

ATGLEN BOROUGH COUNCIL

BUSINESS MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015

President Dirk Hagen called the meeting of the Atglen Borough Council to order Monday August 3, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Borough Hall. President Hagen announced there will be an Executive Session at end of the agenda to discuss real estate and personnel. The following members were present:

Dirk Hagen Nancy Pelet Carol McGrath
Charles Palmer Jim Chapman Mayor Brian Wenzka

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jean Jones spoke about the pavilion on the Borough lot next to her property. The pavilion recently caught on fire and was demolished. Ms. Jones asked that it not be replaced. The gazebo attracted the teenagers and noise. Her tenant, Annette, spoke about the smoking, skateboard riding on the benches, and drinking. President Hagen asked them to call the police.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

- A. **July 6, 2015 Council Minutes, August's Treasurer's Report, Bills of Approval, Department and Advisory Reports:** Motion to approve was made by McGrath/Pelet with all members in agreement.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Issue Based Comprehensive Plan and County Grant – Manager met with the Chester County planners to discuss obtaining a grant. The County may be able to do most of the plan using their staff. The Borough may have to hire a consultant for the economic development component. No action is needed at this time. Manager will report back.
- B. Graber Zoning Hearing Board Application – The property owner withdrew the application.
- C. Applewood/Chetty Builders – No update
- D. Main Street Streetscape – Mayor Wenzka discussed the purchase of Fall and Winter banners for Main Street. A motion was made by Pelet/Hagen to purchase these banners at a cost not to exceed \$ 1,000. The motion carried 3 to 2 with Chapman and McGrath voting no. A conversation was held about adding trees. Mr. Palmer suggested we contact Brandywine Conservancy.
- E. Community Day – Mayor Wenzka discussed the events planned for the day, the new sponsorships, and the need to close some of the local roads for a few hours. Pelet/Palmer

made a motion to close Ridge Avenue from Route 372 to Norwood Street and Chester Street from Ridge Avenue to Dallas Street, 9 am to 4:30 pm on September 12 and shortened hours on the rain date of September 13. Motion approved by all members.

- F. Junior Council Person Program – Motion made by Pelet/Chapman to appoint Courtney Burkhardt to the position of Junior Council Person. All members were in agreement and congratulated Courtney. She will attend meetings from September to June.
- G. Port A Potty, Atglen Park - Octorara Soccer League wants to purchase a new port-a-potty, place it by the soccer field, and donate it to the Borough. They will pay for the maintenance. Pelet/Hagen made a motion to accept Octorara Soccer League's offer with all members in agreement.
- H. July Planning Commission meeting - Jim Chapman gave a summary. They had a presentation on pervious surfaces.
- I. Master Planner Program, Community Planning Course. Brian McCool asked to attend. Mr. Palmer made a motion but rescinded it before it got seconded. President Hagen said Mr. McCool's employer may assist in paying some of the fee. The Manager will report back.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS: Due to the Labor Day holiday the next council meeting is Tuesday, September 8. The Manager discussed the pavilion fire on August 1. The cause is unknown. In addition to the pavilion being a total loss the trees and shrubs suffered fire damage. A claim has been filed with the Borough's insurance carrier. Ms. Andrews read aloud her report and responded to questions. She summarized the Water, Sewer, and Public Works reports.

VISITORS COMMENTS: Chief Finrock gave an update on the donations received for purchase of the portable speed detecting devices.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: No Comment

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. Chapman spoke about speeding on Valley Avenue and the humps in the Valley Avenue road surface.

Moved to Executive Session at 9:03 P.M. Reconvened in public session at 9:50 P.M. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McGrath
Recording Secretary