

Abbottstown Borough Public Hearing and Council Meeting March 17, 2022 6 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Frank Anderson, Laura Baker, Dennis Posey, Dale Reichert, April O'Brien, Mayor Daniel Watkins, Sr., M/S/T David W. Bolton, Solicitor Tim Shultis, Chief James Graham. Excused: Engineer John Golanoski.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Dennis Posey

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Public Hearing was advertised in the Gettysburg Times on March 1 and March 8, 2022, and agenda was posted in the front window 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Motion to amend error on agenda to Ordinance 2022-01 regulating wireless facilities per Act 60 from Kinneman Road property sale made by Frank Anderson; 2nd by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Solicitor: County approval with minor formatting changes received from Adams County Office of Planning and Development on January 18, 2022. Advertised as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT ORDINANCE 2022-01: NONE

Motion to adjourn Public Hearing and go into Council meeting made by Frank Anderson; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Public Hearing adjourned at 6:04 pm.

COUNCIL MEETING:

GUESTS: Pete Socks, SockEm WebSolutions
Michael Bailey, Applicant for ABPD Patrol Officer

PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only): Pete Socks, SockEm WebSolutions: Offers the borough a new website hosting service. Search functions for ordinances, resolutions, and minutes (key words through PDF). Electronic submissions for common forms. Has been working with Oxford Twp. \$3000 labor for start-up and plug-ins. Hosting with annual renewal, \$30 per hour over the first hour of service each month. Also producing newsletters at no cost for municipalities. Costs covered by business sponsors locally.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr.: Presentation of Michael Bailey, applicant for ABPD Patrol Officer

Motion made by Laura Baker to hire Michael Bailey as Patrol Officer for ABPD, at a wage of \$23.00/hr, for up to 8 hours per week (2 shifts), or additional time if covering for hours allocated to Chief Graham; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Officer Bailey was sworn in at this time by Mayor Daniel W. Watkins, Sr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept minutes as amended from February 17, 2022, as presented; Seconded by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

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

Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept the Treasurer's Reports thru 2/28/22; Seconded by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru 3/17/2022; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: David W. Bolton, MBA, CBO updated Council on projects.

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis

⇒ Kinneman Road property: Mr & Mrs Jackson at 125 Kinneman Rd interested in purchasing for nominal price. Sliver of land between will be arranged by the Brosses and the Jacksons. Appraised at less than \$6k, no public auction needed. Inconvenient and burdensome for borough to continue to own. Convey to Jacksons at no cost through Res 2022-08. Discussions occurred at meetings on Jan 20 and Feb 17, Feb 28 advertisement in Gettysburg Times.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve Res 2022-08 for the disposal of the borough property on Kinneman Road; 2nd by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

⇒ Ord 2022-01 Wireless Facilities Ordinance:

Motion made by Frank Anderson to adopt Ordinance 2022-01 as advertised; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

⇒ Ord 2022-02 Update for Nuisance Ordinance: Solicitor has not had time to review it.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to advertise pending review of solicitor; 2nd by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

ENGINEER: John Golanoski

⇒ Sutton Runs Estates:

Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept extension letter from J.A. Myers for Sutton Run Estates; 2nd by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr.

No activity at this time

ABBOTTSTOWN BOROUGH POLICE DEPT: Chief James Graham

⇒ Snow Emergency issues with parking. Light bar for PD car from Reading Twp (donation) and control head. Chief will donate wire and labor to install.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: PMCA

⇒ 312 Sutton Road – will apply for new permits for work on 20-04-001.

⇒ 13 E. King Street is a blighted property, letters sent but no response. Asks Mr. Shultis on his opinion for an administrative search warrant. Code enforcement will not resolve the issues as there is no one to contact concerning the property. Mr. Shultis will work with Mr. Graham on a solution.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Reports in File

PARKS AND RECREATION: Laura Baker: Scout Noah Schneider is interested in putting a wheelchair swing in the park. Must be done by the end of the year. Councilor Baker wants to investigate safety issues. Ideally it should be located in the Phase One area of the Park improvements as access to the current swings would not be possible now. She will look into some of the questions posed on the project and come back to Council. Scout wants to raise money for the project, but the costs may be too much on his own. Ron Arbogast has been working with her on a list of native plants for the park. List will be given to Mr. Bolton to purchase plants as they are available.

⇒ Park Flag and Gutters: Mr. Bolton will get a quote on services needed.

CORRESPONDENCE: In File

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Table website contracting until Councilors can review information and check out other sites serviced.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Mr. Bolton thanks Council for their cooperation and with their great communication. Councilor O'Brien would like to have a moment of silence on the agenda going forward. President Posey thanks everyone for their participation and cooperation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular Council meeting is April 21st at 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Frank Anderson to adjourn at 7:01 pm; Seconded by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*