

# Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

## June 16, 2022 6 PM

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

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**GUESTS:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept minutes from May 19, 2022, as presented; Seconded by April O'Brien; 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 5/31/22; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

*Motion made by April O'Brien to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru 6/16/2022; Seconded by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:** David W. Bolton, MBA, CBO updated Council on projects, current agreements, and other borough activity.

- ⇒ Proposal from Berwick Twp for repair of 10 inlets at Abbotts Court at a cost of \$5,291.37. Solicitor asks if this is covered by the Intermunicipal Agreement for Services; Mr. Bolton acknowledges that it is, but that he would like a vote to approve since it was not a budgeted expense for 2022. ***Motion made by Laura Baker to accept quote; Seconded by Frank Anderson, Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***
- ⇒ Radar Sign is available for Police Department @ \$4,765.00 with solar power source and uploadable data that can be used for other enforcement efforts. ***Motion made by Laura Baker to accept quote; Seconded by Frank Anderson, Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***
- ⇒ Grace Chubb Memorial Field – Mr. Bolton would like to acquire a plaque to commemorate who she was and why the field was named for her. ***Motion made by Laura Baker to authorize purchase; Seconded by Frank Anderson, Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***

**SOLICITOR:** Tim Shultis

- ⇒ Ord 2022-02 Updating Nuisances is presented as duly advertised. ***Motion made by Frank Anderson to enact ordinance; Seconded by Laura Baker, Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***
- ⇒ Ord 2022-03 Updating Streets and Sidewalks for obstructions is presented as duly advertised. ***Motion made by Frank Anderson to enact ordinance; Seconded by Dale Reichert, Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***

**ENGINEER:** John Golanoski

- ⇒ Sutton Run Estates – County is reviewing the submission for comments.
- ⇒ North Cheapside Street and West High Street - Establish right of way is the first move, then design the streetscape and tie in with the park project. Solicitor: checked deeds, all reference alleyway from original layout. Not currently maintained by the borough, loses rights after 21 years. Residents end up taking over the property (there is a shed currently in the alley), but they do not own it. Borough can reacquire title through eminent domain, or quiet title action, or negotiate quit claim deed with residents. First approach is to landowners with a preliminary plan asking for right of way (even though they do not own the property). They can cooperate by right of way or quit claim deed. Borough will fund the paperwork. Caltrider property was previously condemned (approx 2012). APJSA and borough condemned property. Motion made by Frank Anderson to allow Engineer and Solicitor to work on the project; Seconded by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 4-1 (O'Brien opposes). Solicitor and Engineer should head up the efforts to have a preliminary plan to present to residents. Solicitor will make contact and speak to residents.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** PMCA Enforcement ongoing, reports in file.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:** Dale Reichert reports that UH&L ladder truck will be back at end of the month, temporary one will be sold to Chile. April O'Brien asks about the hall renovations – mats are hard to come by, equipment is there. FEMA grant has been secured for costs.

**EBACC:** Open seat on board for borough, advertised in the newspaper by EBACC. Mary Galantino has called to express interest. ***Motion made by Frank Anderson to place Mrs. Galantino on the board; Seconded by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Laura Baker reports that the bushes out front of the borough building are too invasive and should be taken out before it causes damage to building and concrete. Mr. Bolton suggests having DAS take them out. Councilor Baker states that Spring and Fall bulbs are to be replanted in that area and that the tall grasses on the side of the building will be moved to where bushes are currently (wind too strong where they are). April O'Brien asks about the new employee (Abigail Kibler); Councilor Baker says that they are meeting up next Tuesday.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** In File

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

President Posey thanks everyone and reminds them to come to the next meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next regular Council meeting is July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Motion made by Frank Anderson to adjourn at 6:51 pm; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*