

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

January 20, 2022 6 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by VP Reichert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

GUESTS: Kris Raubenstine, Hanover Land Services for J.A. Myers
Supervisor Tom Danner, Berwick Township
David Moul, 170 E. Water Street
B.J. Gianguilia, H.A. Thomson

PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only): BJ Gianguilia – H.A. Thomson renewal review. Send budget to HA Thomson. Pricing for the year slight increase (2 accidents).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion made by Laura Baker to accept minutes from December 16, 2021, as presented; Seconded by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*

Motion made by Frank Anderson to accept minutes from January 3, 2022 as presented; Seconded by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

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

Motion made by April O'Brien to accept the Treasurer's Reports thru 12/31/21; Seconded by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru 1/20/2021; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve administrative changes to 2021 General Fund Budget totals; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: David W. Bolton, MBA, CBO

- ⇒ Several signage projects (jake brakes, 35 mph replace., down signs) to be installed by Berwick's Bill Scott and Sean Potter via new Intermunicipal Agreement.
- ⇒ Waste Hauler contracts: Mr. Shultis has reviewed and approved. Post-bid meeting to follow once scheduled with other municipalities.
- ⇒ Audit season thru end of February. Worker's Comp audit next week. Finance audit through Boyer & Ritter scheduled.

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis

⇒ Kinneman Road property: Owner of 125 Kinneman Rd are interested in purchasing lot for nominal or no consideration. Borough council intends to sell. Solicitor will prepare all necessary documents. Another owner may want a chance. March 17th is the deadline for disposal. 30 days from today; advertise disposal of property. Public announcement tonight and February 17th meeting.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to re-advertise sale of property; 2nd by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

⇒ David Moul/HCC subdivision: Solicitor and Engineer tried to reach out to Sharrah and no response. Engineer does not think that we should hold anything up over minor administrative details. Solicitor suggests conditional approval can be given subject to comments being addressed from engineers. Borough can sign if the engineer is good with administrative actions. Council should make a motion to conditional approve if so inclined

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve plan conditionally pending engineer and county review comments being met with signatures affixed after such; 2nd by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

⇒ Wireless facility Ordinance 2021-05: Solicitor needs to advertise this twice, not once, since it is a zoning ordinance.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to advertise ordinance twice under the new number 2022-01; 2nd by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

ENGINEER: John Golanoski

⇒ Sutton Run Estates: Engineer discusses taking a fee in lieu of traffic study (\$1k per residence). General evaluation of traffic was done. 596 vehicles determined (ordinance states study over 500 vehicles). Chief Graham does not see a significant impact in increased traffic. Engineer recommends borough accept fee in lieu.

Supervisor Tom Danner of Berwick Township states that their board was not in favor of giving up on traffic study. Berwick believes traffic will use Kinneman and not borough roads for access. Concerned about the construction vehicles using the roadways and wearing it down. Concerned about the base on Sutton Rd. Dale Reichert replies that base was reclaimed on Sutton Rd when it was upgraded; bonds can be issued for road damage.

VP Reichert suggests tabling until Berwick has an opportunity to hear what was discussed tonight. Send prints from Sutton Road upgrade to all engineers involved (KPI, Hill, and HLS). Danner said curbing will get a waiver on their end; dead end issue has been resolved. May need intermunicipal agreements for such considerations as snow plowing, road signage, etc.

Mr. Raubenstine shows a revised plan map with updates. He is concerned about the ordinance mandating community greens. Solicitor says Zoning Hearing Board or change in Ordinance is applicable. VP Reichert is not opposed to an amendment to the ordinance. Councilor Baker believes that is the best way to handle this since this is the last parcel in the borough that it would apply to. Mr. Shultis will look at suggested language changes for future consideration.

Mr. Danner says south end of Kinneman to Racetrack are being addressed in the Spring.

⇒ Center Square repairs: Monacacy not motivated to fix the LED spotlights. Engineer suggests new contractor. Mr. Bolton says he can order the lights and have them ready for installation when SWAM is available.

Motion made by Laura Baker to accept recommendations; 2nd by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr. NONE

ABBOTTSTOWN BOROUGH POLICE DEPT: Chief James Graham

⇒ 2021 activity reports overview. Last snow event, many cars not moved, especially on Abbotts Dr. Mayor did have it posted as snow emergency. Discussed President Posey's suggestion to have Mr. Bolton text people in borough; VP Reichert and Mayor Watkins state it is not Mr. Bolton's responsibility. Councilor Anderson says common sense is needed from residents to know when it is going to snow and when they need to move their vehicles. It is suggested to make up a letter from Mayor to go to those who received warnings and send to them as a second warning.

⇒ Thanks Council for the ARPA funds.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: PMCA 312 Sutton Road – permits expired (UCC under (Z20-04-001), no inspections, no occupancy issued. PMCA invited them to reapply for permits OR enforcement to remove improvements will commence.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Reports in File

PARKS AND RECREATION: Laura Baker

Motion made by Frank Anderson to retain DAS (Dave Sneeringer) for mowing services in 2022 at the same rates as 2021; 2nd by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

ACBA/PSAB: David W. Bolton Attending NEMO training Fri/Sat in Gettysburg
ACBA meeting on Mon, 24th at Hoss's (rescheduled)

CORRESPONDENCE: In File

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS: Resolutions 2022-02 thru 2022-05 (Cannabis, Fire Relief Funds, Rural Broadband, Municipal Radar/Lidar) reauthorizations for PSAB consideration.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to add 2022-06 to agenda for consideration; 2nd by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

Motion made by Frank Anderson to adopt Resolutions 2022-02 thru 2022-06 en bloc; 2nd by Laura Baker; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: M/S/T David W. Bolton relays information concerning Community Media's broadband project updates to Council.

Councilor O'Brien asks a few questions on listed things on agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular Council meeting is March 17th at 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Frank Anderson to adjourn at 7:34 pm; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*