

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

February 15, 2024 - 6 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Laura Baker, Dale Reichert, Hannah Carbaugh, April O'Brien, Austin Wertz, Mayor Daniel W. Watkins, Sr., Solicitor Tim Shultis, Chief James Graham, M/S/T Dr. David W. Bolton, Ted Brillhart for Keller Engineers. Erick Vranich was excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Dale Reichert

GUESTS: Kris Raubenstien, Hanover Land Services for J.A. Myers

PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only): Kris Raubenstien: HLS for J.A. Myers with updated plans for Sutton Run Estates - getting environmental permits, county would like to review again. Plans will be sent to county planning office. A developer's agreement will be needed for road access and eventual repair. Agreement on Fee-in-lieu-of as condition of the variance from Zoning Hearing Board needs to be finalized before approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion made by Laura Baker to accept minutes from January 18, 2024, as presented; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

TREASURER REPORTS: Dr. Bolton provided an update on the borough's fiscal status.

Motion made by Laura Baker to accept the Treasurer's Reports thru 01/31/24 Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Motion made by April O'Brien to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru 02/15/2024; Seconded by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

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

⇒ Motion to advertise Zoning Ordinance change from 500 to 1500 sq feet for cottage businesses. **Motion made by Hannah Carbaugh to advertise Zoning Ordinance change; 2nd by April O'Brien. Motion carried, 5 Ayes.**

Dr. Bolton is instructed by Council to purchase a mower per Capital Budget to tend to the Rec Park and right-of-ways maintained by the borough.

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis, Esq. - Court Order for the trailer removed from the J.A. Myers property being enforced, resolution being explored. 13 E King - paperwork filed to condemn & raise 20 days until tomorrow, 10 more days until judgment.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr. – Would like Dr. Bolton to get a plaque for Ronald Arbogast for helping acquire funding for the Rec Park through various grants and for his personal time and efforts in the park design.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: PMCA – Case at MDC with Moore property.

ABPD: Chief James Graham – PennDOT grants \$1,000 for traffic enforcement + \$500, King St traffic complaints, garbage being left by Flagger Force work crews – complaints fielded.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: None.

E.B.A.C.C.: None.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: 2 days next week trail makers will be set in the Rec Park for paths, wildflowers will be planted in May.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Hannah Carbaugh suggests an ordinance to keep dumpsters closed due to debris flying out of them and animals. This might be enforceable through the IPMC. Mr. Graham will look into this by next meeting.

Some of the park trees need removed and downed limbs need collected. Solicitor Shultis recommends Jeremy Myers for trees in parks. Mayor Watkins also mentions 3 Amigos in New Oxford.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Council meeting is March 21, 2024, at 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Hanna Carbaugh to adjourn at 6:54 pm; 2nd by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*