

ATGLEN BOROUGH COUNCIL

BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

President Dirk Hagen called the meeting of the Atglen Borough Council to order on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Borough Hall. President Hagen announced there will be an Executive Session at end of the agenda to discuss real estate and personnel. The following members were present:

Dirk Hagen Nancy Pelet
Charles Palmer Jim Chapman Mayor Brian Wenzka

SWEAR IN JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON COURTNEY BURKHARDT

Mayor Wenzka swore in Courtney Burkhardt to the position of Junior Council Person.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

Bryan Umble read aloud his report. Mr. Umble summarized the road markings painted on the local streets. By doing it in house the Borough saved \$ 2000. Mr. Umble discussed the clean-up of the lot on Main Street. They removed the fire damaged pavilion and landscape material. The lot has been restored to a safe condition. Mr. Umble discussed the pump issues at the West End Pump Station. The Manager and Public Works Manager met with Brian Campbell to get an update on his future plans for Atglen Valley and the relocation of the West End Pump Station.

Mr. Palmer asked about water being used versus water being billed. Mr. Umble said the loss is below the State average. We do leak detection once a year and make prompt repairs. There was a discussion about the upcoming budget. Mr. Hagen asked about Organic Unlimited parking on the Borough lot. Mr. Umble expressed concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Comments

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Accept the Loan Modification Proposal from Fulton Bank for the Year 2010 Note and Prepare the Documents. One Condition: The Borough Retains the Federal Recovery Zone Interest Rebate. Caren Andrews provided background information, explained the spreadsheet depicting the savings, discussed the closing costs, and explained the reasons for narrowing the refinancing to the interest rate and rate benchmarks. The current rate is 5.85% for the next 5 years. The proposed rate is 4.25%. The projected 5 years net savings is \$100,800. Motion to approve was made by Pelet/Hagen with all members in agreement.
- B. Appoint David Unkovic, McNees Wallace & Nurick, as Bond Counsel for the 2010 Note Loan Modification, Fee: \$ 5,000 Plus Out of Pocket Expenses. Motion to approve was made by Palmer/Pelet with all members in agreement.

- C. Refund to Frieda Graber her Zoning Hearing Board application fee of \$ 750. Ms. Graber has withdrawn her Zoning Hearing Board application. No charges which are recoverable were assessed. Mr. Palmer asked if the Zoning Officer confirmed the B & B had ceased. Manager said she will check with Mr. Beers. Motion to approve was made by Palmer/Pelet with all members in agreement.
- D. August 3, 2015 Council Minutes, September Treasurer's Report, Bills of Approval, Department and Advisory Reports – Motion to approve was made by Pelet/Chapman with all members in agreement.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Main Street Trees – Brian Wenzka stated we are waiting for a return call from the Brandywine Conservancy. Three trees are recommended. One would be donated by Mr. Kehoe. It was suggested we hold off for this year.
- B. Community Day - Brian Wenzka reported on the upcoming Community Day activities scheduled for this weekend. He mentioned there are three title sponsors.
- C. August Planning Commission Meeting – Jim Chapman summarized the meeting. They discussed pervious surfaces.
- D. Master Planner Program, Community Planning Course – Ms. Andrews announced Brian McCool's employer will share the cost with us. The class cost is \$ 155.
- E. Pavilion Update – Ms. Andrews stated an insurance claim has been filed for the clean-up expenses. She asked Mayor Wenzka to design options for the park parcel. Mr. Wenzka's goals are: add shrubbery and trees to soften the look of the nearby buildings, install the rail to trail boards, add some parking, and make this a community build project. Mr. Wenzka will prepare sketches and report back to Council.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Caren Andrews announced she has begun working on the 2016 Budget. She reviewed the pension plans' Minimum Municipal Obligation for Year 2016. Ms. Andrews said the Borough funded replacement boots for the Public Works staff last October. She said the same will occur this year with controls on the purchase. It was recommended that a safety equipment and clothing line item be added to next year's budget. Ms. Andrews announced Atglen Borough will be recognized as a MS4 community starting in Year 2017. She suggested engineering proposals be received to address the MS4 requirements. She read aloud her report and responded to questions.

VISITORS' COMMENTS IN GENERAL PERTAINING TO THE BOROUGH:

Chief Finfrock announced he has collected \$ 2250 for the portable speed detecting device. He is short by \$ 950. Dirk Hagen made a motion to use Liquid Fuels monies to cover the funding gap. Nancy Pelet seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Wenzka discussed the jump in Atglen Borough's median household income from Years 2010 to 2013 as reported by the US Census Bureau. The Mayor said a local youth organization is seeking a meeting place. He will be sitting down with them to discuss options.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE BOROUGH: No Comment

Moved to Executive Session at 8:20 pm. Reconvened in public session at 9:24 pm.

Dirk Hagen made a motion to modify Bryan Umble's life insurance benefit previously approved by Borough Council on November 6, 2006 as follows: No change in the Face amount (\$250,000), No change in the employer paid benefit, Last employer paid benefit will cover the period of August 8, 2029 to August 7, 2030, \$600 annualized premium. If Mr. Umble separates employment with Atglen Borough the Atglen paid benefit ceases. Charlie Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Caren D. Andrews
Borough Secretary