

ATGLEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014

President Dirk Hagen called the meeting of the Atglen Borough Council to order Monday, October 6, 2014 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	

FIRE COMPANY PRESENTATION: Kim Moore and Eric Lofgren from Christiana gave a presentation about the current status of Christiana Fire Company. They presently are on a sound footing but the membership drive is not doing as well as expected and is down 30%. They have paid off one loan 5 years in advance reducing their debt.

PENSION PRESENTATION: Robert Porambo, a PMRS representative, discussed pension options for the Cash Benefit plan, which is the plan in force for the new hires. A one year vesting benefit, limit participation to full time staff, and the 3.9% employee contribution were plan options favored by Council.

ATGLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY: Cristi Hahn and Lillian Thompson did a brief introduction. They asked to bring to Council and the public an update on the Atglen Public Library's activities and funding at the November meeting. Ms. Andrews will add this topic to the November agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER REPORT: Mr. Umble was not available tonight. His report is in the Council packet. The Police speed detecting lines and the Main Street crosswalk by the Penningtonville Church were painted. Hydrants will be flushed October 14. Leaf collection begins on October 27.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Trash, Bulk Trash and Optional Curbside Recycling Bids:** Pelet/McGrath made a motion to award the bid to AJ Blosenski, Inc. for trash collection only, 5 year contract. There was a discussion about recycling. AJ Blosenski representatives were in the audience to answer questions. To add recycling to the services for Years 1 to 3 the trash fee will increase by \$ 11 per quarter. Years 4 and 5 recycling will add another \$ 2 per quarter in addition to the \$ 11. The motion was withdrawn by Pelet/McGrath. A motion was made by Link/Hagen to award the bid to AJ Blosenski, Inc. as follows: 5 year contract; January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2019; pick-up of trash to continue on Wednesdays including one bulk item per week; and curbside recycling with collection on the same

day as trash -Wednesdays. The motion carried 4 to 1. The vote was as follows: Link, Hagen, Pelet, and McGrath – aye; Palmer – nay.

- B. Settlement Offer for R. Jean Jones, Tax Parcel #0703-00490000:** Motion to settle was made by Link/Pelet with all members in agreement.
- C. September 8th Council minutes, September Treasurer’s Report, Bill of Approval, Department and Advisory Reports:** A motion to approve was made by Pelet/Link with all members in agreement.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Halloween:** Halloween Trick or Treat will be October 31st from 6-8 P.M. for ages 12 and under.
- B. Planning Commission:** A motion by Link/McGrath to appoint Brian McCool as a Planning Commission member with term expiration of 2015. He is filling the term of P. Gail Murphy. All in favor.
- C. Public Hearing Date for Zoning Code Amendments:** November or December
- D. Storm Water Runoff, Valley Avenue:** Engineer studied problem and had suggestions for the homeowners.
- E. Auditor Search Update:** Selection to be made at November’s Council meeting.
- F. Replacement Clothing and Boots for Public Works Staff:** A motion by Pelet/Link to reimburse the two full time staff work boots up to \$ 100 was approved by all members.
- G. Proclamation Procedure:** Ms. Andrews asked for guidance. If time permits present the proclamation to Council for approval. If it is in between meetings obtain the Council President’s approval.
- H. Chickens:** A motion by McGrath/Palmer to maintain the existing Zoning which prohibits chickens in the neighborhoods. Motion was carried 4 to 1. The vote was as follows: McGrath, Pelet, Palmer, Hagen – aye; Link - nay.
- I. Mayor’s Vacany was announced.**

MANAGER’S REPORT: Ms. Andrews said her report is in the Council packet. She announced that Dan Stoltzfus is retiring at the end of this year’s grass cutting season. The Borough is working on the Year 2015 Budget.

VISITORS’ COMMENTS:

Josh Glick, Norwood Street – He asked to have a copy of the reports Council reviews at the meeting. Ms. Andrews said she will look into making improvements on the website. The agenda is posted on the Friday before the Council meeting.

Lillian Thompson - She discussed the Chicken petition.

Kristin Walters, Norwood Street - Mrs. Walters wanted to know what can be done about a neighbor feeding stray cats and having them run all over neighborhood.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Jason Link thanked Council for their donation for Community Day Festival and stated they raised \$8,000.

Charles Palmer reported on the COG meeting he attended and informed Council that COG has available generators to be used for traffic light control during emergencies.

Meeting adjourned 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McGrath
Recording Secretary