July event planned (annual).

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Laura Baker updates Council on the tree planting in the park, the upgrades to the pavilion, and electric improvements. Ron Arbogast joined her to meet with Adams County, Chesapeake Bay Alliance and DCNR. They walked the park and CBA are going to help get more trees and flower meadows for the park free of charge. Dr. Bolton is working on two grants for this year. She has received good feedback from residents.

SIDEWALKS AND STREETS COMMITTEE: Dale Reichert updates Council on the current Columbia Gas/Kinsley project and schedule. Dr. Bolton foresees final paving for next Spring. Dale and Dr. Bolton have discussed widening the one-way on W. Fleet Street when finished.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: No comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular Council meeting is August 17, 2023, at 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion made by Laura Baker to adjourn at 7:10 pm; 2nd by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.**