

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

October 4, 2018 7 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: Laura Baker, Dennis Posey, April Trivitt.

Also in attendance: Administrator/Secretary/Treasurer, David Bolton, MBA, CBO.

Absent: Daniel Watkins, Dale Reichert, Duane Watson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

GUESTS: Walter C. Baker, Jr., Queen Street

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS – Council reviewed the proposed budget. Mrs. Baker starts off by asking her husband (Walter Baker, in audience) questions concerning the costs of the roadwork for next year, which she asked him to research prior to the meeting. Conversation ensued about the various types of overlay and benefits of cost. Engineer Clabaugh will be consulted.

She also commented that the borough should hire a PT road crew worker for 20 hours a week at \$20/hr. President Posey does not think there are enough projects to hire someone and suggests a 3rd party contractor for the work. Mrs. Baker offers to make a list of all the road projects she believes quantifies the new hire. She will give a list to President Posey of these projects. Mr. Bolton confirms that there is plenty of room in the budget to add a new hire OR to contract out.

Councilors Baker and Trivitt once again brought up the salary line for Mr. Bolton for next year. Although Mrs. Baker admits that Mr. Bolton is worth the money budgeted, she believes a road crew worker is needed at \$20K per year for 8 months of service. Mr. Bolton showed her where in the budget money can be allocated for such an employee from the \$18,500 surplus in the draft budget. He also explained how the Capital Budget will have approximately \$150K left after road improvements and \$50K in Liquid Fuels Budget next year and still have a balanced budget. President Posey also states that he is under the impression that Councilors have approached Mr. Bolton and told him that he should be making more, to which Mrs. Baker confirms that he should. President Posey suggests hiring 3rd party subcontractors for the work needed, to avoid additional costs (taxes, worker's compensation, etc).

Other line items were questioned, but they had been changed at last meeting and given in the updated draft budget.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Councilor Laura Baker – Crack sealing needed on Heights Court. Meeting with Dru Neil for the non-profit project cancelled until next week.
- Councilor April Trivitt – Trunk or Treat being coordinated.
- Administrator David Bolton – Mr. Moore has not paid his first court-mandated payment. Mr. Shultis has been contacted to file contempt charges on.

Mr. Bolton contacted C. S. Davidson concerning an invoice credit from Mr. Clabaugh

- Council President Dennis Posey – McDonald's offers a fundraiser program which could be used to raise money for the park.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Walter Baker addressed Council concerning slurry seal on East Calvary Field Road in Gettysburg (not chipped); has lasted 15 years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Next Council meeting is October 18th at 7 pm.

Motion made by Dennis Posey to adjourn at 7:48 pm; 2nd by Laura Baker; Motion approved, 3 Ayes.