

**ABBOTTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Abbottstown Borough Council meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Samiah Slusser. Other members present were Becky Fengfish, Debbie Shearer, Dale Reichert, and David Shuff. Others present were: Mayor Charles Stonesifer Mieke Driscoll, Borough Solicitor; Warren Moore, Borough Manager and Toni Fenker, Secretary Treasurer.

VISITORS

Present were; Perry Shearer, Craig Peterson, Todd Dunlap, John Runge, Pam Alwine, and John Stambaugh. Also present was Melody Asper, Evening Sun Reporter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dale moved to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting May 18, 2006. Second by Becky and carried.

David moved to approve the minutes Special Borough Council meeting May 31, 2006. Second by Debbie and carried.

POLICE REPORT

A copy of the statistics report for the month of May was distributed to Council at the meeting. Officer Todd Dunlap of Eastern Adams Regional Police was present at the meeting to answer any questions Council or the resident may have. He indicated that the department had painted lines on Sutton Road for speed interdiction purposes in the future. Several residents and Council Members indicated they were pleased with the Department services and the increased coverage.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS 5/19/06-6/15/06

Becky moved to approve disbursements for the following amounts for the period: General Fund Checking \$28,263.92; General Fund Payroll \$3,506.65; Liquid Fuels \$528.40; Water Authority \$5,582.93. Second by David and carried. David asked the Secretary to provide a budget vs. actual report for comparative purposes and she agreed to provide it after the budget figures had been plugged into the QuickBooks accounting software.

VISITORS AND/OR CITIZENS' REQUESTS

Ms. Alwine was present to question the status of her complaint regarding two (2) residences on Sutton Road. The Code Enforcement Officer stated that he had to see District Justice Zepp regarding the issuance of citations.

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ADJOURN TO/RECONVENE FROM WATER AUTHORITY MEETING

Council adjourned for the Water Authority meeting at 7:12 pm.

Council reconvened at 7:22 pm after the Authority meeting temporarily adjourned in order to appoint two new members to the Authority. Becky made a motion to appoint David Shuff as a new Authority member. Second by Dale and carried. Becky moved to appoint Debbie Shearer as a new Authority member. Second by Sami and carried. Council temporarily adjourned again at 7:25 pm for the Water Authority to reconvene their meeting to attend to unfinished business. Council reconvened at 7:26 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sami reported on the correspondence as listed on the agenda. Indicating that the Borough Manager would later discuss the Bridge Inspection letter from Dewberry Goodkind Inc.

PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Were stated as listed on the agenda, with the addition of one issued to the Borough itself for the electrical repairs and improvements at the recreation park. He indicated that the inspector would perform the necessary inspections pro bono for the Borough.

BOROUGH MANAGER/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Warren reported that the stage electric had been completed and the swings repainted at the recreation park and that the sand was ordered for the sandbox. He stated that he had drilled holes in the tires to prevent water accumulation for mosquitoes and intended to have the old beam for the fort removed. Additionally he requested Council approval to spend an additional \$3,000.00 to purchase a new slide, a new spring seahorse to replace the stolen dolphin and new swings to include one toddler and one infant size for a total of six. Becky moved to approve the expenditure. Second by Dale and carried.

Warren discussed the bridge inspection report and indicated we should budget yearly to put a seal coat on the Country Club Road bridge. In addition to the seal coat he indicated an immediate need to amend the guardrails on the bridge. Becky moved to authorize the necessary work on the bridges. Second by Dale and carried. Warren also requested and received permission to invite the Borough Engineer to the next Council meeting to discuss the remainder of the inspection report.

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RESIDENT COMPLAINTS

Were stated as listed in the Agenda.

INFORMATION FROM PLANNING

Becky reported the new meeting date and time as listed in the Agenda for the Joint Comprehensive Plan. Debbie asked if there were any materials to review regarding the subject matter and was told that the purpose of the meeting was to describe the plan and the materials would be distributed there.

Becky indicated that Planning issued a conditional recommendation of approval to the Miller/Chronister 184 W. King Street land development plan pending Sewer Authority approval of the plan which has not yet been received.

Becky stated that Planning was recommending abandonment of the proposed streetlights SALDO amendment and recommending approval of the revised procedures SALDO Amendment 2006-04.

Dale moved to abandon the streetlights SALDO amendment. Second by Debbie and carried.

Becky moved to advertise the revised 2006-04 procedures SALDO amendment. Second by Dale and carried.

Becky moved to adopt the previously advertised Ordinance 2006-06 Accepting the Water Authority Assets. Second by David and carried.

**SQUARE REVITALIZATION UPDATE/INFORMATION FROM THE
ABBOTTSTOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

The committee met June 14, 2006. Becky reported that Craig Peterson had a gentleman from Hanover Architectural give a presentation on their concrete pressed pavers. The committee unanimously agreed on a style, pattern and color. He provided a sample of polymeric sand that seems to be a much better option than regular sand, to use for setting the bricks. Debbie Shearer presented info on the brick engraving after visiting the company where the engraving is done and provided a sample. John Stambaugh gave an estimate of \$2500 to construct a replica of the bell tower with an additional \$600-\$800 for a copper roof. The committee hopes to sell the bricks on the base of the bell tower to former school alumni and have that as a self-contained project that will pay for itself. David Shuff presented info on options for flagpoles, flags and lighting. The committee needs to choose a finish, type of halyard and size of flag. Two copies of the plan that are 2' x 3' have been received and make it much easier to see. Debbie Shearer presented a center circle design of rocks/boulders with native grasses and perennials that everyone approved. Saleta Stewart presented a landscape design for the Choice corner, incorporating the bell tower and bell that everyone approved.

