

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

November 16, 2023 - 6 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Dennis Posey

GUESTS: Alfredo M. Angeles, 530 W. King Street
Faustina Perez-Angeles, 530 W. King Street
Isaiah Livelsberger, 550 Edgegrove Road
Elijah Staub, 696 Cedar Road
Hanna Carbaugh, 103 W. King Street
Sandy Myers, Country Club Road

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING RECLASSIFICATION OF 530 W. KING STREET: Adams County Office of Planning and Development has sent a letter in favor of the proposed zoning changes. There is no current Planning Commission. Ordinance was advertised on October 24th and 31st, 2023. Law Library was notified October 19th, 2023. Property owners are present. Property and notices were properly posted. There are no objections from the audience.

PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only): None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept minutes from October 19, 2023, 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 Frank Anderson to accept the Treasurer's Reports thru 10/31/23 Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Motion made by April O'Brien to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru 11/16/2023; Seconded by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

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

- ⇒ Motion to adopt 2024 budgets as advertised. *Motion made by Frank Anderson to adopt 2024 budgets; 2nd by Dale Reichert. Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*
- ⇒ Reauthorize R. L. Beaver – 2024 snow removal agreement. *Motion made by Frank Anderson to reauthorize R.L. Beaver; 2nd by April O'Brien. Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*
- ⇒ Elijah Staub, Office Assistant, \$15/hr for 30 hrs/week, time off. *Motion made by Frank Anderson to hire Elijah Staub; 2nd by Dale Reichert. Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis

- ⇒ Rental Property Inspection Program – Motion to advertise. *Motion made by Dale Reichert to advertise Ordinance; 2nd by Frank Anderson. Motion carried, 4-1 (O'Brien dissents).*

⇒ Enactment of Ordinance 2023-03 to rezone 530 W. King Street. ***Motion made by Frank Anderson to enact Ordinance 2023-03; 2nd by Laura Baker. Motion carried, 4-1 (O'Brien dissents).***

ENGINEER: Keller Engineers – Sutton Run development still pending reviews.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr. – Nothing at this time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: PMCA – 13 E. King Street, warrant issued, place is in poor condition. Solicitor will work on resolution for borough to take action. Affordable Pet Supply was given a variance by Zoning Hearing Board for vegetation. 312 Sutton Road, updated permits are not adequate.

ABPD: Chief James Graham – Reports on file. 513 W. King Street was investigated due to overgrown property. Welfare check found several squatters on the property and owner is mentally incapacitated. Chief worked with family members and local agencies to resolve the issues.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Reports on file.

E.B.A.C.C.: Fundraising campaign being explored for new building revenues.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilor Baker discusses plans for a pumpkin patch in the Rec Park and more tree planting in February.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Anderson is looking for a cart to carry the water tank he donated for the park watering.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sandy Myers would like a list of the inspection items for the proposed ordinance. Solicitor will try to have it to her by December 7th.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Councilor Baker wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Mayor Watkins is concerned about a dead tree in the park and that a property was struck by a vehicle in the Center Square. President Posey gives best wishes to the Angeles on their business and welcomes Elijah to the borough team. Dr. Bolton asks Council if there is any opposition to cleaning up the rest of the destroyed wall in the square since it is not being rebuilt; Council concurs. Dr. Bolton will also coordinate the items to be brought for the holiday party at the next Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular Council meeting is December 21, 2023, at 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: ***Motion made by Frank Anderson to adjourn at 7:08 pm; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***