

**ATGLEN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022**

President Palmer called the meeting of the Atglen Borough Council to order on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Borough Hall. The following members were present:

Charles H. Palmer Jr.	Joshua Glick	George Stewart
Melissa McClay	Brian Hahn	Mayor Darren Hodorovich

**POLICE REPORT** – Officer Moore read the July police report and responded to questions. An officer is patrolling on bicycle. Atglen Borough residents are invited to Police National Night Out on August 2 at the Christiana Police Station.

**ATGLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY, UPDATE** – Robbyn Kehoe, Library Director, thanked the Council for their support. The library has been in their new downtown space since March 28, 2022. Circulation is up 71%. Program participation is up 68%. Door counts are up 185%. Mayor Hodorovich asked if patrons are lingering, enjoying the views, and browsing the library materials. Ms. Kehoe said yes. Mr. Hahn asked how the current patron statistics compare to pre-Covid levels. Ms. Kehoe said the numbers are at or exceeding pre-Covid years.

**PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER REPORT** – Bryan Umble provided the report. The physical rehabilitation at Well # 3 is complete. The next step is to do a draw down test and pump test. PA DEP will be at the Church Road Water Plant tomorrow to review the SWIP testing protocols needed to determine if the springs can be re-activated. The contractor’s maintenance warranty for last year’s Ridge Avenue and High Street Water project ended in July. Minor repairs were made prior to the warranty expiring. The staff started refreshing the paint at the crosswalks and stop bars. 1 & 1 sewer maintenance was done in the western end of the Borough by Pipe DataView. The F800 dump truck is in the repair shop. Finding a used replacement truck at the \$ 45,000 approved threshold has been problematic. Mr. Umble is exploring options. The July Water and Sewer report was read aloud. Mr. Hahn asked about the impact the Applewood development will have on the water supply. Bob Lynn and Bryan Umble responded to the question.

**STORMWATER ORDINANCE AND MS4 PROJECTS, UPDATE, HANOVER ENGINEERING** - Bob Lynn and Jen Prunoske, Hanover Engineering, provided the update.

Ms. Prunoske reviewed the history of the current stormwater management ordinance. Our stormwater management system falls within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. DEP is requiring the stormwater ordinance be amended. DEP is seeking more green best management practices (bmp), homeowner inspections of their bmp systems, and better handling of pet waste

disposal. The MS4 permit addresses sediment reduction, outfall monitoring, and public education. The Borough's Public Works staff completed the outfall inspections earlier in the year. The MS4 map is being revised to reflected private facilities. The MS4 permit requires the Borough complete sediment reduction projects. Grant funding is available for construction projects.

The rest of the discussion focused on Fallowfield Road. When we have high intensity storms there is significant flooding. There is road washout, sediment on the roadway, and sometimes the road is temporarily closed. The waterway is considered a stream and makes this a stream restoration project with additional DEP permitting requirements. Hanover Engineering is proposing to widen the channel. An easement from Ken and Marilyn Umble is needed. This improvement will meet our MS4 sediment reduction requirement by approximately two times the volume. The probable cost opinions were discussed. This project is eligible for grant funding.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – No comments

#### **COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

MS 4 Projects, ARPA Funds, and Associated Costs - Motion was made by Hahn/Glick to get support from Mr. and Mrs. Ken Umble and then move forward in making the Fallowfield Road project shovel ready and eligible for a grant project. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0. Ms. Andrews asked if we can use ARPA money to pay for the design. Everyone said yes.

Advanced Life Support Services and Associated Costs - Mr. Stewart spoke about the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) crisis and Medic 93 Tower Health moving out of our territory effective September 1. The Borough's EMS Committee investigated Advanced Life Support (ALS) options. The Borough sought guidance from the Chester County Department of Emergency Services. An inquiry was made to the Southern Chesco EMS; and, they were not interested in expanding their territory. The Borough's Committee spoke to Westwood EMS. John Sly, Westwood EMS, was introduced. Mr. Sly summarized Westwood's ALS proposal. Westwood is seeking a funding formula equal to ¼ mill of real estate taxes. For Atglen Borough, this year, the ¼ mill represents approximately \$ 12,000. The Westwood ALS chase vehicle will be placed in Sadsburyville Fire House. Previously, until Medic 93 moved to Parkesburg, ALS services were coming from Brandywine Hospital. There was an equipment and vehicle discussion. It was asked if some of Tower Health's equipment can remain in our territory. The answer was unlikely.