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Becky stated that for the next meeting, committee members are going to see the lampposts that Saleta wants to donate and John is going to get a representative from HADCO to give a presentation on possible lights that will work with those poles. The committee also plans to do more investigation of the stamped crosswalks and possibly visit a site to see them and see if it is feasible and cost effective to use these. They are going to investigate the use of a low stone/pavers wall around the inner lip/curb of the center circle, hoping to use this to "even out" the slope of the concrete apron. The committee decided to let the coloring of the concrete apron go for now. They have not been able to find a product with any durability. They may revisit this later if they find something that might work. Items such as planters, benches, etc will be discussed at a later date.

Becky asked everyone (for their particular areas) to come up with an estimated purchase price, installation price and yearly maintenance costs and bring it to the next meeting.

She also reported that Andrew Merkel, from Adams County Planning, attended the meeting and reported that Abbottstown was making much better progress than some other projects. He said PennDot has tasked them with making sure the projects are moving along.

Becky advised that the next meeting would be held 6:45 pm on July 13, 2006 at the Altland House.

SEWER AUTHORITY REPORT

Craig Peterson reported that Authority personnel were performing pipeline capacity studies and that the lack of rain was creating a delay. He reported that this month's regular meeting of the Authority was changed to Tuesday June 20, 2006 at 7:30 pm in the Borough meeting room.

NEW BUSINESS

Sami stated that the Borough office would be closed for vacations the first week of July.

Debbie Shearer reported on the distribution in Abbottstown of the Gettysburg Times versus the Evening Sun. She stated that only fifteen (15) residents had the Times home delivered. Council decided not to change papers for required advertising regardless of the potential cost savings because it was more important that the residents were being informed of borough business.

Sami indicated that due to potential legal issues that the police inventory offers, as well as personnel issues, would be discussed during Executive Session immediately following the regular meeting.

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CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Sami moved to approve the charitable contributions as listed in the agenda.

Hearing no second, Becky moved to increase the contribution to the SPCA by \$100.00 to a total of \$300.00. Second by Debbie and carried.

Becky then moved to increase the contribution to the New Oxford Borough Summer Recreation Program to \$110.00 to reflect their actual cost for the prior year to provide service to Abbottstown youths. Second by Sami and carried.

Sami moved to approve the remaining contributions as listed in the agenda. Second by Becky and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Sami reported that Council was still waiting on the Police Pension Plan Termination ordinance to be provided by the Solicitors office. The Secretary reported that M & T Bank and Markley Actuarial had both repeatedly contacted the Borough for copies of same.

Sami recommended developing a working committee consisting of two council members, landlords and tenants to further investigate the need for and content of the proposed rental inspection ordinance. Becky moved to create a committee for this purpose. Second by Dale and carried by four favorable votes with Debbie opposed. Sami reported that Mike Miller, a Borough landlord had volunteered to serve on the committee. John Stambaugh and John Runge both volunteered as landlords. Debbie and Dale volunteered to serve as council members. Sami indicated a need for 3 tenants to serve on the committee as well. Sami indicated that she would like to have a report from the committee at the September 21, 2006 regular Council meeting.

Council again discussed the need to appoint a new Borough Emergency Management Coordinator. A resident suggested asking the EARP officers and another questioned what the position involved. Dale provided a synopsis of the position. Sami also suggested contacting Mr. Fritz who had submitted a resume and indicated an interest in serving the borough in some capacity.

The Secretary reported that no response had been received from the written request of the Landlord of the Borough offices to provide a new lease proposal.

Sami reminded everyone of the requirement to complete the mandatory FEMA/NIMS training and certification by 9/30/2006.

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SOLICITORS REPORT

Solicitor's report is attached and made part of these official minutes. Solicitor Driscoll produced a recommended Resolution Implementing the National Incident Management System. Without the resolution, the borough could not receive funds. David moved to pass the resolution as 2006-03. Second by Becky and carried.

The solicitor is suggesting tacking the police pension plan termination onto another ordinance to be adopted at the next meeting to avoid the advertising costs. The Secretary indicated there were no pending ordinances to be considered at the next meeting.

Solicitor also recommended having a special meeting after the next meeting to approve the codification. The Borough Manager pointed out that the codification was not complete because the borough was still awaiting the Solicitor's review of numerous new General Code proposed ordinances.

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment Dale requested that a letter be sent to PennDot indicating the need for repairs to potholes on Route 30 at the intersections with George and Jackson Streets and Country Club Road. The secretary was instructed to do so. There being no further business, Becky moved for Adjournment to Executive Session at 8:45 PM. Second by Dale and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

**Toni Fenker
Secretary Treasurer**