

**ATGLEN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023**

President Palmer called the meeting of the Atglen Borough Council to order on Monday, March 6, 2023 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

**PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER REPORT** – Bryan Umble summarized the monthly water and sewer report. Water leak detection was done with repairs made and parts on order. Hardness complaints were received and adjustments were made to Well #4. Mr. Umble provided an update on Wells #1, 3, and 4. Annual reports have been or are being filed. The SWIP monitoring for the Big Mackie Spring starts on April 1. The WWTP building heater project is complete. Potholes have been filled on local roads.

Road Resurface and Tar and Chip – Mr. Umble did an evaluation of the Borough owned roads. On the list some are designated as repave and some are titled tar and chip. Council said to proceed with obtaining tar and chip quotes. The resurfaced roads, Council asked for a count on the number of dwellings and businesses that feed directly into the roadway. If there are traffic studies share them. This information will be provided at next month’s meeting.

Public Water – New sample testing requirements are being added in Year 2024 for PFOA and PFOS. PA DEP is requiring all water line and customer service lines be inventoried by Fall 2024. Their focus is lead pipes.

**POLICE REPORT** – Officer Moore read aloud the February police report. Speeding details are occurring on Valley Avenue.

**JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON’S REPORT** – No report

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

John Mickel discussed expanding the veteran banner program. Mr. Mickel has been working with the Borough staff, understands there is a waiting list of approximately 30 families, understands utility pole permits are needed, and understands sponsors must be obtained. Mr. Mickel said he wants to help and asked how we can move this forward. A discussion was held about the PP&L permit process and existing banners. Council favors the current practice of taking down the banners from late November through early May. Council said working with the Borough Manager go ahead with obtaining the permits, the sponsors, and contacting the families on the waiting list.

**APPROVE MINUTES, FEBRUARY 6, 2023** - Motion to approve made by McClay/Stewart. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

**APPROVE BILLS LIST AND TREASURER'S REPORT** - Motion to approve made by Palmer/Glick. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Authorize the Advertisement of the Stormwater Management Ordinance – Motion to approve made by Stewart/Hahn. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

Name the Borough Hall Park – The marketing material has been distributed. So far, we have received 21 names. The submission date ends on March 29. There was a discussion about how to narrow the list down.

Christiana Police, Hourly Rate/Coverage Requirement – Mayor Hodorovich is waiting to hear back from Mayor Carner, Christiana Borough.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Denim Kurtzhals spoke about the Octorara Little League. The Octorara Little League has geographically grown, 17 teams. Mr. Kurtzhals thanked Council for their support. There was a discussion on fields.

Mr. Kurtzhals supports the expansion of the veteran's banner program.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chester County Community Revitalization Program, Grant Projects- Ms. Andrews said the grant round will open soon. She reviewed various project ideas listed in the Revitalization Plan. A design and construction cost opinion was prepared for the stormwater realignment, water line replacement, and road resurfacing for the 300 block of Church Street and Tee Alley. Road widening is being suggested for Church Street, but more information is needed on this topic. Council said to proceed with finetuning the Church Street/Tee Alley project, do all that is suggested by the Borough Engineers, and include in the application the road resurface of both blocks of Tee Alley.

Closeout the Sellars NonWovens Escrow, 808 Valley Avenue, and Refund to Sellars the Balance of \$ 1,020.74 – Motion to approve made by Stewart/Glick. Ms. Andrews said the property recently sold, the modular office trailer has been removed, and most of the storage trailers are gone. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

American Rescue Plan Grant, Projects - Ms. Andrews reviewed the time line in which the expenses must be defined and money spent. The potential Fallowfield Road stormwater management project is moving very slowly, if at all. Ms. Andrews asked for a spending plan adjustment. A discussion was held about tangible projects. Motion was made by Hahn/Stewart to redefine the American Plan Rescue Fund projects, the projects are to be the 2023 Truck, road tar and chipping, and revisit later in the year to designate the balance. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

Pelet Public Water Request and Fee Adjustment - A request was received from Nancy Pelet to discontinue the public water service charge for her property at 350 Zion Hill Road. She has been on well water for approximately forty years. The customer owned water line was abandoned due to a water leak and long run. Ms. Andrews reviewed the consumption records, from 1998 to current. There has been 0 public water usage.

The ask is as follows:

1. The property will retain one Water EDU.
2. Council waives the requirement of Ordinance # 493-13, Section 1.B and accepts this parcel is unable to connect to the Atglen public water supply at this time.
3. The Borough stops invoicing for public water.
4. The Council action is retroactive to the January 1, 2023 invoice which means the property owner is entitled to a refund of \$ 90.
5. This action impacts the current structures on the property being the house, cottage house, and barn. In the future, if there is a new development on the parcel that requires water service – excludes future additions to the existing buildings mentioned in Item #5 – the landowner will have to connect to the Borough’s public water system.

Motion to approve made by Glick/Hahn as stated above with the five conditions. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

Leroy Beiler, 3979 Cemetery Road, West Sadsbury Township Zoning Hearing Board Application

– Ms. Andrews said the staff did a review of the application and sees no conflict with the Borough’s parcels.

**MANAGER’S COMMENTS** – Ms. Andrews read aloud her monthly report and responded to questions. She provided an Applewood Development update. Ms. Andrews said the next Park and Recreation Commission event is the Document Shredding and Food Drive scheduled for April 1.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS** – Mayor Hodorovich said the marketing literature is being designed for the Swag 2023 contest. The native red bud trees will be available in April. The Mayor discussed the staffing issues at the Octorara School District. Spring sports started today. The Wizard of Oz school show was wonderful.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Stewart provided an update on the Christiana Community Ambulance Association. Their monthly report is in the Council packet.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Hahn/Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm. All members were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



Caren D. Andrews

Borough Manager/Secretary