

# Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

## January 18, 2024 - 6 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00 p.m.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by President Dale Reichert

**GUESTS:** Tara Bolton

**PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only):** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion made by Laura Baker to accept minutes from December 21, 2023, as presented; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*

*Motion made by Laura Baker to accept minutes from January 2, 2024, as presented; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*

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

*Motion made by April O'Brien to accept the Treasurer's Reports thru 12/31/23 Seconded by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*

*Motion made by April O'Brien to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru 1/18/2024; Seconded by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*

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

- ⇒ Motion to adopt APS Bond reduction request as reviewed by Engineer. *Motion made by Laura Baker to adopt APS Bond Reduction request; 2<sup>nd</sup> by April O'Brien. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*
- ⇒ Motion to forward Zoning Ordinance change from 500 to 1500 sq feet for cottage businesses to ACOPD for review. *Motion made by Laura Baker to send Zoning Ordinance change to county planning for review; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Austin Wertz. Motion carried, 3-1 (O'Brien dissents).*
- ⇒ Motion to amend agenda for snow emergency. *Motion made by April O'Brien to amend agenda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura Baker. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*
- ⇒ Motion to rescind agreement with R.L. Beaver for snow plowing and authorize Berwick Twp. Public Works – *Motion made by Austin Wertz to authorize; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura Baker. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*

**SOLICITOR:** Tim Shultis - 13 E. King Street, complaint filed to demolish.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr. – Jake Brakes complaints, more snow emergency signs needed in Spring.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** PMCA – 8 E. King Street opening up; 312 Sutton Road civil comp filed and septic tank failed upon inspection.

**ABPD:** Chief James Graham – PennDOT grants received, speed tracker for car, problems with snow plowing with 20 cars not moved – better system to communicate?

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:** Reports on file.

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

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Thank you card to Ron Arbogast for helping with grants for the park.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Tara Bolton spoke about sponsoring park benches.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Nothing further.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next Council meeting is February 15, 2024, at 6 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Motion made by Laura Baker to adjourn at 7:17 pm; 2nd by Austin Wertz; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*