

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting
August 20, 2015

Meeting was called to order in the Council Room at 7:02 p.m. by Council President April Trivitt.

COUNCIL ROLL CALL: Walter Baker, Mark Heisey, Dale Reichert, April Trivitt, Hugh Wellen
Also in Attendance: Guy Beneventano, Solicitor; Chad Clabaugh, Engineer;
Loreen Greer, Secretary/Treasurer

VISITOR(S): Perry Shearer, Abbottstown; Debbie Shearer, Abbottstown; Angelo Galantino, Abbottstown; Mary Galantino, Abbottstown; George Miller, Abbottstown; Diane Wellen, Abbottstown

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

An executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. August 20, 2015 to obtain advice of counsel on pending matters. Mr. Jay Wenger of Susquehanna Group Advisors attended part of that executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Perry Shearer complained that Donna Kreiser was listed as a Guest Speaker, but only spoke during the executive session.
- Debbie Shearer complained that the borough office did not comply with their request for the agenda to be emailed to them. She also complained about the amount of weeds on the sidewalk on East King Street and will send pictures to the borough office to document the condition in case anyone gets hurt.
- Angelo Galantino said the Square Beautification Project was not administered properly. He believes the concrete planters are not appropriate for the circle. He presented an email that was sent to some of council by Faith Peterson that included information about him that he says is not factual.
- George Miller informed council about burning going on at 315 Sutton Road. He is concerned about contaminants getting into the water system. He has seen truckloads and trailer loads of items being brought to the property and then disassembled and some burned. He has called the Mayor, the Fire Chief and the EPA about the problem but has seen no effort to halt the activity.

NEW OFFICE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

- Report from the Construction Committee – Mark Heisey
Chad let council know that on-site construction meetings will be held bi-weekly and that the project is one week ahead of schedule. Minutes from the first, second and third on-site construction meetings were presented.
Motion made by Mark Heisey to ratify the contract with Financial Advisor; 2nd by Walter Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes
Motion made by Walter Baker to ratify contract with Municipal Finance Attorney; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes
Change Order #1 – tabled until September meeting
Motion made by Mark Heisey to approve the increased invoice (\$3,297) for Builders Risk insurance; 2nd by Walter Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mark Heisey to approve minutes of July 16, 2015; 2nd by Walter Baker; Motion carried 5 Ayes.

Motion made by Mark Heisey to approve minutes of July 28, 2015; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried 5 Ayes.

REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion made by Hugh Wellen to accept the Treasurer's Report; 2nd by Mark Heisey; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

APPROVAL TO PAY BILL(S)

Motion made by Walter Baker to authorize payment of bills as presented; 2nd by Hugh Wellen; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

ABBOTTSTOWN PARADISE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – April Trivitt

Minutes of the June 3rd meeting were presented

COMMITTEES

- Adams County Tax Collection Committee - none
- Advisory - none
- Center Square Maintenance - none
- Construction – see above
- Finance and Budget - none
- Parks and Recreation - none
- Personnel - none
- Sidewalk & Street Committee

The committee recommends Council proceed with the plans for the sidewalk on the North West Quadrant by the end of this year.

Draft minutes of the August 13th meeting were presented

Dale reported on the 2015 Street Repairs. The committee recommends Council authorize Chad to seek phone bids for the repairs needed to the storm sewer at the intersection of East Fleet Street and South Country Club Rd and those repairs be done yet this year.

Motion made by Dale Reichert to authorize the Borough Engineer to seek phone bids for the repairs needed to the storm sewer at the intersection of East Fleet Street and South Country Club Rd; 2nd by Hugh Wellen; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

Chad strongly suggests getting request for bids for Sutton Road out in early January for a better chance of competitive bids. In order for the specs to be ready for January, work needs to begin by November's Council meeting.

Motion made by Mark Heisey to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare bid specs to go out in January for Sutton Rd repairs to be done in 2016; 2nd by Walter Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

The committee recommends budgeting for a Sidewalk Study to be done in 2016.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Building Permit Report – July report presented
- General Code Enforcement Report –

EAST BERLIN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER – none

ENGINEER

Chad mentioned that he is monitoring the Columbia Gas projects currently going on in the Borough.

Chad has been asked by the Sidewalk and Streets Committee to respond to The York Water Company request for specifications and the process for excavation permits.

MAYOR – none

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE – July report presented

PLANNING COMMISSION

- August 11 meeting was cancelled due to lack of business

SECRETARY – July report presentation

UNITED HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY #33 – July report presentation

CORRESPONDENCE

- 07/08/15 Emanuel U.C.C. Thank you and check for food stand at Yard Sale
- 07/08/15 Hamilton Twp Notice that recycling will be discontinued
- 07/15/15 Berwick Twp Cancellation of mowing and snow plow contract
- 07/30/15 SWRPD Interest in joining police force
- 08/03/15 York Water Co Request for Road Restoration Specs
- 08/07/15 St John's Lutheran Volunteers for park cleanup

OLD BUSINESS

- Joint Regional Police Force
No further reports or information regarding the proposed Joint Regional Police Force. South Western Regional Police Department sent a letter asking if the borough would be interested in meeting to discuss services. Council instructed Loreen to write a letter thanking them for the offer, but that the Borough is putting off any discussions on hold for now.
- 101 Sutton Road – G & S Foods Developer's Agreement – tabled until September

NEW BUSINESS

- October Newsletter
Please let the Borough Office know if you have any ideas for the October newsletter

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Angelo Galantino showed pictures of the previous planters and said that they were not maintained properly and that one of them was within four feet of the handicap ramp. He also wanted to know why his requests to be included in the July and August agendas were not granted.
- Mary Galantino would like answers in writing about how the Borough acquired her property in 2008 for the Square Beautification Project. Other property owners were compensated for their properties used in the project. She referred to a newspaper editorial written by Faith Peterson in 2010. Mary is asking for Mayor Peterson to resign due to a conflict of interest (that he will not investigate the Square Beautification Project problem since his wife Faith Peterson was in charge of it). She has been contacted by media outlets regarding the banner she has put up at her house.
- Perry Shearer complained about the cost of the new municipal building and questioned whether uninsured people did some of the demo. The barberry bushes need maintained.
- Debbie Shearer complained that Ryan Haugh is the chairman of the Square Committee and his corner is the only corner that is cleaned.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Walter Baker – none
- Secretary Loreen Greer – none
- Council Vice President Mark Heisey would like to go into an executive session after the meeting.
- Councilor Dale Reichert – none
- Councilor Hugh Wellen – none
- Council President April Trivitt – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next scheduled Council meeting is September 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Hugh Wellen to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.; 2nd by Hugh Wellen; Motion carried, 5 Ayes

Submitted,

Loreen Greer, Secretary – Treasurer