

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting
March 17, 2016

Meeting was called to order in the Council Room at 7:17 p.m. by Council President Dennis Posey.

Meeting was being recorded by Dennis Posey.

COUNCIL ROLL CALL: Laura Carson, Dennis Posey, Dale Reichert, April Trivitt, Daniel Watkins

Also in Attendance: Mayor Craig Peterson; Guy Beneventano, Solicitor; Chad Clabaugh, Engineer; Loreen Greer, Secretary/Treasurer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT:

An Executive Session was held at 6:00 p.m. on March 17th to discuss personnel issues and signage.

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

NEW OFFICE MUNICIPAL BUILDING:

- Borough Office Signage
The secretary was instructed to get more quotes from signs companies and Dennis will get in contact with Perry Shearer to pick up the Keystone Marker post that Mr. Shearer has. Council will consider where to install the Keystone sign.
- Dedication Plaque
Motion made by Laura Carson to place the dedication plaque outside on the south side of the front door; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes
- Landscaping
Laura will develop a plan for landscaping to comply with the land development plan for the building.
- Drop Box – purchase
Motion made by Laura Carson to purchase exterior drop box not to exceed \$100; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes
Daniel offered to purchase and donate a drop box.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Correction to the minutes

“Alternate Zoning Hearing Board Members – ***Motion made by Laura Carson to appoint Marcy Galantino as Alternate Zoning Hearing Board member***” should read ““Alternate Zoning Hearing Board Members – ***Motion made by Laura Carson to appoint Mary Galantino as Alternate Zoning Hearing Board member***”

Motion made by Daniel Watkins to accept the corrected minutes of February 18, 2016; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

REPORTS:

TREASURER:

- Profit /Loss Statements; Bank Acct Statements
Motion made by Daniel Watkins to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2016; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes
- Approval to Pay Bills with the addition of Channel Locksmith invoice #25086 \$94
Motion made by Laura Carson to approve paying the bills as presented; 2nd by April Trivitt; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

ABBOTTSTOWN PARADISE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – April Trivitt – no report

COMMITTEES:

Adams County Tax Collection Committee – no report

Finance and Budget – no report

Parks and Recreation

Request waiver of rental fee for Bermudian Little League and South Central Landsharks for the 2016 season

Motion made by Laura Carson to approve waiver of rental fee for Bermudian Little League and South Central Landsharks for use of ballfields for the 2016 season; 2nd by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

Personnel – no report

Sidewalk & Street Committee

Draft minutes from the March 10th meeting were presented. April noted that there was a quorum of council members at the committee meeting. Sutton Road Street repairs will begin week of June 6th and continue for 80 days. C. S. Davidson has planned approx. 2 hours for each construction day with all day inspections during paving.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Building Permit Report – February 2016 report
- Codes Enforcement Report – February 2016 report
- Code Enforcement Letter Template

EAST BERLIN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER

EBACC will send out a questionnaire they would like council to complete and return. There will be another meeting on April 7th.

Laura asked council to consider if the borough should make monetary contributions to EBACC. The borough contributed \$1,600 each year from 1992 – 2004

ENGINEER

Work on the Northwest Quad is progressing nicely.

Motion made by Daniel Watkins to accept Contract Change Order #1; 2nd by Laura Carson; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

MAYOR – no report

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE – February 2016 report was not available

PLANNING COMMISSION – Angelo – 03/10/16 mtg cancelled due to lack of business

SECRETARY – Loreen Greer – August thru February reports presented

UNITED HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY #33 – February 2016 report

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 02/06/16 RAYAC Real Estate Market Report
- 03/01/16 ACBA Reminder of dinner mtg on 03/21/16
- 03/01/16 PA DOT Notice of payment of Liquid Fuels funds
- 03/07/16 David Bolton Motorcycling Profiling Resolution
- 03/10/16 Sen Alloway/Sen Klunk Meet & Greet Invite

OLD BUSINESS:

