

# Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

## September 15, 2022 6 PM

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

**ROLL CALL:** Frank Anderson, Laura Baker, Dale Reichert, April O'Brien, M/S/T David W. Bolton, Solicitor Tim Shultis, Engineer John Golanoski. Dennis Posey and Chief James Graham were excused.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** An Executive Session was held at 5:30 pm this evening for Council to consult with the Solicitor concerning a personnel matter as covered in Section 708(9)(1) of the Pennsylvania Open Meetings Law.

**GUESTS:** Todd Kurl (RGS) for Affordable Pet Supply – 300 Pleasant St improvement plan.  
Chuck Smyser – APS  
Todd Thornton – APS  
Steve Yinger – Kinsley Construction

**PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only):** APS presented their property improvement plan for 300 Pleasant Street for a new pet food warehouse and distribution center.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept minutes from August 18, 2022, as amended; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*

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

*Motion made by April O'Brien to accept the Treasurer's Reports thru 8/31/22; Seconded by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 4-0.*

*Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru 9/15/2022; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:** David W. Bolton, MBA, CBO updated Council on projects, current agreements, and other borough activity.

- ⇒ Craig Peterson has resignation his duties to the borough, as he is moving.
- ⇒ Kinsley rework on Fleet Street completed but not to satisfaction of residents.
- ⇒ ARPA Resolution 2022-11 to accept funding into General Fund.

*Motion made by Frank Anderson to adopt Res. 2022-11; Seconded by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 4-0.*

- ⇒ MS4 Ordinance proposal – tabled pending Solicitor review and comment.

**SOLICITOR:** Tim Shultis

- ⇒ New firework laws allows the borough additional options to prohibit some or all items. Tabled until further review.

⇒ Act 57 with local tax collection; ordinance of waiver of charges by January 9<sup>th</sup>. Review at next meeting. Provides a waiver of late charges for certain situations (property transfer, etc.). Solicitor will bring copy for consideration next meeting.

⇒ Ordinance 2022-04 Updating Nuisances and Recreational Vehicles in the borough.

***Motion made by Frank Anderson to advertise presented ordinance; Seconded by April O'Brien. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.***

**ENGINEER:** John Golanoski

⇒ Cheapside Alley cost estimates: sewer piping will need to be lowered, may affect neighboring properties. May add up to \$35K on top of the \$150K estimate previously anticipated. As part of park project, we could get grants. Original issue was wash out on W. Water Street. To address that without the costs of road construction, a rolled type of curb would help to keep sediment back off road and out of storm sewer. 110 W. Water Street's stone driveway is the main culprit of the wash out issues. If borough fixes the curb, they could get price quotes with an estimate for other needed curb repairs around the borough. John will get quotes for the curbing. David will call Berwick to see if a temp curb can be installed until next Spring and let John and resident know.

⇒ MS4 waiver submitted and pending.

⇒ Sutton Run letter of extension for 180 days thru April 10, 2023.

***Motion made by Laura Baker to accept letter; Seconded by Frank Anderson. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.***

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** The Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr. – East side of S. Cheapside – ordinance update for no parking. Engineer has done a study and this is permissible.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** PMCA – Reports in file

**ABPD:** Reports in file. Mr. Bolton gave a report on the fiscal condition of the police department, outlining the immense savings being experienced by the borough compared to their options for police coverage prior to 2020. He thanked Chief Graham for his good work and keen eye on budget line items and payroll.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:** Reports filed.

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:** After an initial review of the 2023 General Fund budget, Council decided not to engage in any budget workshops through the remainder of the year.

***Motion made by Frank Anderson to cancel remaining budget workshops for 2022; Seconded by Laura Baker. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.***

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** There is a dead tree in the left field area of the Chubb Field. Council believe it should be taken down before it falls down.

***Motion made by Frank Anderson to remove dead tree; Seconded by Laura Baker. Motion carried, 4 Ayes.***

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Mr. Bolton relays a message from North York Borough Council expressing their gratitude for Abbottstown Council allowing him to work with them cooperatively, as things are going well there through these efforts.

Councilor Baker thanks Council for working with her through her extended absences at meetings since the original COVID-19 outbreak.

Councilor O'Brien informs Council of a meeting at APJSA on the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next regular Council meeting is October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** ***Motion made by Frank Anderson to adjourn at 7:28 pm; Seconded by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.***