

ATGLEN BOROUGH COUNCIL

BUSINESS MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016

President Charles Palmer Jr. called the meeting of the Atglen Borough Council to order on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Borough Hall. The following members were present:

Charles Palmer Jr.	Jim Chapman	Brian Hahn
Carol McGrath	Denim Kurtzhals	Mayor Brian Wenzka

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Comments

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

General Obligation Note, Series of 2016, Ordinance # 536-16 – Jamie Schlesinger, the Borough’s Municipal Advisor, and Helen Esbenshade, the Borough’s Solicitor, summarized the refinancing of the 2010 Loan. The Ordinance has been advertised and is ready for Council action. President Palmer asked for public comment. John Mickel asked for clarification about the borrowing and savings. Answers were provided. President Palmer asked if Council had any questions or comments. There was none. Motion to approve was made by Chapman/Hahn with all members in agreement.

PEMA Designation of Agent, "Jonas" Blizzard, Resolution # 537-16 - In order for the Manager to submit to PEMA the reimbursement request for the blizzard expenses she needs to be appointed the Agent. Motion to approve was made by McGrath/Kurtzhals with all members in agreement.

Permit Fees, Resolution # 538-16 - Ms. Andrews said there were some issues with the permit fee structure that results in overcharges to the applicant. The proposed Resolution eliminates these issues. Motion to approve was made by Kurtzhals/Chapman with all members in agreement.

March 4, 2016 Council Minutes, Treasurer’s Report, Bills of Approval, Department and Advisory Reports – Motion to approve made by McGrath/Palmer with all members in agreement.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Atglen Park, Octorara Soccer Club – John Mickel asked that the focus be on the Borough owned parcel located off of Valley Avenue. Mr. Mickel said it is an ideal location to construct multiple soccer fields. A suggestion was made that a feasibility study is needed.

Meter Upgrade Program, New Water Meters for Businesses and Rentals – The 2016 Budget does not fund new meters. Ms. Andrews suggested meters be purchased for the businesses and rentals. The Borough’s policy requires the businesses and rentals to pay for the meters. Council’s guidance was to proceed subject to the payments being received prior to the order.

Phones, Internet, and Backup at Borough Hall – Ms. Andrews received a quote from Comcast that results in savings and faster speed internet service. A question was posed about battery backup on the phone system when the power goes out. Ms. Andrews needs to check with Comcast. Ms. Andrews, also, needs a vendor quote for tapping into the current phone system. Ms. Andrews will report back to Council.

MANAGER’S COMMENTS

Caren Andrews read aloud her report and responded to questions.

Ed Heaton, a Third Avenue resident, asked to purchase the stepping stones that are in storage. The stones were formerly on the pavilion lot. The Borough does not need them. It was agreed to prepare the resolution with the cost being \$ 1 per stone up to 45 stones. If Mr. Heaton asks to have the blocks now Council said to proceed.

At the Christiana Fire Company banquet Atglen Borough was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation. In Year 2015 Christiana Fire volunteers spent 8047 hours in training, firefighting activities, and community service.

The Christiana Fire Company had a recent discussion with the three municipalities on the creation of a fire tax. Ms. Andrews prepared a spreadsheet showing the impact on the property owners. The fire company will continue to explore their financial options.

The one air conditioning unit at Borough Hall is 29 years old. It needs \$ 500 in repairs. Council asked Ms. Andrews to get quotes for a new unit.

VISITORS’ COMMENTS: No Comments

JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON’S COMMENTS

Courtney Burkhardt spoke about the chorus concert and the senior citizens’ prom. She is working with the Mayor on having the high school students design the Community Day t-shirt logo.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Wenzka spoke on marketing the Veteran's banners program, the cost, and indicated there are at least 15 poles along Valley Avenue to hang the banners.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Mr. Kurtzhals thanked the Christiana Fire Company for their dedicated service.

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:00 pm by Kurtzhals/Hahn.

Respectfully submitted,

Caren D. Andrews
Manager/ Secretary