President Palmer called the meeting of the Atglen Borough Council to order on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Borough Hall. The following members were present:

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

POLICE REPORT — Officer Moore read the June police report and responded to questions. Bike patrols have begun. George Stewart asked if there were any issues during the 4th of July holiday weekend. Officer Moore said there were two fireworks calls.

PUBLIC COMMENTS — No comments

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

Borough Hall Park, Design Scheme and Associated Costs — Sara Pevaroff Schuh (Salt Design), Steve Buck (Salt Design), and Casey Kerschner (Becker Engineering) presented the two concept plans. The road access point has been reduced to one. One plan showed the driveway access on Main Street. The other plan had driveway access on Valley Avenue. Both plans have a nature play area. The Main Street access plan keeps most of the canopy trees and reduces slightly the parking spaces. The Valley Avenue access plan has comparable parking spaces to the current parking lot arrangements and eliminates some of the canopy trees.

Robbyn Kehoe asked about the number of parking spaces in each plan. There was a discussion about the silver maple canopy trees.

There was a discussion about the nature play area and play components. Kevin Myers asked about the impact of shade and sun on the playgrounds.

Robbyn Kehoe discussed the truck traffic on Main Street. Sometimes the trucks are unable to fit under the Main Street underpass which forces them to enter one or both of the parking lots on Main Street – Kehoe lot or Borough Hall lot.

Council, the Borough professionals, and attendees stepped outside for a site tour. Salt Design marked the proposed location of the traditional playground areas. The Borough professionals responded to questions. Ms. Pevaroff Schuh gathered everyone in a circle. Everyone was given an opportunity to discuss the project and their preferred option. When this concluded everyone went inside Borough Hall.
Hahn/Glick motioned to move forward on the Borough Hall Park, Option 1, Main Street access. President Palmer called for a roll call vote. Aye – Glick, Palmer, Hahn. Nay – Stewart. The motion carried 3 to 1 to use Option 1, Main Street access.

The Borough’s professionals requested a special public meeting to discuss the park features. Council agreed. Two dates were proposed, 7 pm start. Ms. Andrews will get the date established and advertise the meeting. Ms. Andrews was instructed to invite the Park Study Committee Task Force and encourage resident participation.

Execute Authorization to Enter Property form, ADA Curb Cut Ramp at Borough Hall, Corner of Main Street and Valley Avenue, PennDot Project – Motion to approve made by Glick/Stewart. Richard Maruzzi, the engineer working on behalf of PennDot, reviewed the scope and impact on the Borough Hall parcel. The current ADA ramp is non-compliant. More concrete will be added to allow for two ADA ramps—one Valley Avenue, the other on Main Street. The design carries forward the Main Street streetscape theme. The other Main Street and Valley corner property owners received the same ask. This project is 100% funded by PennDot and will be completed by February 2023. All members were in agreement, 4 to 0.

Create a Temporary Emergency Medical Services Committee, Two Council Members and Borough Manager – Motion to approve made without listing members names was made by Stewart/Glick. Ms. Andrews asked for volunteers. Stewart amended the motion to list Josh Glick and George Stewart as the two Council members. Glick seconded the amended motion. All members were in agreement, 4 to 0.

Donate Up to Ten Atglen Borough Logo T-Shirts to the Winners of Events at Atglen Community Day - Motion to approve made by Hahn/Glick. All members were in agreement, 4 to 0.

Christiana Borough Police Officers Providing Police Service to Atglen Borough, Resolution #652-22 – Motion to approve made by Stewart/Hahn. The new officer added to the list is Officer Daniel Hartman. All members were in agreement, 4 to 0.

June 6, 2022 Council Minutes, Bills of Approval, Treasurer’s Report, Department and Advisory Reports – Motion to approve made by Palmer/Hahn. Ms. Andrews said the Lamb McErlane check needs to be voided due to an error in reading the amount due and reprocessed. Motion to amend the motion with adding the Lamb McErlane action was made by Palmer/Hahn. All members were in agreement, 4 to 0.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Israel Mill Stormwater Basin, APA Land Company, Parcel #7-3-78.23 – Ms. Andrews said there is $1300 of delinquent real estate taxes owed as of June 2022. Ms. Andrews described the County’s upset sale, judicial sale, and repository process.
Keystone Valley Fire Department and Keystone Valley Fire District - Present for Keystone Valley was Tom Scott, Ed Hass, Josh Mellinger, Geoff Burkhart, and Ray Campbell. Tom Scott, Chairman of the Keystone Valley Fire District, introduced the topic of what does Atglen want in regard to emergency medical and fire services. Keystone Valley expressed response concerns with Christiana Community Ambulance Association (CCAA). There was a discussion about Keystone Valley ambulance being the second call for Atglen and responding when CCAA is unavailable. It pulls Keystone Valley away from their designated first call territory. If Atglen moves to Keystone Valley ambulance service for primary emergency medical services, Keystone Valley is seeking a reimbursement fee arrangement. No financial details were provided. A mutual aid discussion was held. John Walters Ed Haas, Ray Campbell, and Josh Glick spoke about the former Atglen Fire House. Keystone Valley summarized by narrowing their focus on emergency medical services. Ms. Andrews will set up a meeting with Keystone Valley and the Borough’s Emergency Medical Service Committee and make this a priority.

Emergency Medical Services – Ms. Andrews announced Medic 93 is closing effective September 1. She stated CCAA is struggling to provide services. There was a discussion. Some of the issues are recruitment, personnel, and financial.

Keystone Valley representatives discussed the Keystone Valley Fire District and responded to fund drive questions.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION, UPDATE – Ms. Andrews said the next event is the 5k walk/run on Community Day.

MANAGER’S COMMENTS

350 Zion Hill Farm, Proposed Solar Farm – Atglen Borough’s jurisdictional impact pertains to an access drive. The rest of the project is in West Sadsbury Township. The West Sadsbury Township Planning Commission will be reviewing the sketch plan at their July 26 meeting.

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

VISITORS COMMENTS

Kristen Walters spoke about an issue with the neighbor installing a fence on their property. The neighbor attached the fence to the Walter’s shed. John Walter’s asked for the involvement of the Zoning Officer and the utilization of the Borough’s Zoning Ordinance.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS – Mayor Hodorovich spoke on the mental health workshop held last month in Borough Hall. The school district said they are unable to organize a Homecoming parade that comes through the Boroughs. The tree planting will occur this Fall. The Boy Scout Summer Camp is ongoing this week. An outdoor movie night is being planned at Borough Hall. Octorara Area School District will continue with the free breakfasts this coming school year.
COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS - No comments

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn made by Hahn /Stewart. All members were in agreement. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Caren D. Andrews
Borough Manager/Secretary