

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

July 16, 2020 7 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Frank Anderson, Laura Baker, Dennis Posey, Dale Reichert, Daniel Watkins, Sr. Also in attendance: Mayor Duane Watson; M/S/T David Bolton, MBA, CBO; Solicitor, Tim Shultis; Engineer, John Golanoski, ABPD Chief James Graham.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Posey

ANNOUNCEMENTS: An Executive Session was held tonight at 6 pm to confer the borough solicitors on legal matters.

GUESTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Review of minutes from meeting held June 18, 2020.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept the minutes of June 18, 2020; 2nd by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Council reviewed the financial documents and prepared bills; Mr. Bolton answered questions concerning specifics. A bank audit was also presented, which was thoroughly reviewed.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept the Treasurer's Report thru 6/30/2020; 2nd by Daniel Watkins, Sr; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Approval of Expenditures: One invoice from Rabold's included

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve paying the bills as presented; 2nd by Daniel Watkins, Sr.; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

ADMINISTRATIVE: David Bolton, MBA, CBO **Report submitted - copy on file.**

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis

- ⇒ Codification, waiting on GenCode for final to adopt ordinance.
- ⇒ Kinneman Rd – Berwick signed Res and IMA on Monday. 2020-09 IMA resolution action.
- ⇒ Letter to Park fund folks to be written and mailed.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-09 made by Laura Baker; 2nd by Frank Anderson; Motion carried; 5 ayes.

Motion to ratify Intermunicipal Agreement with Berwick made by Laura Baker; 2nd by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

⇒ Septic Inspection Ordinance 2020-04; Ordinance was duly advertised in the Gettysburg Times on July 4, 2020 and available for display.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to enact Ordinance 2020-04, On-lot Sewage Management; 2nd by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

ENGINEER: John Golanoski

- ⇒ E. Fleet St, this Tuesday by Stewart and Tate. No parking signs to go up Monday.
- ⇒ Abbotts Court stormwater issues: homeowner issue. Recommends a formal letter of suggestions they can implement themselves, BMP, stormwater mgmt. plan. Dennis: borough will not incur expenses but has authorized engineer to make suggestions.
- ⇒ 2020 TIP recap (Hammaker East); approval of RFP.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to authorize payment of RFP for 2020 TIP of \$48,445.18 on Engineer's recommendations, 2nd by Dan Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Chief has suggested hiring another PT officer for continuity, residents happy with services provided, any absence by Chief will stop department activities. No increase in salary budget, Chief will schedule with current allocations. Only expense is uniform shirt and pants, they would have certifications and equipment. Dan: body cam transferable-Yes. Mayor: he and Chief need to be involved in interviewing, background checks, important to find the right fit. Tim: mandatory requests. Vote to advertise position available.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to advertise Part-time police officer position; 2nd by Dan Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

ABBOTTSTOWN BOROUGH POLICE DEPT: Report submitted - copy on file.

Car has 2500 miles since inception, running good, will last a long time. Regular maint budget for next year. Computer is up to standards for state regulations. High St and Abbotts Drive, getting into cars.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: James Graham, PMCA Report submitted - copy on file.

grass warnings went out. 183 E King St shrub in right of way again an issue. Several near-miss accidents. Can we cut it? Tim: borough can cut it if right of

way. Is it 40' when it was ordained? Print shows 40' on E. Fleet St. Dale: express that we have given leniency but did not gain compliance, so they need to pull it. Chief: send letter to suggest trimming, but removing it would be best, although compliance is not expected. Tim: letter to trim immediately or it will be removed due to public safety concerns. If no compliance, enforce under nuisance ordinance (expensive). Chief and Tim will work on the verbiage of the letter before sent. International property maintenance ordinance; Tim will bring it to next meeting for review and possible vote to advertise. Blank's accessory structure, not getting finished, keeps renewing it each year, cannot deny it per Graham. Dale: update ordinance stating only one year and one renewal before it becomes non-conforming. Tim: Zoning update, public hearings, etc.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to authorize work on a zoning ordinance amendment; 2nd by Dan Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: UH&L No. 33, PSP, AREMS **Reports submitted.**

COMMITTEES and ORGANIZATIONS:

⇒ **Parks and Recreation:** Do we need a compost area in park? Designate an area for stuff that falls in the park. Dan: how would it be maintained and not overgrown? Dale: any area for public to put things get abused (Community Aid boxes). Frank has a chain saw to use to cut up large branches and then we can take them away.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution 2020-16, Promoting Wildflowers.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to adopt Res. 2020-16 promoting growth of wildflowers in the borough; 2nd by Dan Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Councilor Frank Anderson: Nothing at this time.
- Councilor Laura Baker: keep track of plants, improvements for MS4/WIP3, so we can prove that we have done our part as municipality to promote Clean Water Act efforts. Dennis: put something on website that shows what we are trying to do, things we are promoting towards nature. Create page with Loretta, pics, etc.
- Councilor Daniel Watkins, Sr.: Nothing at this time.
- Mayor Duane Watson: Nothing at this time.

- Council Vice President Dale Reichert: UH&L and Covid; in good shape. Received several good donations from community. Brethren Home tax-exempt, gives donation. Forest fire equipment grant received. FEMA, DCED-extra federal form to fill out. \$25K will be received minimum, \$50M to be split among applicants
- Council President Dennis Posey: Abbottstown appreciates our first responders, sends our thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular Council meeting is August 20th at 7 pm.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to adjourn at 8:25 pm; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.