

ATGLEN BOROUGH COUNCIL

BUSINESS MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015

President Dirk Hagen called the meeting of the Atglen Borough Council to order Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Borough Hall. The following members were present:

Dirk Hagen	Carol McGrath	Charles Palmer
Rev. Jason Link	Nancy Pelet	Mayor Brian Wenzka

STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN LAWRENCE: Representative Lawrence reported on the activities in Harrisburg. Representative Lawrence discussed property taxes, pension reform, and changes to the Child Abuse Protective Services Law. Dirk Hagen questioned PA DEP's order requiring the Borough to terminate the springs that fed into the Borough's water system and inquired if there is any recourse. Residents in attendance posed questions.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER REPORT: Bryan Umble reported that Fred Woodall and he attended a recent workshop on the Sewer Collections system. The meter upgrade project is continuing with at least 8 installs per month. Bryan met with Tank's Lawn Service and reported that they will mow the 12 locations for the previously quoted price.

Mayor Wenzka, Caren Andrews, and Bryan Umble surveyed the street trees on Main Street. Brian Wenzka distributed a handout with photos of the problem trees and recommendations for Main Street's improvement. Mayor Wenzka suggested phasing in the project over a three year period redirecting the pruning funds to this endeavor. In addition to removing the trees and planting a different species, it was recommended that planters and banners be added. In the meantime the Borough staff would limb up the current trees. A schedule and budget will be presented at the April meeting. We need to wait for the snow to melt in order to do a final assessment. A motion was made by Pelet/Hagen to rescind the motion made on February 9 to hire Hanna Tree Services to prune the trees. The services are no longer needed. All members were in agreement.

VISITORS: Lillian Thompson, Atglen Library. Ms. Thompson announced the Atglen Library hired Christina Celona, as the part time Library Director and invited everyone to the meet and greet.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

- A. **Ordinance 515-15, Pension Amendment Ordinance** – A motion by Link/Pelet to approve the Pension Amendment was agreed on by all members.
- B. **Resolution 518-15, Emergency Operations Plan of Atglen Borough:** Geoff Burkhart, Brian Wenzka, Bryan Umble, Police Chief Finrock, Fire Chief Reimold and Caren

Andrews met on February 24 to review the final draft to the Emergency Operations Plan. A motion by Pelet/ McGrath to approve the adoption was agreed on by all members.

- C. Accept Updated Agreement Edition 1/2015 of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (PIRMA) and Execute said agreement:** Motion by Pelet/Link with all members in agreement.
- D. February 9, 2015 Council minutes, March's Treasurer's Report, Bills of Approval, Department and Advisory Reports:** Motion to approve was made by Pelet/Palmer with all members in agreement.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Applewood Development, Chetty Builders:** Chetty is requesting to swap a parcel on Jones Street for the construction of 6 townhomes at the corner of Zion Hill Road and Liberty Street. Also, Chetty is asking for a waiver from the preliminary plan approval process and go directly to the final plan approval process. McGrath/Palmer made a motion to send the two matters to the Borough's Planning Commission with all members in agreement.
- B. Borough Engineer for Atglen Valley Land Development:** By motion from Pelet/Link Becker Engineering will serve as Borough Engineer for the Atglen Valley project. All members in agreement.
- C. Forest Stewardship Plan, Year 2015:** Report from Patrick Fasano, Comprehensive Land Services commended the Borough for following his recommendations in the Forest Stewardship Plan for the Church Road property. The plan calls for planting hundreds of trees and weed spraying over a ten year period starting in Year 2010. Funding in this year's budget will allow the Borough to remain in compliance with the plan.
- D. Chester County Vision Partnership Grant:** The Manager discussed the topic of updating the Borough's Comprehensive Plan focusing on an issue based plan with economic development in downtown Atglen as one of the issues. The County would serve as the consultant, the same role they were in with the Zoning Code update. Council favored the concept and directed the Manager to interact with the County.
- E. Manager's Workshop, PSAB Writing Effective Grant Proposals. Fee \$100.** Link/Pelet made a motion to approve this workshop and pay for the registration and mileage.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS: Caren Andrews said Christiana Cabinetry applied for a PA DEP air quality renewal permit. Manager announced Brad Woodall was hired temporarily to shovel salt and do other winter maintenance tasks at the approved budget rate of \$ 15 per hour. Manager read aloud her report and responded to questions.

Mayor Wenzka spoke on his past experiences with the Youth in Government project and suggested the Borough consider for the next school year starting the Junior Council Person program. The Mayor will report back on the merits of this youth program at the April meeting.

VISITORS COMMENTS: None

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS: Jason Link submitted his resignation from Borough Council effective March 31st. Council accepted with regrets, motioned by McGrath/Pelet with all in favor. Reverend Link is moving to Ohio to minister in a larger church. He donated to the Borough a variety of historic memorabilia.

President Hagen mentioned that the Christiana Fire Company needs donations as their yearly fund drive is far below expectations. President Hagen explained how the residents of Atglen are fortunate in that they do not have a fire tax added to their property taxes as is the practice in some of the neighboring municipalities. The Atglen Firehouse is for sale.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McGrath
Recording Secretary