

# Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

## April 21, 2022 6 PM

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Dennis Posey

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**GUESTS:** Logan Kibler, Park Maintenance Worker

**PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only):**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept minutes from March 17, 2022, as presented; Seconded by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

**TREASURER REPORTS:** Mr. Bolton gave an update on the borough's fiscal status.

***Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept the Treasurer's Reports thru 3/31/22; Seconded by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***

***Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru 4/21/2022; Seconded by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:** David W. Bolton, MBA, CBO updated Council on projects, current agreements, and other borough activity. The Bulldog Baseball team has put a new sign up at the tournament baseball field, retaining the Grace Chubb memorial.

***Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept the extension proposal from Boyer & Ritter for auditing services through 2024 fiscal year; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***

***Motion made by Frank Anderson to extend agreement with R. L. Beaver for 2022 snow removal services; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***

**SOLICITOR:** Tim Shultis

- ⇒ 105 Kinneman Rd: next Wed settlement at 4 pm to sell to the Jackson family. President Posey will have to sign paperwork next week.
- ⇒ ARPA funding final rule modified to allow standard allowance to put funds into General Fund. Resolution was created to make a supplemental appropriation to the GF. Put on agenda for next month.

- ⇒ Proposed Nuisance Ordinance (2022-02) will need some more vetting between Mr. Graham and Solicitor. Will be considered next month. Suggests holding off until final copy is completed and then Council will review at next meeting for advertisement. Council will receive a copy prior to next meeting. **TABLED.**

**ENGINEER:** John Golanoski

- ⇒ Sutton Run Estates, Chris Raubenstien is investigating utility placement for project.
- ⇒ Inlet Replacement by ClearView Excavation: all work looks good, recommends vote for payment. \$9K. ***Motion made by Frank Anderson to authorize payment; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***
- ⇒ W. Water Street: water/stone washing down the street: Has a few suggestions for the situation. Staff will speak to homeowners to pave driveways to prevent the washout or use larger stone and compact to make more stable. Mr. Graham has contacted homeowners about the issues. Stones are coming out from the raised flower beds at one residence.

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

- ⇒ Abbotts Court water issue – get Parichuk to investigate.

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

- ⇒ New Officer Michael Bailey doing well, good fit. Light bar from Reading Twp is working well.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** PMCA

- ⇒ 13 E. King Street – property management contractor met with Graham, will not go back into the property. Family has abandoned, Service Link is the holder for the mortgage company and will need address the code issues. Building needs to be demolished.
- ⇒ 182 E. King Street – mortgage company abandoned it, property management company has taken over and Graham has been working with them. Property has been broken into recently; Mayor witnessed. Chief Graham will keep an eye on it.
- ⇒ 29 E. King Street – some issues that need addressed.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:** Reports in File

**PERSONNEL:** ***Motion made by Dale Reichert to reauthorize Logan Kibler for seasonal maintenance work at a rate of \$12/hr for a total of 20 hours per pay period; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***

**APJSA:** APJSA upgrading their systems, recently borrowed money. O'Brien asks about the requests for ARPA funding; Mr. Bolton will be looking at numbers to present for next month for final disposition of funds in light of resolution and final rule discussed by Mr. Shultis.

**EBACC:** Currently looking at funding to purchase another property.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Laura Baker:

- ⇒ \$500 grant from PA Native Plant Society via Ron Arbogast. President Posey will sign a letter of thanks to him.
- ⇒ This coming Saturday, flags will be placed in park to locate planting areas. Scouts will be here on 30<sup>th</sup> to do the planting. Going down into the wetlands to help mitigate water flow into park.
- ⇒ Scout Noah had presented a handicap accessible swing project for park but Baker's research showed municipalities endured lawsuits from injuries/deaths from these swings (must be fenced in and latched for safety); this is not possible for us now. Baker has another option for a handicap swing (125lbs/4 ft) that will hang off current set (\$300-600). Gettysburg currently has one. She will work with Noah to decide on a project.
- ⇒ Plants around the borough building: Baker would like to tear out existing plants and work with Ron Arbogast to replant drought-tolerant, non-invasive native plants.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** In File

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Website contracting.

***Motion made by Frank Anderson NOT to accept proposal from Sockem Webservices; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***

**NEW BUSINESS:** Table website contracting until Councilors can review information and check out other sites serviced.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Councilor Frank Anderson states that his garage repaving repairs from the damage done by Kinsley is not sufficient. Curbing was also not fixed. President Posey states that Kinsley should not be allowed to do any further work in the borough until they can properly fix their mistakes.

Mayor informs Council he has taken a damage assessment course for EMSs on Monday and a webinar on police policies.

President Posey comments that warm, dry weather would be nice soon.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next regular Council meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Motion made by Frank Anderson to adjourn at 6:57 pm; Seconded by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*