

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

October 17, 2024 - 6 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Laura Baker, April O'Brien, Hanna Carbaugh, Dale Reichert, Austin Wertz, Mayor Daniel W. Watkins, Sr., M/S/T Dr. David W. Bolton, Chief James Graham, Solicitor Tim Shultis, Esq. Engineer Ted Brillhart was excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Dale Reichert

GUESTS: Perry Shearer, Debbie Shearer, Dave DeLollis, Jerry Lillich, Mary Grace Kauffman, Tara Bolton, Robin Hyser

PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only): None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion made by April O'Brien to accept minutes from Sep 19, 2024, as presented; Seconded by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

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

Motion made by April O'Brien to accept the Treasurer's Reports thru 9/30/24; Seconded by Austin Wertz; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Motion made by Laura Baker to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru 10/17/2024; Seconded by Austin Wertz; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

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

- ⇒ Motion to approve advertised 2025 budgets as amended. *Motion made by April O'Brien, 2nd by Austin Wertz; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*
- ⇒ Motion to Approve 2025 Tax Resolution. *Motion made by Laura Baker, 2nd by Hanna Carbaugh; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*
- ⇒ Motion to authorized implementation of Borough Pension Plan. *Motion made by Hanna Carbaugh, 2nd by Austin Wertz; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*
- ⇒ Motion to Approve extending office hours/employee compensation. *Motion made by Austin Wertz, 2nd by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*
- ⇒ Discussed the Implementation of the Boroughs new communication system "Savvy Citizens".
- ⇒ Announced that Trunk or Treat will be Thursday, October 31st at St. Johns Church, specific time has yet to be announced.
- ⇒ Provided a financial analysis on the Borough Manager and Police Department.

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis

- ⇒ Motion to approve resolution for Berwick Township Snow Removal Agreement. *Motion made by Hanna Carbaugh, 2nd by Austin Wertz; Motion carried, 4-1. (April O'Brien)*
- ⇒ Motion to agree to Berwick Township Snow Removal Agreement. *Motion made by Hanna Carbaugh, 2nd by Austin Wertz; Motion carried, 4-1. (April O'Brien)*

ENGINEER: Ted Brillhart of Keller Engineers

⇒ Working on As-Built Plans and Street Dedications with APS-Smyser.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr. – DAS Questions on agreement with Berwick.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: PMCA – 13th East King Street sale 3rd party paperwork should be done in 90 days.

ABPD: Chief James Graham – New Grant that extends into next year, Busy police month.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Nothing at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Council Woman Laura Baker - Met with others about water issues in park, is looking for help with signage in the park.

EBACC: Guest Robin Hyser - Showcase the EBACC Capital Project via a Presentation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Council Woman Laura Baker – Suggests ideas for ways to improve traffic flow in the Borough.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Perry Shearer - Discusses Traffic Issues, Debbie Shearer - Made a map of street parking, Discusses Parking Issues, Dave DeLollis - Appreciates streaming meeting, Questions on budget information. Jerry Lillich - Discusses Limited parking, Large Delivery Trucks that block roads.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular Council meeting is November 21, 2024, at 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Hanna Carbaugh to adjourn at 8:11 pm; 2nd by Austin Wertz; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

RS
