

# Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting

## March 20, 2025 - 6 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:** 5:59 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Laura Baker, Dale Reichert, Austin Wertz Mayor Daniel W. Watkins, Sr., Chief James Graham, Solicitor Tim Shultis, Esq, M/S/T Dr. David W. Bolton, Ted Brillhart and Hanna Carbaugh were excused.

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

**GUESTS:** Mary Grace Kauffman of Gettysburg Times, Ron Arbogast.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only):** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion made by April O'Brien to accept minutes from February 20th, 2025, as presented; Seconded Austin Wertz; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*

### **TREASURER REPORTS:**

- ⇒ Motion to accept Finance reports for January and February 2025. *Motion made by Austin Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*
- ⇒ Motion to ratify/approve paying the bills thru 3/20/25. *Motion made by Austin Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*

*\*\* Provided an update to Council on Audit Results, Roadwork in the Borough, Playground Grant and Bridge Updates.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:** Elijah Staub updates Council on projects, current agreements, and other borough activity.

- ⇒ Motion to pass Resolution. 2025-01 - Appoint Jason Duvall as Flagmaster. *Motion made by April O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Austin Wertz; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*
- ⇒ Motion to pass Resolution. 2025-02 – Dispose of 2017 Finance Records per Law. *Motion made by Austin Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*
- ⇒ Motion to pass Resolution 2025-03 Establishing the O'Brien Municipal Building. *Motion made by April O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Austin Wertz; Motion carried, 3 Ayes, 1 Nay (Laura Baker).*
- ⇒ Motion to approve Agreement with New Oxford Bulldogs for 2025 Baseball Field. *Motion made by April O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Austin Wertz; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*

**SOLICITOR:** Tim Shultis

- ⇒ Motion to Authorize Tim Shultis to draft Intermunicipal Agreement with Berwick for Police. *Motion made by Laura Baker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*

**ENGINEER:** Ted Brillhart of Keller Engineers – Nothing at this time.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Honorable Daniel W. Watkins, Sr. – Announced that he will not be running for Mayor in the 2025 election, will continue emergency management duties.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** PMCA – Code was quiet last month. About 10 Sidewalk permits were issued, Hofbrauhaus is being renovated.

**ABPD:** Chief James Graham – ABPD was able to make a lot of contact regarding speeding on Sutton and Kinneman road, center for traffic safety aggressive driving grant started.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:** President Dale Reichert will be attending the April 29<sup>th</sup> Municipal meeting at the Firehouse.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Trough was found, attempts will be made to move it near the well.

**APJSA:** Last month's meeting was cancelled, next meeting March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ron Arbogast: Went to New Oxford Historical Society, would like a branch of historical societies to exist within Adams County, urges Council to consider mechanism to support an Abbottstown branch of Historical Society, urges Council to consider a mechanism to preserve log house located on the old Hofbrauhaus property.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Laura Baker: Asks members if they'd like to get an invite to the Historical Society.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next regular Council meeting is April 17, 2025, at 6 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Motion made by Laura Baker to adjourn at 6:32 pm; 2nd by Austin Wertz; Motion carried, 4 Ayes.*