ATGLEN BOROUGH COUNCIL

BUSINESS MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018

President Charles Palmer Jr. called the meeting of the Atglen Borough Council to order on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Borough Hall. The following members were present.

Charles H. Palmer Jr. Denim Kurtzhals Brian Hahn
Josh Glick Melissa McClay Mayor George Stewart

CHRISTIANA FIRE COMPANY, PRESENTATION

Odie Lofgren made the presentation. He introduced volunteer fireman Morgan Meeks. Mr. Lofgren discussed the 2019 Budget, the fire company loans, the PA Relief Association funds, the fund drive, Kids Fire Experience Camp, and promoting an all volunteer fire company. He thanked Council for their generous support.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nathan Delestienne, Ridge Avenue, introduced himself.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

Adopt the 2019 Budget – Motion to approve made by Hahn/Palmer. All members were in agreement.

Adopt the Year 2019 Tax Levy Ordinance # 584-18 - Motion to approve made by Glick/McClay. Tax levy rate is 5.5 mills, an increase of .3 mills. All members were in agreement.

Forward the Proposed Chicken Ordinance to the Borough's Planning Commission - Motion to approve made by Hahn/Kurtzhals. Ms. Andrews said the Solicitor has completed her review. Since this is an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance the Borough must follow the adoption standards in the PA Municipalities Planning Code. There was a discussion about the residents who may be currently non-conforming. There was a discussion on the proposed permit fee. The vote was as follows: yes – 4 votes, no – 1 vote. Mr. Palmer voted no. The motion passed.

Authorize the Borough Manager to Submit the Proposed Chicken Ordinance to the Chester County Planning Commission, Act 247 Review, After the Borough's Planning Commission Recommends Approval - Motion to approve made by Kurtzhals/Glick. The vote was as follows: yes – 4 votes, no – 1 vote. Mr. Palmer voted no. The motion passed.

Proclamation to Colin D. Delestienne for his Attainment of Eagle Scout, the Boy Scout's Highest Honor - Motion to approve made by Kurtzhals/Glick. All members were in agreement. Mr. Palmer read aloud the proclamation. There was a discussion about the process on reaching this level in Boy Scouts. Nathan Delestienne provided information.

November 5 2018 Council Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Bills of Approval, Department and Advisory Reports – Motion to approve made by Palmer/ Kurtzhals. All members were in agreement.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Well # 4 Nitrate Treatment and Ridge Avenue Water Line Replacement, Update - The bid package is available. The bid opening date is December 18.

Committee Reappointments – Ms. Andrews said John Mickel and Paul Kabakjian on the Park and Recreation Commission and Andy Rogers on the Planning Commission have terms that expire on December 31. Lenny Brown's term on the Zoning Hearing Board expires this coming February. Council said to reach out to the residents to see if they are interested in renewing their terms.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. Kurtzhals gave a summary of the upcoming Winter Wonderland event scheduled for December 14.

Mr. Kurtzhals announced the Borough received a PA DCNR Master Park Plan grant for four Borough owned park parcels in the amount of $ 31,000. The Park and Recreation Commission spearheaded the grant application process.

There was a discussion on the Enola Low Grade trail and the Chester Valley West trail.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Palmer announced the Zoning Hearing Board approved the variances for Mr. and Mrs. Mark Abbott, 602 Ridge Avenue.

Mr. Palmer and Ms. Andrews discussed their recommendation to fast track for payment in December the invoices that are received this month. The Borough maintains a cash basis system of accounting with the fiscal year closing on December 31. Everyone agreed.

Ms. Andrews said the Green Street underpass stormwater system had a clog in the line between the underpass inlet and Route 41. PennDot cleared the line on November 27.

Ms. Andrews' read aloud her report and responded to questions. The technology upgrades begin tomorrow.

VISITORS' COMMENTS IN GENERAL PERTAINING TO THE BOROUGH

Nate Delestienne said Keystone Valley Fire Company needs to be notified when the Green Street underpass is closed. The ladder truck cannot fit under the Main Street underpass.

JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS

Grant Burkhardt said the Marching Band performed last Friday night at the West Chester Christmas parade. Upcoming this month at the High School and Junior High School are the holiday music concerts. The girls and boys basketball teams start their games later this month. The next edition of the Octorara High School newspaper will be released.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Stewart said he had been communicating with State Representative John Lawrence on resolving the storm drainage system at the Green Street underpass.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE BOROUGH

Mr. Kurtzhals thanked Mr. Umble and Mr. Woodall for keeping the community attractive, festive for the holidays, and clean.

Mr. Hahn said his recycling did not get collected the day before Thanksgiving and asked why. Ms. Andrews said this was the first time she heard there was an issue. We received no calls. Some members of Council said they had collection. Ms. Andrews said to call Borough Hall promptly if trash and/or recycling collection are missed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Glick/Kurtzhals at 8:20 pm to adjourn. All members agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Caren D. Andrews
Borough Manager/Secretary