ATGLEN BOROUGH COUNCIL

BUSINESS MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016

Vice President Denim Kurtzhals called the meeting of the Atglen Borough Council to order on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Borough Hall. The following members were present:

Denim Kurtzhals Charles Palmer (arrived at 7:10 pm) Carol McGrath
James Chapman Brian Hahn Mayor Brian Wenzka

AUDITOR PRESENTATION

Pam Baker, a partner with Barbacane Thornton, reviewed the 2015 Audit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were no comments.

Charles Palmer entered the room. Denim Kurtzhals turned over the presiding officer's position to President Palmer.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEM

May 2 Council minutes, Treasurer's report, Bills of Approval, Department and Advisory Reports - Motion to approve made by Kurtzhals/McGrath. All members were in agreement.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Park and Recreation Commission – The Borough has an existing ordinance with a five member Board. Council directed the Manager to advertise for members.

Planning Commission Update - Jim Chapman summarized the Planning Commission meeting of May 25. Brian Campbell reviewed with the planners his proposed 91 single family lot development for Atglen Valley. Mr. Campbell is seeking a zoning overlay.

Mr. Chapman led a conversation on what is a zoning overlay.

Lisa Wilds, Ridge Avenue questioned controlled growth, high density, and asked for a traffic study.

Melissa Patterson, Norwood Street expressed concerns about where the children from Atglen Valley are going to recreate, traffic, and sidewalks (too much concrete).

Ed Grzenda, Ridge Avenue asked about the number of homes in Penningtonville Meadows and the daily traffic volume for that development.
Kristin Walters, Norwood Street stated 700 vehicles will be travelling in and out of the proposed Atglen Valley each day.

Ms. Walters and Ms. Wilds asked if sidewalks would be installed on Ridge Avenue and Israel Mill Road.

Council held a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed density, infrastructure, EDU costs, traffic, and direct access onto Route 372 (Valley Avenue) through the Borough owned parcel. Council instructed the Borough Manager to discuss with Mr. Campbell the density and direct access onto Route 372.

Planning Commission membership – Mona Schutsky resigned her position. Mr. Chapman recommended Michael Honan, Philips Drive, be appointed to fill her term. Council directed the Manager to prepare a resolution for next month's meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board membership – Due to the sudden passing of Michael Pelet there is a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. Council asked for the position to be advertised in the newsletter and on the website.

Borough Hall Air Conditioner - Four quotes were obtained. A motion was made by McGrath/Chapman to award the job to Summers and Zim's for $ 5372 and to waive the permit fee. All members were in agreement. Ms. Andrews suggested since this was an unbudgeted expense the Borough temporarily stop the monthly reserve transfer until the improvement value is met. Council agreed.

Kids Fire Experience Donation, Christiana Fire Company - The Borough has financially supported this community outreach and education program. Funds are in the budget. A motion was made by McGrath/Chapman to donate $ 100. All were in agreement.

On Street Parking, 200 Block, Chester Street, Even Side – A resident asked to have on-street parking. Borough Council expressed concern about the Dallas Avenue site distance, the driveway opening at the former fire house, and the narrow road. It was agreed to leave as is.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Caren Andrews announced the annual police service meeting with Christiana is June 13 at 7 pm. She also announced that due to the 4th of July holiday the next Borough Council meeting is July 11. Caren Andrews read aloud her report and responded to questions.

VISITORS COMMENTS – There were no comments. Ms. Andrews spoke to the residents about additional outreach to the community.

JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON'S COMMENTS

Courtney Burkhardt announced the High School commencement is Friday. The fundraising goal for renovating the track has been met. Ms. Burkhardt thanked Council for the Distinguished Junior Council Person award.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Wenzka spoke about having a Fun Run at Halloween time. The focus will be on teams. Council favored the idea. The Mayor will report back.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

President Palmer and Geoff Burkhart spoke about the formation of OctoREM, Octorara Regional Emergency Management Committee. Mr. Palmer and Mr. Burkhart invited Council to attend the next meeting which is June 8.

Ed Grzenda said he feels very safe in Atglen Borough.

Mr. Kurtzhals thanked Council for sending him to the one day session of the PSAB Annual Conference. It was very valuable.

There was a discussion about getting everyone on Council NIMS certified in 100 and 700.

Mr. Chapman asked the Borough to interact with the property owner about the high grass behind the post office.

There was a mention about a trash can sitting on Israel Mill Road. The Manager will address.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Caren D Andrews
Borough Manager/Secretary