

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

February 17, 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, Engineer John Golanoski, Chief James Graham.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Dennis Posey

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayoral Proclamation for JDCS/Emmett Patterson

GUESTS: Kim Emler, Lisa Berwager, Yvonne Beaver for local non-profit group
Representative Torren Ecker

PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only): Local group asks about availability of borough building to hold non-profit meetings. Council will take under consideration.

Rep Torren Ecker: Thanks for the invite. Redistricting: Adams County was put back together and he will be staying as our rep. Thanks the board for the support and letters. Mentions testimony from Kevin Moul and David Bolton as a huge help towards these ends.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept minutes as amended from January 20, 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 Dale Reichert to accept the Treasurer's Reports thru 1/31/22; Seconded by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru 2/17/2022; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: David W. Bolton, MBA, CBO

⇒ Resolution 2022-07 Disposal of 2014 Financial Records

**Motion made by Frank Anderson to adopt Res 2022-07;
Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.**

⇒ Waste Connections Agreement for Southeast Group

**Motion made by Frank Anderson to authorize President
Posey to sign agreement; Seconded by Laura Baker;
Motion carried, 5 Ayes.**

- ⇒ Spotlights for Center Square ordered (in-house)
- ⇒ Memorandum of Understanding with Abbottstown Constable – Dog Law Enforcement

Dec 2020 MOU from Mr. Shultis – Constable is not under control of the borough, duties are irrespective of the borough authority. Previous recommendation is that the constable needs no authority from the borough to perform his duties. Problematic to sign an MOU. Constable cannot investigate; can make arrest if a violation occurs in his direct sight. Not necessary to sign the MOU.

- ⇒ Bill and Sean from Berwick Twp installed various signs throughout the borough.
- ⇒ Audit completed yesterday by Boyer & Ritter; results to follow.
- ⇒ Agreement with DAS executed for 2022 park mowing and services.
- ⇒ Attended NEMO training through PSAB last month; several ideas to come.
- ⇒ Several disruptive projects proposed by Columbia Gas and Comcast in borough which will destroy the roadwork completed/being finished. Working with Mr. Graham.
- ⇒ Updates to Nuisance Ordinance for basketball posts blocking streets/sidewalks; working with Mr. Graham, will forward to Mr. Shultis for review when draft is completed.
- ⇒ Bridge report received and reviewed with Will Cameron (Pennoni) – Still deficient.

After some discussion, Mr. Bolton asks Council to permit him to do some of the action items (signage, cleaning of deck) towards improving the bridge until replacement. Council agrees to allow if within already budgeting funding for public works.

- ⇒ Liquid Fuels confirmation amount: \$32,415.33 for 2022 (\$137,111.51 balance); Bridge on TIP for June vote, to start in 2023, matching funds \$67,869.

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis

⇒ Kinneman Road property: Rich Krill (neighbor) has not returned calls. Mr & Mrs Jackson have agreed to purchase for a nominal fee. Will advertise one final time (Jan 20th 30 day announcement), tonight is another announcement that the property will be sold on March 17th. Proposed agreement and advertisement for Gettysburg Times distributed. 105 Kinneman Road, Berwick Twp, Adams Co, PA.

⇒ Wireless facility Ordinance 2022-01: Solicitor needs to advertise this twice, not once, since it is a zoning ordinance.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to advertise ordinance twice under the new number 2022-01; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

ENGINEER: John Golanoski

⇒ Sutton Run Estates: Condition of Sutton Road investigation from old files. Improvements must have been between 2013-2016. Reached out to CS Davidson (Chad Clabaugh), waiting for info. April time extension deadline. Has Hanover CC documents to be signed.

⇒ L&M Tire zoning permit for pole building. New building is slightly larger than current footprint. Fits land development definition in ordinances, but minor and major plans are delineated. Minor is 5000 sq ft to 20000 sq ft (no utility or infrastructure improvements) – not land development. Does not need a plan; needs UCC, zoning, and demo permits. Graham: all area is completely impervious, no stormwater concerns. County is not interested in reviewing. Dale suggests caution to ensure that the building is done properly. PMCA is in charge of the project.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr. No activity at this time

ABBOTTSTOWN BOROUGH POLICE DEPT: Chief James Graham

⇒ Has found an interested candidate for PT Officer. Will meet with him next week.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: PMCA Kinsley – pothole on Rt 30 and Country Club Rd fell in after being repacked. Needs addressed

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Reports in File

PARKS AND RECREATION: Laura Baker: trees and bushes order for the park FREE from county program. Planting first in the wetter areas to help absorb. Ron Arbogast (E. King Street) will be helping with the plans (native plant expert). Would like to put some raised beds in the park for community garden. Would need trail cams. Would like to put small signs up to describe the plants being put into the park. Approval for John G. to start a plan for Phase One (playground and pavilion) to submit for grants. Purchase plaques for anything donated to park for recognition.

Motion to authorize purchase of educational plaques for foliage in park made by Frank Anderson; Seconded by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE: In File

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor O’Brien: Purchase cell phone for office/remote business.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to purchase cell phone for office/remote work use; Seconded by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Councilor Laura Baker mentions hiring a PT person in the next year or two to train and help at the office. Will be considered at a later time.

Mayor Watkins comments on webinar he took about with working with borough managers. Relays that a resident is upset about a paper alley. Suggests cutting in a stone alley to the park. John and David to investigate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular Council meeting is February 17th at 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Frank Anderson to adjourn at 7:01 pm; Seconded by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*