

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

August 20, 2020 7 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Frank Anderson, Laura Baker, Dennis Posey, Dale Reichert.
Also in attendance: M/S/T David Bolton, MBA, CBO; Solicitor, Tim Shultis; Engineer, John Golanoski, ABPD Chief James Graham. Absent: Mayor Duane Watson; Daniel Watkins, Sr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Posey

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GUESTS: Logan Kibler, Summer Borough Maint. Staff
Greg Trent, Jr and Kevin Strausburg, New Oxford Jr BB
East Berlin Area Community Center staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT: New Oxford Jr. BB, wants to use the fields (Bulldogs to practice, Berm BB to play games). Dennis- work out schedule with other teams and Council will vote later on agreement.

EBACC: presentation of situation with East Berlin borough denying the purchase of the facility by EBACC; stated if they sell, they will give one year. Supposed to sign over after the loan was paid off and repairs are too expensive to put into building without guarantee of facility being available. Having meetings with all partner municipalities. Dennis mentions Reading Twp plans to expand and make a community area. Robin Hyser said East Berlin would need to be involved. Dennis: the borough would like to help, an adult rec center is needed in our area. General conversation ensued with Council members asking specifics. Mr. Shultis, who represents EBACC, explains the history of the commission and agreement conversations. If a joint recreation commission were formed, they could convey the building to EBACC (borough cannot by law without taking bids or auction). With the condition of the building, it may not be worth fixing up. Robin: 750K to 1M in next 10 years for repairs in current building. Pam Lady also in attendance.

Logan Kibler: Explained what he did for the borough during the summer, said he made the borough a little bit better than it was. Council presented with pictures of before and after. In all, the Groundskeeping Shed and Public Works Shed were established, the PD garage was cleaned out and organized, the Sheds were painted and organized, minor landscaping and cleaning duties were performed every other week. Council thanked him for his efforts and invited him back next year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Review of minutes from meeting held July 16, 2020.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept the minutes of July 16, 2020; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Council reviewed the financial documents and prepared bills; Mr. Bolton answered questions concerning specifics. A bank audit was also presented, which was thoroughly reviewed.

Motion made by Dale Reichert to accept the Treasurer's Report thru 7/31/2020; 2nd by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

Approval of Expenditures:

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve paying the bills as presented; 2nd by Dale Reichert.; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

ADMINISTRATIVE: David Bolton, MBA, CBO COVID grant application submitted to county for costs to upgrade computer for telework and online meetings. PennDOT cleaned out the grates from the Rt 30 paving years ago (worked with Chad Smyers); sending thank you letter from borough. Square was littered with glass and metal; cleaned it up. Voting box from Abbottstown which carried ballots to courthouse for years is out of service and now on display in Council Chambers, along with a commemorative brick from the Square project by the school bell. Working with Mr. Shultis on joint invoices from Berwick/Kinneman Rd.

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis

- ⇒ GenCode updates: emails being exchanged to finalize project.
- ⇒ Zoning Ordinance amendment for completion of building permits (copies to view). First goes to Adams County Office of Planning and Development 30 days before a public hearing, then advertise for vote. Suggests Graham review before going to county. Asks Tim if we have to reissue; he says no you can deny extensions. Would need to appeal to Zoning Hearing Board if denied.

Motion made by Laura Baker to approve sending to county for review; 2nd by Frank Anderson.; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

- ⇒ 2015 International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance: Borough can adopt as is, but most municipalities only adopt what they need, coordinates with other ordinances (nuisances, etc). If done, it must be managed (Code officer). Authorize Graham to review and give suggestions. Jim: if adopted, most do only exterior structure issues. Dennis: how would we see the inside? Jim: rental properties complaints

from tenants usually tip off interior inspections. Dale: no current recourse to mandate repairs needed. Laura: can it be used separately for rentals and owned properties (no, all properties). Dale: if it applies to all properties, then no discriminatory inspections on rentals. Tim: prior to sale, notices of violations are checked. Jim: renters can allow inspector in to check interior items if included. Must be purchased (copyrighted). Would make Rental Inspection Program easier to implement; would refer back to these standards. Council will review for discussion next meeting.

ENGINEER: John Golanoski

- ⇒ E Fleet St, Abbottstown-Paradise Joint Sewer Authority had some concerns and they were addressed.
- ⇒ Abbotts Court water issue: letters sent. One resident called and complained to PMCA, explained that it is a civil matter; Council has no authority. Tim: borough went above and beyond to try to find a resolution; not required.
- ⇒ Curb situations from last month: plowing damage. Too expensive to just replace a few spots. Does not think we should replace anything until more spots are noticed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

ABBOTTSTOWN BOROUGH POLICE DEPT: Report submitted - copy on file.

Chief explains reports from last month.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: James Graham, PMCA Report submitted - copy on file.

- ⇒ Shearer's bush significantly cut back. 182 E King St owner passed away (Blank), disposing of the estate, no will. Scott Kelly dealing with legalities. Will check with Kelly to keep property in shape. 305 W Water St vegetation issues, hearing on two other citations on Monday.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: UH&L No. 33, PSP, AREMS Reports submitted.

Car show, fireworks, food trucks on Saturday.

COMMITTEES and ORGANIZATIONS:

- ⇒ **Parks and Recreation:** Park design completed by YSM, ready for public comment.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to authorize Mr. Bolton to advertise Public Meeting to review designs Sept. 3, 6-7 pm at the Rec Park Pavilion and a Public Comment period through Sept. 21, 8 am. Plans will be on display and available at the borough office and posted on our website for viewing. Council will vote to accept one of the plans at the Oct. 15 meeting to approve sending to county for review; 2nd by Dale Reichert.; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

⇒ **PSAB/ACBA:** PSAB Fall Board meeting Oct 15 at 3 pm in Gettysburg.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Consideration of permitting Fall Ball schedules as presented.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to authorize agreement with New Oxford Junior Baseball Team to use fields as presented; 2nd by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Councilor Frank Anderson: Nothing at this time.
- Councilor Laura Baker: keep track of plants, improvements for MS4/WIP3, so we can prove that we have done our part as municipality to promote Clean Water Act efforts. Dennis: put something on website that shows what we are trying to do, things we are promoting towards nature. Create page with Loretta, pics, etc.
- Councilor Daniel Watkins, Sr.: Absent.
- Mayor Duane Watson: Absent.
- Council Vice President Dale Reichert: Hammaker offering 40 cent per square foot for any late season crack sealing. Most roads that need work need redone not just sealed. Engineer agrees. But will check Town Circle and Abbotts Court.
- Council President Dennis Posey: thanks everyone, encourages thought on the EBACC situation. Asks Mr. Bolton to contact Mr. Hoffheins to see if he is willing to sell his property for EBACC, get a price. Let Tim and Dennis know what we discover.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Budget meeting is September 3rd at 7 pm.
Next regular Council meeting is September 17th at 7 pm.

Motion made by Laura Baker to adjourn at 8:28 pm; 2nd by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.