

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

April 18, 2024 - 6 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Laura Baker, Hanna Carbaugh, Dale Reichert, April O'Brien, 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: Kris Raubenstine for Hanover Land Services; John Shifflett, St. James Street resident; Doug Lillich for J. A. Myers; Dennis Posey, W. King Street resident; Bill and Susan Stitt, Abbotts Drive residents

ANNOUNCEMENT: An Executive Session was held tonight from 5:30 to 6:15 pm to discuss personnel items §708 (a) 1 of the Sunshine Act.

MAYORAL RECOGNITION: Mayor Dan Watkins recognizes former President Dennis Posey for his years of service to the borough and presents him with a customized gavel award. Mr. Posey thanks the Borough for working together and improving the borough during his time.

PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only): Bill and Susan Stitt: Has issues with Abbotts Drive parking, large equipment at neighbors – issues with borders.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion made by Laura Baker to accept minutes from March 21, 2024, as presented; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

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

*Motion made by Hanna Carbaugh to accept the Treasurer's Reports thru 3/31/24
Seconded by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

*Motion made by April O'Brien to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru
04/18/2024, including the payoff amount for the borough building; Seconded by Laura
Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

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

- ⇒ Motion to ratify Amended Agenda to include DCNR Grant Resolution as added at the previous meeting. **Motion made by Laura Baker; 2nd by Hanna Carbaugh. Motion carried, 5 ayes.**
- ⇒ Motion to accept Myers 'fee-in-lieu-of' for Rec Park. **Motion made by Laura Baker; 2nd by April O'Brien. Motion carried, 5 ayes.**
- ⇒ Motion to accept 'fee-in-lieu-of' traffic study – Myers. **Motion made by April O'Brien; 2nd by Laura Baker. Motion carried, 5 ayes.**
- ⇒ Motion to authorize Dr. Bolton to engage Navarro & Wright for Country Club Road bridge and road project via PennDOT. **Motion made by Laura Baker; 2nd by April O'Brien. Motion carried, 5 ayes.**

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis

- ⇒ Kinsley permits with Columbia Gas/APS, restoration issues. Kinsley has not called for inspections on several projects in the borough, and it was found that they did not follow specifications on the projects they completed without inspection. Dr. Bolton and Chief Graham had to stop work being done without permits on sidewalks, which were also not to specification. Dr. Bolton would like to work with Solicitor Motion to allow Engineer, Solicitor, Chief Graham towards a resolution. **Motion made by April O'Brien to authorize Dr. Bolton to work with Solicitor and Engineer on solution; 2nd by Laura Baker, Motion carried, 5 Ayes.**

ENGINEER: Ted Brillhart of Keller Engineers.

- ⇒ Consideration of waivers on the Sutton Run Estates project. First waiver is for spacing of trees to avoid "choking them out" by planting too close. **Motion made by Laura Baker to grant waiver; 2nd by Hanna Carbaugh. Motion carried, 5 Ayes.**
- ⇒ 2nd waiver is for street widths from 30 to 32 (to match township requirements). **Motion to grant waiver made by Laura Baker; 2nd by Hanna Carbaugh. Motion carried, 5 Ayes.**
- ⇒ J. A. Myers has agreed to compensate the borough a fee-in-lieu of for park requirements/donation and for waiver of traffic study at a per unit amount, in consideration of the conditional approval of the project plans. **Motion made by Laura Baker to accept donation amounts and grant conditional approval of the project; 2nd by Hanna Carbaugh. Motion carried, 5 Ayes.**

MAYOR'S REPORT: Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr. – Nothing at this time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: PMCA – Reviewed issues at several properties.

ABPD: Chief James Graham – Traffic grants were received for enforcement. Chief thanks Conewago Township for chip reader that was donated. They will also give two laptops to the ABPD for \$300, to use in new vehicle.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Reports on file.

EBACC: Dennis Posey informs council that EBACC is currently hiring a Finance Officer and needs volunteers.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: VP Baker reports that over 600 trees were planted, trails cut in park. Meetings with playground equipment sales tomorrow, possibly 2-3 phases being considered. Camera system needs to be upgraded.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Watkins updates Council on several properties.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular Council meeting is May 16, 2024, at 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Hanna Carbaugh to adjourn at 8:17 pm; 2nd by Austin Wertz; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*