

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

August 3, 2017 7PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Laura Baker, Dennis Posey, Dale Reichert, April Trivitt, Daniel Watkins
Also in attendance: Secretary/Treasurer, Loreen Greer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

GUEST:

Clem Malot of PA Municipal Code Alliance explained some of the services offered by his company for code enforcement and inspections.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Miller, 577 Race Track Road, Abbottstown, asked what was being planned for the rental unit inspection program and would it include private residences. Council explained they were just at the beginning of the process of looking into it and would be forming a committee that would include landlords and renters and that they want to keep the focus on safety and keep the cost as low as possible.

Sharon Hamm, Pa MCA, said that Pa MCA could provide information on inspections. They will also provide their fees for doing such inspections.

OLD BUSINESS:

Codification – tabled until September 7th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Forming a Rental Unit Inspection Committee – Mike Miller, landlord; Dan Watkins; Council and Renter; April Trivitt, council will form a committee to do research and report back to Council. Mr. Patterson, landlord; Altland House, landlord will be approached to join the committee.

Advertise to Hire Borough Secretary – Treasurer

Motion made by Dennis Posey to advertise for a borough secretary/treasurer; 2nd by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay – Trivitt.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilor Laura Baker spoke to Guy about how to handle the money that would be coming in for the playground renovations. Guy said to open a separate account to make deposits and pay bills. She is still in the process of meeting with business owners in the community regarding support for the playground project.
- Secretary Loreen Greer said the police questionnaires have been scanned and will be emailed to everyone. She also reported Tim from Land & Sea suggested foregoing the first informal letter to properties in foreclosure and move immediately to the Notice of Violation and then to Magistrate.
- Councilor Dale Reichert – none

COUNCIL COMMENTS: cont.

- Councilor April Trivitt – none
- Councilor Daniel Watkins would like to include a discussion of a cleaning person in the budget prep. He suggests tabling the police coverage issue until the second meeting in October.
- Council President Dennis Posey thanked Mike and Lynne Miller for the donation they are making from the event they held at the park in July. It was in conjunction with their 35th anniversary celebration and the feedback Dennis heard was positive.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lynne Miller, 577 Race Track Rd, Abbottstown, asked what prompted Council to look into police coverage. She also thanked Council for the use of the park for part of their anniversary celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next council meeting is August 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Daniel Watkins to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.; 2nd by April Trivitt; Motion carried 5 Ayes.