

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting February 16, 2023 - 6 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Frank Anderson, Laura Baker, Dennis Posey, April O'Brien, Mayor Dan Watkins, M/S/T Dr. David W. Bolton, Solicitor Tim Shultis, Esq., Chief James Graham. Dale Reichert and Engineer Erik Vranich were excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Dennis Posey – Moment of Silence is observed for the victims of the East Palestine, Ohio train derailment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: An Executive Session was held at 5:30 pm here at the borough building to discuss pending litigation with the Borough Solicitor (Sec. 708 (a), 4).

GUESTS: Amanda Hollenbaugh, Gettysburg Times
Jenna Smith, ACOPD – Addressed Council on the Adams County Heritage Plan to protect historic resources. Public survey is available – to be put on municipal website.

PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only): None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept minutes from January 19, 2023, as presented; Seconded by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*

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

*Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept the Treasurer's Reports thru 1/31/23
Seconded by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru 2/16/2023; Seconded by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

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

⇒ Res. 2023-01 2nd Amendment Sanctuary Borough Designation

Motion made by Frank Anderson to adopt Resolution 2023-01; 2nd by April O'Brien. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

⇒ Working on state reporting, audit prep, and researching grant opportunities.

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis

⇒ 312 Sutton Road – Enforcement of Previous Orders: Solicitor updates Council.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to authorize Solicitor to address letter received from residents' attorney; 2nd by April O'Brien. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

- ⇒ Chapter 64 – Animals in the Abbottstown Borough Code: Solicitor advises that current codification and ordinances allow for a maximum of 4 dogs, 6 cats, or 10 total animals on any lot in the borough. Penalties are already in place for violations and can be enforced by Code Enforcement or ABPD. No new ordinance is needed.

ENGINEER: Keller Engineers

- ⇒ Sutton Run Estates : Zoning Hearing Board application has been received.
⇒ Affordable Pet Supply : Solicitor will draw up a developer’s agreement and request posting of bond for project.

MAYOR’S REPORT: The Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr. – Mayor Watkins presents Chief James Graham with a commendation medal for working during the COVID-19 pandemic (and one for Officer Michael Bailey).

CODE ENFORCEMENT: PMCA – Code & Zoning Officer James Graham informs Council that Warehouse Rocks (300 Pleasant Street) has obtained the necessary permits, needs inspections scheduled. An NOV at Heights Court has uncovered that our current ordinance does not specify notice provisions; Solicitor states that IPMC provisions can be used. Solicitor will work towards updates for the nuisance ordinance. Other reports in file.

ABPD: Reports in file. Chief James Graham discusses issues with enforcement of overweight trailers on weight-restricted roads (Kinneman and Sutton).

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Reports filed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tara Bolton – Informs Council that Logan and Abigail have some availability to work for the borough for upcoming travel plans and college savings.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Mayor Watkins thanks Dr. Bolton for the installation of the No Parking signs on Cheapside after the passage of the updated traffic ordinance. President Posey thanks Council and staff for helping to improve the borough.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular Council meeting is March 16, 2023, at 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Frank Anderson to adjourn at 6:50 pm; 2nd by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*