

ATGLEN BOROUGH COUNCIL

BUSINESS MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022

President Palmer called the meeting of the Atglen Borough Council to order on Monday, February 7, 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

President Palmer announced an Executive Session was held on January 5 to discuss a legal matter. An Executive Session was held this evening, February 7, to discuss the purchase of real property.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Simmons, Valley Avenue, discussed the poor road conditions on Valley Avenue. The road has a series of humps. Ms. Andrews will contact PennDot.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEM

Helen Esbenshade, Borough Solicitor, and Joel Brown, Brown Partnership were present.

Motion to Proceed with the Purchase of Tax Parcel 7-5A-1.2 for the Purchase Price of \$2,000 Pursuant to an Agreement of Sale with Brown Partnership; To Terminate the Agreement of Sale with Brown Partnership Executed on November 1st and 2nd, 2021; To Authorize the Borough Manager and Solicitor to Review and Finalize the Terms of the New Agreement of Sale; and To Authorize the President of Borough Council to Sign the Finalized Agreement of Sale – Helen Esbenshade read the motion. Motion to approve made by Glick/Hahn. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

Ms. Esbenshade and Mr. Brown left the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER REPORT

Bryan Umble reviewed the January Sewer and Water report. Mr. Umble discussed the Winter Maintenance Program, the training of the Administrative Assistant on completing the monthly PA DEP reports, the Sensaphone infrastructure emergency notification system, pump shaft repairs, and the Well #3 production issues.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

Approve the Applewood Homes LLC Letter of Credit, Certificate of Completion- Reduction #6 in the Amount of \$ 190,515.26 and Authorize the Council President to Execute Said Document – Motion to approve made by Hahn/Stewart. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

Approve for the Applewood Development the Commonwealth of PA Drainage Easement, Swan Road, PennDot Form M950D3 and Authorize the Council President to Execute Said Document – Motion to approve made by Glick/Hahn. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

Approve the Agreement, Settlement, and Mutual General Release for Weaver, 354 Main Street and Authorize the Council President to Execute – Motion to approve by Hahn/McClay. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

Approve the Chester County Agreement for the 2021 CRP Grant, Project: Borough Hall Park and Chester Valley Trailhead, Grant Value: \$ 487,566 and Authorize the Council President to Execute- Motion to approve made by Stewart/Glick. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

Renew the Farming Activities of Ken Umble, on the Valley Avenue Parcel, Approximately 7.5 Acres, \$750, Harvest Season 2023 – Motion to approve made by Glick/Hahn. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

Renew the Farming Activities of Charlie Kauffman, on the Church Road Parcel, Approximately 18 Acres, \$1800 Per Season, Harvest Seasons 2023 to 2028 – Motion to approve made by Glick/Stewart. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0. There was a discussion about opening up hunting on the property. The consensus was to continue the no hunting practice.

Purchase Four Planters Now with the Option to Purchase a Fifth Planter for Downtown Atglen, a Park and Recreation Commission Activity, Price Not to Exceed \$2,600 – Motion to approve made by Stewart/McClay. Ms. Andrews said due to supply chain issues the planters we have in front of Borough Hall are out of stock. It can take 6 to 9 months to obtain the same size and style planter. The Park and Recreation Commission is proposing a smaller planter and slightly different style. Four of the smaller planters are in-stock. Council favors the larger planter, the same ones at Borough Hall, and suggested ordering this year and next year's planters. Mr. Palmer asked for a vote on the motion. The motion did not pass. The vote was 0 to 5. Ms. Andrews will bring this matter back to the Park and Recreation Commission.

Approve the Payment of \$ 300 to the Vendor for the Park and Recreation Commission and Atglen Public Library Paper Shredding Event Scheduled in the Spring – Motion to approve made by Hahn/McClay. Ms. Andrews said the event will occur in the Borough Hall parking lot. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

January 3, 2022 Council Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Bills of Approval, Department and Advisory Reports – Motion to approve made by Palmer/Glick. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS – No Items were discussed.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION, UPDATE

Ms. Andrews said the January draft minutes are included in the Council packet. Mayor Hodorovich said they are working on new programming mentioning the shredding event as an example of a new event. The Mayor said they are brainstorming ideas to attract more households to participate in the Holiday Lighting contest.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Ms. Andrews read aloud her report and responded to questions. The auditor is in Borough Hall this week working on the Year 2021 audit. We have experienced some fraudulent check issues this month. Fulton Bank's fraud protection services are functioning as designed preventing financial losses. Police reports have been filed. Mr. Hahn asked to bring this to the attention of the U.S. Postal Inspector being it involves the U.S. mail system.

VISITORS COMMENTS - There were no comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hodorovich thanked the Public Works staff for their ice and snow removal efforts. The Mayor discussed getting 50 native trees donated, the Atglen swag program involving the Octorara high school students in the design, the Homecoming Parade, the recent suicide of a high school student, creating a mental health workshop and go to resources, the hot housing market, a concern from a Newport Circle resident regarding a recent shooting at Glenbrook Apartments, and his upcoming judging of a Parkesburg Borough event.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS – There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn made by Hahn/Stewart. All members were in agreement. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Caren D. Andrews
Borough Manager/Secretary