

**ATGLEN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014**

President Dirk Hagen called the meeting of the Atglen Borough Council to order for Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Borough Hall. The following members were present:

Dirk Hagen Charles Palmer Rev. Jason Link Mayor Brian Wenzka

**Resolution # 511-14, Ratifying the Appointment of Brian Wenzka to the Position of Mayor:** Link/Palmer made the motion to approve with all members in agreement.

President Hagen introduced District Justice Nancy Gill and asked her to swear in Mayor Wenzka.

**Public Hearing to Consider the Enactment of the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance # 513-14, a Comprehensive Amendment to the Atglen Borough Zoning Ordinance Enacted August 28, 1985 as Amended and Further Amends the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of 1993, as Amended:** President Hagen announced there was a court reporter present who will be taking the notes of testimony. President Hagen introduced the topic. Caren Andrews spoke on the purpose of the hearing; the process followed to get Council to today; marked documents as exhibits; and introduced Kevin Myers, the Chester County Planning Commission Senior Planner assigned to serve as the consultant on this project. Mr. Myers summarized the zoning districts and compared proposed standards to current conditions. Ms. Andrews announced the rules for public participation. President Hagen opened the floor for public participation.

Valerie Huntsinger asked if sidewalks were required. President Hagen said no for existing subdivisions.

Jean Jones asked if the proposed changes would impact her use of the property at 302 Valley Avenue. The answer was the same standards exist between current and proposed.

Dr. Thomas Stickley asked for more information on the Mobile Home Park overlay. Mr. Myers said it was previously allowed anywhere in the R-2 Zoning District by special exception. The proposed zoning defines the location within the R-1 Zoning District by conditional use.

Joe Wheeler confirmed that the Mobile Home Park was an R-1 overlay.

Kurt Good asked if the new zoning impacts the installation of solar panels. Mr. Myers said if it is installed in the yard then yes, it would have to comply with accessory use standards. President Hagen said if the panels are on the roof zoning is not an issue.

Edward Grzenda was concerned that some of the posted signs were removed. President Hagen stated the information was on the Borough website with a notice of tonight's hearing in the Borough's newsletter mailed last week.

President Hagen asked if there were additional comments or questions. There was none. President Hagen closed the Public Hearing and asked for a motion.

**Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance # 513-14, Comprehensive Amendment to the Atglen Borough Zoning Ordinance Enacted August 28, 1985 as Amended and Further Amends the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of 1993, as Amended:** Link/Palmer made the motion to approve. President Hagen asked for discussion. There was none. President Hagen called for a vote. All members were in agreement.

**PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER REPORT:** Bryan Umble spoke on the water leak and repairs in the 600 block of Ridge Avenue. The Water and Sewer report was reviewed. The holiday lights are being installed this week. The Borough is continuing to collect leaves. The equipment, road salt, and staff are ready for this Winter's snow. A question was posed if the water meter upgrade project is continuing. Bryan said yes.

President Hagen announced there will be an Executive Session to discuss personnel at the conclusion of the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** President Hagen called for public comment.

Kurt Good asked if natural gas can be expanded into his neighborhood. President Hagen said this is a decision made by PECO. Mr. Good asked for the status on the damaged walkway on Main Street by the Old Gap Newport Bridge. Ms. Andrews stated the walkway is scheduled to be replaced. There may be a construction delay due to the Winter weather. The funding is coming from the State and Federal governments with a small local match from Atglen.

**COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Adopt the 2015 Budget:** Link/Palmer made the motion to approve with all members in agreement.
- B. Public Hearing and Action on the Year 2015 Tax Levy Ordinance, 5.10 mills:** President Hagen called for a public hearing. There was no discussion from the public. President Hagen closed the hearing and asked for a motion. Palmer/Link made the motion to approve with all members in agreement.
- C. Accept Carol McGrath's resignation from the Planning Commission:** Link/Hagen made the motion to approve with regrets. All members were in agreement.

- D. Appoint Andy Rogers to fill the McGrath term on the Planning Commission, Expiration Date Year 2015:** Palmer/Link made the motion to approve with all members in agreement.
  
- E. Lancaster County SPCA Contract, Stray Dogs, Year 2015:** Link/Hagen made the motion to approve. Edward Grzenda asked if the SPCA will try to find the dog owner. Chief Finfrock said yes. There was a discussion about stray cats. The Chief suggested a notice be sent to the community discouraging the feeding of cats. Josh Glick opposed the notice idea. There was no further discussion. President Hagen called for a vote. All members were in agreement.
  
- F. October 6, 2014 and November 3, 2014 Council Minutes, December's Treasurer's Report, Bills of Approval, Department and Advisory Reports:** Ms. Andrews explained the handout where there was an adjustment to the Bills to be Paid with the total amount remaining the same. The modification was with the vendors. Palmer/Link made the motion to approve with all members in agreement.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- A. Public Meetings for Year 2015:** It was agreed to not change the meeting night. Due to Labor Day falling on the first Monday the September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8.
  
- B. Date for Semi- Annual Meeting with Christiana Borough, Topic - Police Services and Fees:** Council suggested an annual meeting in the Summer prior to budget season. Ms. Andrews will make the arrangements.
  
- C. Chetty Builders Update:** Ms. Andrews said a meeting was held with Chetty and his representatives in mid-November. Chetty confirmed he did not have an approved land development plan. Chetty is interested in breaking ground next year and will submit plans.
  
- D. Single Stream Recycling Implementation:** Ms. Andrews shared the recycling brochure that was designed by the recycling hauler. It was inserted in last week's newsletter. The recycling cans will be delivered mid-December with the first pickup on January 7.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ms. Andrews announced there is a free NIMS workshop being sponsored by the Western Chester County Council of Governments and a first aid training class being administered by the Christiana Ambulance. She reported that the Bond Interest Recovery check was received.

Jason Link asked about the grass cutting being performed by Daryl Smoker and asked for an update on next year's grass cutting. Ms. Andrews said Mr. Smoker cuts the grass and rakes the

leaves at the Water Plant. Three quotes were received for outsourcing the grass cutting. Bryan is obtaining quotes for purchasing equipment. At the next meeting the staff will make a recommendation.

**VISITORS COMMENTS:**

Dr. Thomas Strickley spoke about police service after hours and the Chetty Development.

Josh Glick questioned the Parks and Ground Maintenance line item in the Year 2015 Budget.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** No Comment

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Jason Link reported on the holiday tree lighting scheduled at the Atglen Community Park for December 7.

Charlie Palmer summarized the Western Chester County Council of Government meeting.

Recess to Executive Session 8:22 P.M. Reconvene 8:27 P.M.

Motion to provide a \$100 holiday gift to the Borough employees. Motion by Link/Palmer with all in agreement.

Meeting adjourned 8:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Caren Andrews  
Manager/Secretary