ATGLEN BOROUGH COUNCIL

BUSINESS MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

President Dirk Hagen called the meeting of the Atglen Borough Council to order Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Borough Hall. The following members were present:

Dirk Hagen Carol McGrath Charles Palmer
Nancy Pelet Mayor Brian Wenzka

President Hagen announced there will be an Executive Session to discuss real estate at the end of tonight's meeting.

Andrew DiProspero, Account Representative, H.A.Thomson Insurance Co. - Mr. DiProspero reviewed the Borough's insurance program. Most of the coverages are with PIRMA, a local public sector group plan, which means the pricing is much better. Amerihealth is the workers comp carrier. President Hagen inquired about the recently denied claim. Mr. DiProspero said they erred and will be reimbursing the Borough for legal fees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mona Schutsky donated a ream of recycled paper to the Borough and encouraged the Borough to purchase recycled copy paper. President Hagen thanked Ms. Schutsky and her mother.

Kent Buohl thanked Council for allowing the Octorara Youth Soccer league to play on the old playground field site located off of Jones and Church Streets. The club has made an investment in the field by rolling it, fertilizing it, and seeding it. Their program has grown so large they need full sized soccer fields and inquired if Atglen has any available space. Manager reported as of this date there is none but will keep them in mind if something changes.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

A. **March 2, 2015 Council minutes, March's Treasurer's Report, Bills of Approval, Department and Advisory Reports:** Motion to approve was made by Pelet/Palmer with all members in agreement.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. **Council Vacancy -** Three applicants applied for the seat. President Hagen nominated Brian Hahn. Carol McGrath nominated James Chapman. Nancy Pelet seconded James Chapman's nomination. A vote was held for James Chapman and all members in agreement. Manager asked for this action to be done by Resolution. McGrath/Pelet made a motion to approve the Resolution appointing James Chapman to the position of

Council. Motion passed by a unanimous vote. Manager will assign a Resolution number. President Hagen thanked the candidates for applying, asked them to continue to stay informed, and reapply when a future vacancy occurs.

B. **Streetscape Project along Main Street and E. Main Street -** Mayor Wenzka presented Council with information on purchasing 12 banners and holders to be installed on the light poles along Main Street. A motion by Palmer/Hagen to purchase the banners was approved by all members. Mayor Wenzka said the Public Works staff was removing one tree that is presenting a trip and fall hazard. Next month he will provide an update on the removal process and cost for trees. Planters were discussed. A suggestion was made that the businesses and residences sponsor a planter. No action was taken on the planters.

C. **Applewood Development, Chetty Builders –** Mr. Chetty was present. Jim Chapman, the Chairman of the Planning Commission, said the Planning Commission met on March 25. They do not favor fast-tracking the review process. They want Chetty to file a preliminary plan and comply with the subdivision process. The planners walked the Zion Hill and Jones Street parcels. Mr. Chapman said the Zion Hill parcel was very steep. Mr. Chetty said a preliminary plan filing will add one year to the process, require more meetings, and be repetitive. There was dialog between Chetty and some members of the audience. Due to the confusion about the documents from the prior submission Mr. Chetty was told to bring all his documents to the next Planning Commission meeting on April 23. The engineers for the Borough and Chetty Builders will attend the April 23 meeting.

At the March 25 Planning Commission meeting the planners made two other recommendations. One was to require a traffic study. The second was to not allow the presale of lots prior to the plans being recorded. A motion was made by Pelet/Hagen to have Chetty provide the Borough with an updated traffic study and prohibit the presale of lots prior to the recording of the plans. The motion passed unanimously. Council deferred action on the preliminary subdivision waiver request.

D. **Junior Council Person Program PSAB Model –** Mayor Wenzka explained the proposed resolution and application process. This program offers the youth an opportunity to be involved at the local government level. The program would follow the school calendar and start in September of each year. Everyone agreed the Resolution and application form must allow for submissions from high school freshmen and sophomores with junior and seniors receiving priority ranking. A motion by Hagen/Pelet was made to

approve the Resolution with the one change for freshmen and sophomore applicants. The motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS: Caren Andrews reported the outsourcing of payroll started with the April 1 pay. Due to direct deposit the pay date will have to be adjusted to the last business day of the month. Manager presented a Certificate of Appreciation from Christiana Fire Company to Council which was presented at the annual firemen's banquet. Manager read aloud her report and responded to questions.

VISITORS COMMENTS:

Mona Schutsky thanked Council for supporting the Planning Commission.

Jeff Mull spoke about the storm water runoff issue that exists between his property and his mother-in law's home on Lower Valley Road. He believes a storm drain pipe is broken. Council authorized the Manager to involve the Borough Engineer, if needed.

Trish Ranck said her storm water issue is unresolved. The berm constructed many years ago by her neighbor is prohibiting the rainwater from flowing off her property. Manager was directed to write the neighbor and request the berm be removed.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: No Comment

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS: No Comment

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session 9:15 P.M. Meeting reconvened 9:50 P.M

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Respectfully submitted,

Carol McGrath
Recording Secretary