- Awarding of Contract for 2016 Street Repairs (Sutton Rd)
Motion made by Dale Reichert to award contract for 2016 Street Repairs to Kinsley Construction for alternative #1; 2nd by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes
- Awarding of Contract for 2016 Storm Water Repairs (E Fleet St)
Motion made by Laura Carson to award contract for 2016 Storm Water Repairs to Kinsley Construction; 2nd by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes
- Awarding of Contract for 2016 Landscaping
Motion made by April Trivitt to direct Laura Carson to obtain a contractor's signature on an appropriate contract; Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes
- Ordinance 2016-01 Abolishing the Planning Commission
Motion made by Dale Reichert to adopt Ordinance 2016-01 Abolishing the Planning Commission; 2nd by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay April Trivitt
- Borough Properties
There are several borough-owned properties. The secretary will get information to council about the two properties that they may want to sell; East Water Street and 105 Kinneman Street.
- Keystone Historical Marker Post
Dennis will contact Perry Shearer about picking up the post Perry has at his house.
- Open House
The Park Committee will work on plans for an Open House to be held in Spring.
- Insurance Quotes – tabled
- Public Comment Resolution
Motion made by Laura Carson to allow 3 minutes at the beginning and the end of each public council meeting; 2nd by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay April Trivitt
Resolution 2016-05 will be presented at the April 21 council meeting.

- PSAB Voting Delegate

Motion made by Daniel Watkins to appoint Dennis Posey as PSAB Voting Delegate; no 2nd

April would like to represent the borough to PSAB. She has not been appointed to other organizations and is interested in continuing with PSAB.

Dennis Posey: *“With our financial situation, you have to pay for the full venue up there which is \$260, and then you possibly have mileage and possibly a hotel, I feel if someone feels strongly they need to go up for a certain thing, and if I can financially decide to pay for that and do it, but I don’t want to put that burden on the borough at this time. We have a lot of bills to be paid this year and I think you are talking maybe close to \$500.*

The more I looked over everything, there was only one day that I think would possible be beneficial as far as I felt to the borough. The other days wouldn’t not advantageous for us to be going there. I do not want to spend that money. It cost \$260 plus expenses to go.

If there’s a day you want to go to, bring it in to us and I’ll gladly entertain that. My thinking is that I don’t want to pay for an entire conference and according to what it says the voting is Tuesday and Wednesday and Wednesday the thing is over at 11 or 12. If you want to go for one day and there is certain things you want to go, I don’t have a problem with that. I just don’t want to spend \$500 of the borough’s money to go up there for all five days when it’s not beneficial. I’m not saying we should not pay to educate anyone here and like I said if you have a certain day you want to go, bring it in and we’ll gladly pay for it. I just don’t want to pay for the full venue.”

- Advisory Committee Resolution - tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

- Wall Hangings

Motion made by Laura Carson to allow things to be hung on the interior walls by nails or screws; 2nd by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay April Trivitt

- Post Office Box – renewal of P O Box rental \$57 for 6 months & \$114 for one year
Motion made by Daniel Watkins to continue Post Office Box rental for 6 months; 2nd by Laura Carson; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

- Payment of Fire Tax to Fire Company – decide how often to send money collected to the fire company

Motion made by Laura Carson to forward Fire Tax income to United Hook and Ladder twice a year; 2nd by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

An ordinance establishing a permanent Fire Tax will be done for 2017.

- Storm Drains – placement of educational markers

Motion made by Laura Carson to have Adams County Conservation District place educational markers on storm drains in the borough at no cost to the borough; 2nd by Daniel Watkins; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilor Laura Carson will talk to Asplundh about trimming trees at the park. The playground equipment area needs work and Laura will check on what is required. She is still waiting on stage repair proposals. Laura will continue to be in touch with the ball teams on their use of the park.
- Secretary Loreen Greer reported that she is working on the Summer Reading Program which she will manage outside of her work schedule.
- Mayor Craig Peterson – none
- Council Vice President Dale Reichert said he feels it is a good thing to work with Kinsley to try to repair damaged relationship. Dale also reported that there is a revised detour for the Route 194 bridge repair.
- Councilor April Trivitt asked if anyone knew anything about the work Columbia Gas was doing at the Altland House; it was emergency work and so permits were not needed ahead of time.
- Councilor Daniel Watkins reported that he has heard from twelve residents regarding an Abbottstown or Regional police force. He also asked about street sweeping and what information has been received.
- Council President Dennis Posey – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next council meeting is April 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Next ACBA dinner meeting is Monday March 21st at 6:15 at the Pike Rest. In Gettysburg

Motion made by Daniel Watkins to adjourn at 9:26 p.m.; 2nd by Laura Carson; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

Submitted,

Loreen Greer, Secretary – Treasurer