Motion to Assign Westwood as the ALS Primary Provider and Pay the Associated Invoice was made by Glick/Stewart. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

Designation of Emergency Providers, Resolution # 656-22 – Motion to approve made by Stewart/Glick. Ms. Andrews said the change pertains to ALS with Tower Health being removed

on/or about August 31 and Westwood being added. Brian Hahn asked about the role of Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC). Ms. Andrews, Nate Delestienne (audience member), John Sly, and George Stewart explained the position of EMC. Ms. Andrews was asked to seek potential EMC candidates. President Palmer called for a vote on the motion for the Resolution. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0, approved the Resolution.

Approve the Applewood Homes LLC Letter of Credit, Certificate of Completion- Reduction # 11 in the Amount of \$ 119,399 and Authorize the Council President to Execute Said Document – Motion to approve made by Hahn / McClay. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

Movie Night and Associated Costs – Mayor Hodorovich wants to present a movie night on August 18 at the Borough Hall property. A movie license is needed. Mr. Hodorovich offered to pay one-half of the cost. Mr. Palmer agreed to pay the other half.

July 11, 2022 Council Minutes, Bills of Approval, Department and Advisory Reports – Motion to approve made by Palmer/McClay. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Basic Life Support Emergency Medical Services – George Stewart spoke on this topic. An update on the Christiana Community Ambulance Association (CCAA) was given. The Christiana Community Advisory Committee (CCAC) is no longer functioning at the request of the Ambulance Association (CCAA). The municipalities that feed into the CCAA territory have met twice. This Committee is reaching out to other EMS agencies.

Agenda Format Change - Ms. Andrews said this agenda format is becoming cumbersome as a result of the changes to the Sunshine Law. Nate Delestienne suggested we consider an Old Business/New Business setup. Council was receptive to trying a new format. Ms. Andrews will introduce the updated format at next month's Council meeting.

### **MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

Ms. Andrews made the following announcements. There is a Special Council Meeting on August 3 to discuss the Borough Hall Park features. Keep the sidewalks and curbs clear of weeds, overgrown shrubbery, and low hanging tree branches. Due to the Labor Day holiday the September Council meeting is moved to September 12. The 2023 Budget process has begun.

Ms. Andrews read aloud her report and responded to questions.

### **VISITORS COMMENTS**

Doug Delestienne, Ridge Avenue spoke about EMS services. He told Council to take into consideration geography and response time. Mr. Delestienne said attracting and retaining

personnel in the EMS world is dismal. Mr. Delestienne said he is a volunteer with Keystone Valley. Ms. Andrews said Keystone Valley did come to the July 11 Council meeting at the Borough's invitation and spoke on the EMS topic. At the July 11 meeting it was agreed to have the Borough's EMS Committee meet with Keystone Valley to discuss their proposal. Keystone Valley canceled the meeting. Atglen Borough followed up with Keystone Valley by email requesting a BLS proposal.

Nate Delestienne spoke about the Keystone Valley Fire Company consolidation that impacted Atglen Fire Company. Many years later some of the Keystone Valley members are still disappointed Atglen Borough selected Christiana Fire Company for its primary fire service. There was an EMS funding discussion. Atglen Borough understands they must support the ALS and BLS agencies that serve our residents.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS** – Mayor Hodorovich helped the Atglen Public Library with their model rocket launch. School will be back in session at the end of August. The new resident reach-out program is going well. The Mayor asked residents to trim weeds growing in the sidewalks and curbs. Mayor Hodorovich will work with the Police Chief and Borough Manager on creating a form to allow citizens to register if they have an outdoor home security camera system. This will help the police when there is suspicious or criminal activity in the neighborhoods.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

There was a discussion about high weeds and enforcement.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn made by Palmer/Glick. All members were in agreement. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Caren D. Andrews  
Borough Manager/Secretary