

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

August 19, 2021 6 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Frank Anderson, Dale Reichert, Dennis Posey, April O'Brien, Mayor Daniel Watkins, Sr. Also in attendance: Solicitor, Tim Shultis; Engineer, John Golanoski, M/S/T David W. Bolton; ABPD Chief James Graham. Absent: Laura Baker.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Posey, who calls for a moment of silence for those in Afghanistan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Presentation of 'Keys to the Borough' to:
Angelo and Mary Galantino (no show)
Craig and Faith Peterson
Perry and Debbie Shearer (no show)

GUESTS: Scott Sigman, 301 Pleasant Street, Warehouse ROCKS Climbing Fitness
Jerry Lillich and Barry & Shelva Meckley of Abbottstown Borough
Hanna Carbaugh, 103 W. King Street
Elizabeth Meckley Donato, East Berlin

PUBLIC COMMENT: Wayne Felix, Bulldogs BB Club. Play primarily at Utz field (\$20-25k per year costs). Wants to use the big field next year, expanding teams in league. Bermudian currently using it. Wants to maintain a schedule on big field, Berm is tough to schedule around. Would maintain playing surfaces. Majority of kids from New Oxford school district.

Lee Hoffheins, wants to know the difference of paper alleys and real streets. Mr. Shultis answers the question.

Chuck Smyser and wife Janie. Owns company in Scott Sigman's property. Outgrown. Wants to buy 21 acres from Mr. Hoffheins off Dale Alley (Pleasant Street). Wants to see if there is a zoning change that they could put up a warehouse. Has baking operation included in their business and needs to have infrastructure (water, sewer, etc.). Dennis: we cannot change other municipalities zoning, but we are going to discuss during the meeting.

Hoffheins said Berwick is looking to do the same changes for zoning on those plots.

Logan Kibler, seasonal employee, thanks for letting me serve the borough maintenance this summer. Dennis thanks him for working so hard and invites back next year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the July 15th meeting presented for approval as amended upon Mr. Shultis' recommendations.

Motion made by Dale Reichert to approve amended minutes from 7/15/21; 2nd by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 3-1 (O'Brien dissents).

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Treasurer's report for 7/31/2021 is presented for approval.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve Treasurer's report from 7/31/2021 as presented; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

Motion to approve payment of municipal bills through 7/15/2021 (includes RFP from H&H for Kinneman Road).

Motion made by Frank Anderson to ratify/approve paying the bills as presented; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

ADMINISTRATIVE: David Bolton, MBA, CBO, left report on the following:

- ⇒ Waste hauler joint bidding process with County ongoing.
- ⇒ ARPA funding transferred to PLGIT until allocations are identified.
- ⇒ York Water stuck in Hampton; delaying Fleet Street main replacement.
- ⇒ HCC/Moul subdivision at 170 E. Water Street: need accommodations. Waivers will be needed, and developer should be here to ask for such pending vote. Shultis: defects can be put into action item or deny and make them reapply. Shultis suggests a motion to ask the developer to grant an extension from today in writing for 60 days by tomorrow. Golanoski will call Bob Sharrah and get this done or plan is denied.

Motion made by Dale Reichert to deny final subdivision plan based on county comments in review letter unless 60-day extension is entered by tomorrow. If not, a denial letter needs to be sent; 2nd from Frank Anderson. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis:

- ⇒ Zoning Map Amendment along Pleasant Street: Rezoning of properties along Pleasant Street from Residential to CI. Solicitor prepared an amendment but did not bring it to the meeting, so he explains the situation. Sought out help from Adams County Office of Planning and Development with potential options. Ordinance amendment must go to county and council 30 days before public hearing, may enact on night of hearing. County will have comments but not

binding. Discussion held on history of adjacent properties and rezoning in other municipalities.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to authorize solicitor to advertise Zoning Map Amendment and solicit county opinion; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

ENGINEER: John Golanoski

⇒ Center Square pole repair, light was ordered. Other light is also damaged (stance), so we need to repair two new LEDs and install.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve expenses, 2nd by Dale Reichert. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

⇒ J.A. Myers (Sutton Run Estates), currently reviewing, county review has been solicited. Graham: PMCA reviewed and sent comments.

⇒ Abbotts Court (Gutierrez plan): wants to put a drain and pipe to an inlet box in the roadway to take water away, John has reservations due to borough liability after the work is done. Chris Raubenstein (engineer for resident) not available this week. John would like to suggest they use diversion tactics behind the property to minimize the water flow. John would not advise accepting the plan.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to table, 2nd by Dale Reichert. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

⇒ German Street, roadway improvement project next year to wait for infrastructure money.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr.

⇒ The Petersons arrive just before 7 pm. President Posey presents the Key to Borough to them for their lifetime of service to our residents.

ABBOTTSTOWN BOROUGH POLICE DEPT: Chief James Graham

⇒ Reports in file. N/S German and W Fleet (one way) potholes. Have Parichuk look at both and get quote. Frank will take care of weeds.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: James Graham, PMCA

⇒ Places in the borough that have weeds in the street, borough problem. Frank Anderson volunteers to take care of it.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: UH&L No. 33, PSP, AREMS Reports submitted. Fair on Aug 27/28 in place of carnival.

COMMITTEES and ORGANIZATIONS:

⇒ PSAB Leadership Conference and Board meeting on October 7 – 10 in Erie.

CORRESPONDENCE: On File.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Shultis relays that Todd Grim has inquired about the parcel on Kinneman Rd. Wants to annex to new property owners' property. Cannot just sell it. If under \$6k value, we can. Must get appraisal on property.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve Mr. Shultis to acquire appraisal, 2nd by Dale Reichert. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Frank Anderson asks about school buses during street work. Chief: one lane traffic for local traffic with flaggers and signs on Rt 30. Frank has parking concerns for local residents along that street.
- April O'Brien requests executive session for legal matters.
- Dale Reichert would like to act on the baseball team request with a motion to approve the Bulldogs team for 2022 season for primary use of the fields and let others work around them. Scott Sigman will allow them to put their maint equip at his warehouse.

Motion made by Dale Reichert to offer first right of refusal for municipal baseball fields to the Bulldogs; 2nd by Frank Anderson. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

RECESS: Called by President Posey at 7:24 pm.

RECONVENE: Council reconvenes at 7:52 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Council held an Executive Session to discuss agency business which, if not held in private, would violate lawful privilege to consult with their solicitor regarding issues where identifiable complaints which may be filed.

Motion made by Dale Reichert to adjourn at 7:54 pm; 2nd by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.