

**ABBOTTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
February 16, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Abbottstown Borough Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Steve Sauter. Other members present were Becky Fengfish, Debbie Shearer, Peter Hobbs, Samiah Slusser and Mayor Charles Stonesifer. Others present were: Sharon Myers, Borough Solicitor; Warren Moore, Borough Manager and Toni Fenker, Secretary Treasurer.

**VISITORS**

Present were; Perry Shearer, Patricia Sutherland, and several other residents/interested parties unknown to the Secretary. Also present was Seth Goldstein, Evening Sun Reporter.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Pete moved to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting January 19, 2006. Second by Sam and carried. Pete moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2006 Police Committee meeting. Second by Becky and carried.

**APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS 1/20/06 – 2/16/06**

Becky moved to approve disbursements for the following amounts for the period: General Fund Checking \$23,558.25; General Fund Payroll \$8,503.85; Police expenses \$7,071.80 (included within General fund checking and payroll expenses) Liquid Fuels \$4656.94; Water Authority \$11,375.11 Second by Pete and carried.

**VISITORS AND/OR CITIZENS' REQUESTS**

Mr. David Shuff presented a letter of introduction to Council and expressed an interest in serving on Council should an opening become available in the future. He indicated that he had attended the recent borough officials training in Gettysburg at his own expense. Steve thanked him for his interest.

A visitor, who resides on the corner of Eisenhart and Country Club Roads, questioned why the snowplowing contractor had not plowed Eisenhart Road. Council explained to her that Eisenhart Road and a portion of the Country Club Estates were outside the borough and that she should contact Berwick Township regarding the problem. Becky stated that if a resident's driveway fronted Eisenhart or Country Club Road outside the borough and they paid taxes to the borough then they were certainly entitled to the same services as other taxpayers in the borough and that the portion of road between the borough line and their driveway should be plowed. Steve agreed. A visitor expressed a concern about school children's safety waiting for the bus on Eisenhart. Council informed her that the area was in Berwick and instructed her to take her concerns to either Berwick Township or John Spicer, the

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**Country Club Estates developer. Steve explained that Council had previously attempted to work out an agreement with Berwick where Abbottstown would assume plowing responsibilities in the area in exchange for Berwick assuming the Kinneman Road area. An agreement was not reached and all resident in the area were informed that Berwick was the responsible party. Mrs. Shearer stated that she contacted the contractor at the residents request during last weekend's snow and had him plow Eisenhart. Mr. Sauter pointed out to her that she had had him plow non-borough streets. Mrs. Shearer requested a copy of the Deed of Dedication for the Country Club Estates and Mr. Spicer's address. She also expressed that she did not understand why the borough couldn't plow for those three (3) residents outside the line. Mr. Sauter explained to her that Abbottstown could not assume the cost for Berwick's responsibility.**

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED**

**Anthony & Samiah Slusser, 6 Abbotts Ct, Installation of wood burning stove with roof vent.**

**BOROUGH MANAGER/ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

**Mr. Moore asked Council to make a decision in the near future on infrastructure materials and placement of the Recreation Park equipment so the work could be scheduled concurrently with the road sign placement since the same contractor will be doing both. He also indicated that he would be ordering the additional signage for Route 30.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Becky indicated that the Square Revitalization committee would be meeting March 1, 2006 and that they would make a decision on the marketing target area. She will supply this information to the secretary so that she can place the order from Adams Co Board of Assessment Appeals for database addresses. Each address will cost \$.01.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Steve reminded everyone that the schedule for Clean-up days is Thursday, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FOR SOUTH SIDE OF ROUTE 30, Friday, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FOR NORTH-Rain or Shine.**

**Peter Hobbs submitted his resignation effective immediately due to his moving outside the borough. Becky regretfully made a motion to accept his resignation.**

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**Second by Sam and carried. Steve thanked Pete for his dedicated service to the Borough.**

**Steve opened the floor for nominations to fill Pete's vacated position on Council. Becky made a motion to appoint former Council Member Dale Reichert. Second by Sami. A resident questioned why no more than one person was nominated and the Solicitor explained that only one motion could be entertained at a time, since the motion was made and seconded it needed to be voted upon. Steve called for the vote for all those in favor. Becky, Sami and Steve voted for the appointment. Steve called for all of those opposed and Debbie voted against, stating that she had wanted to nominate Mr. Shuff. Dale Reichert was duly sworn in by the Mayor and took Pete's place at the table.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Steve informed everyone that the regulation of rental units has been tabled indefinitely due to other pressing issues at this time.**

**INFORMATION FROM PLANNING**

**Becky reported on the status and name change of JA Myers/Sutton Run Estates formerly known as Pine Run Estates and on the status of Chronister/Miller West King Street Property.**

**Becky also reported recommendations from Planning as follows:**

**To amend ordinance regarding street lights, ORDINANCE 2006-03**

**Dale made a motion to forward the street light ordinance to Adams County for review. Second by Sam and carried. Council agreed that the following recommendation would be further reviewed by the Engineer, Solicitor and Secretary prior to submission to the Council for their consideration. To repeal resolution 1993-2 which sets procedures for payment of subdivision and review fees; To revise plan submission requirement to have applicants required to submit all plans through the borough secretary (currently they must submit only 1 set to the borough and they are responsible to submit all others to the appropriate parties); To increase plan submission fees and revise deposit amounts to be more in line with costs.**

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**POLICE REPORT**

**The mayor gave a brief synopsis of a proposal from Hamilton Township regarding continuation of the Joint Department. A visitor requested to see the proposal but the Solicitor indicated that it was included within a confidential legal negotiation and could not be passed out.**

**Steve asked for any volunteers to fill Pete's spot on the Police Committee and Dale agreed to take the position. Discussion on the information compiled by the committee is tabled until they integrate the Hamilton proposal into the information to be presented to council on alternative coverage.**

**The Mayor stated that he believed the inventory of police equipment had been completed and would check with the Chief. He also reported on his conversation with the District Attorney on case and evidence distribution on dissolution. The DA will meet with the Borough Solicitor and the Chief on the matter.**

**He passed out to Council for review last months activity logs.**

**SOLICITORS REPORT**

**Sharon Myers discussed the status of the maintenance bond for Phase III of Abbotts Manor. The Secretary was instructed to have the Engineer report on whether there is a need to call the Letter of Credit before it expires on February 28, 2006.**

**Becky made a motion to adopt the previously advertised Ordinance 2006-02 adopting the Borough Streets in Phase III of Abbotts Manor. Second by Sam and carried.**

**Sharon reported that her office was working on the enforcement cases against G & S Foods and Abbottstown Industries and they need further information from the Borough Manager.**

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**There being no further business, Becky moved for Adjournment at 8:15 PM.  
Second by Sam and carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Toni Fenker  
Secretary Treasurer**

