ATGLEN BOROUGH COUNCIL

BUSINESS MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025

President Palmer called the meeting of the Atglen Borough Council to order on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Borough Hall. The following members were present:

Charles H. Palmer Jr. Joshua Glick Zachary Hall
Melissa McClay Brian Hahn Mayor Darren Hodorovich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Palmer led the pledge of allegiance and took roll call. President Palmer announced an Executive Session will be held this evening, topic: personnel matters.

POLICE REPORT – Sergeant Al Manning read aloud the January report.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Bryan Umble reviewed the January water and sewer report. There is an increase of daily water usage. Some of it is attributed to Applewood. Some is lost water due to water leaks. One leak on E. Main Street has been found. He is watching the static water levels in Well 1. There was a discussion on Well 1's production.

This month the staff responded to snow and ice events. The staff is busy doing infrastructure and equipment maintenance.

There was a discussion about the December 10 sudden loss of public water pressure. The loss lasted a few minutes. The staff investigated and believes the cause was an illegal and fast withdrawal of water from a fire hydrant.

Josh Glick asked about re-introducing the Church Road springs into our public water supply. Bryan will continue to explore but not optimistic we can obtain PA DEP approval.

The inspection of the Church Road water reservoir and WEPS steel tank is scheduled for next week.

JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON'S REPORT – Ms. Ware was unable to be in attendance this evening. Mayor Hodorovich read aloud her report. For the Octorara Area High school the upcoming event is the Shrek musical. The winter sports are coming to a close. For West Fallowfield Christian School the upcoming events are designer bag bingo and a missions trip.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kim Moore, Christiana Fire Company, read aloud the January report. The Fund drive letters are being mailed next week. Upcoming community events: bingo and a spaghetti dinner. The fire company has under contract a new used fire engine.

Diane Palmer, Atglen Public Library, asked everyone to take the 2025 customer survey found on the library's website. The March fundraiser is designer bag bingo. In April there will be a County Library legislative breakfast.

APPROVE MINUTES, JANUARY 13, 2025 - Motion to approve made by Hahn/ Hall. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

APPROVE BILLS LIST AND JANUARY 2025 TREASURER'S REPORT - Motion to approve made by McClay/ Glick. The vote was 4 to 0 with 1 abstention. The Aye votes were McClay, Glick, Palmer, Hall. Mr. Hahn abstained due to the conflict with his spouse, a Borough employee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Sly, Westwood Fire and EMS, read aloud the Atglen ALS and BLS statistics for January.

OLD BUSINESS

Website Redesign, Update – Cristi Hahn demonstrated the new website and answered questions. The new website will roll-out later this month, same weblink, www.atglen.org.

2025 Chesco CRP Grant Application Round, Update - Ms. Andrews said the grant application round opens later this month. The Borough Engineer is preparing the probable construction cost opinion.

Tee Alley-Church Street CRP Grant- Ms. Andrews said we are waiting for the Engineer's probable construction cost opinion for the add-on, PennDot required Lower Valley Road stormwater infrastructure upgrade.

NEW BUSINESS

Renew the Farming Activities of Ken Umble, on the Valley Avenue Parcel, Approximately 7.5 Acres, $750, Harvest Season 2026 – Motion to approve made by Glick/ Hahn. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

Accept the Land Development Professional Services Agreement for John David Beiler, 451 Stauffer Drive – Ms. Andrews summarized the project. Mr. Beiler wants to build a home for his

family and an in-law suite. Motion to approve made by Hahn/ Hall. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

2025-2027 Regional Hazardous Waste Collection Program, Financial Commitment to Chester County – Motion to participate made by Hahn/ Hall. All members were in agreement, 5 to 0.

Employee Benefits and Associated Costs – Mr. Hahn did not participate in the conversation and the vote because his spouse is a Borough employee. Ms. Andrews said the health care insurance and dental insurance policies renew March 1. Ms. Andrews reviewed our options and cost savings in moving to the United Concordia dental program. Motion to continue the Independence Blues program and switch the dental coverage to United Concordia made by Glick/McClay. The vote was 4 to 0 with 1 abstention. The Aye votes were McClay, Glick, Palmer, Hall. Mr. Hahn abstained due to the family conflict.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS - Ms. Andrews read aloud her monthly report and responded to questions. There was a discussion about the Applewood Chetty development.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Hodorovich spoke about the upcoming Eagle Scout, declining Octorara Area School District student enrollment, and pop-up student café. The Mayor voiced concerns about speeding on Valley Avenue during the morning and afternoon rush hours. Sergeant Manning said they will adjust their patrol schedule to tackle this issue.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS – Mr. Palmer spoke about the Valley Avenue speeding.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Palmer called for an Executive Sessions at 9:35 pm.

RECONVENE

At 9:51 pm Council reconvened into public session.

ADJOURNMENT – Hahn/McClay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 pm. All members were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Caren D. Andrews
Borough Manager/Secretary