

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY WAS HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 12th, 2021 AT THE BOROUGH HALL BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Morgan, Council Members: Dennison, Smith, Pearson, and Walter.

ABSENT: Hoag and Delfing

Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order with a salute to the flag and in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by advertising notice of meeting in the N.J. Herald and posting copy of notice in the Borough Hall.

MINUTES:

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Dennison, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes of the Mayor & Council meeting held on February 8th, 2021. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Smith, Pearson, Walter. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

OFFICIALS REPORTS:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pearson to accept the treasurers report for February & March 2021. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Smith, Pearson, Walter. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dennison, seconded by Mrs. Walter to accept the following reports and place on file: Joint Court report for February, ABFD report for March. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Smith, Pearson, Walter. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: the following was presented to the Council and placed on file: Sussex County Div. Tax re: Preliminary Equalization Table for Sussex County 2021

State of NJ DOT re: Railroad Avenue Agreement and award deadline

H.E. Pellow re: Andover Borough Amended Stormwater Ordinance filing with County

Sussex County Clerk re: Reimbursement of Primary Election Costs

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

SWAC & SC Water Quality Management: Mr. Landrith was absent.

Open Space Report: The grant program for replacement of recreation equipment is due 5/24. Measurement and information must be gathered.

Borough Land Report: The report provided in 2020 from the Borough Attorney was reviewed and the committee will consider the items. Currently, the focus is on the multiple abandoned vehicles that need to be removed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Administrative & Executive: Mr. Pearson reported that the letter supporting a bill to allow the governing body to act as the board of health has been sent. Mayor Morgan mentioned the personnel policy review that Mr. Smith was to complete. Mr. Smith reported that he only found one change to recommend to the personnel policy and that was to remove closed Summer Hours from

the policy as it's a "freebie the world doesn't get". There was some discussion regarding the affect on personnel. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Dennison to remove summer hours from the personnel policy and return all hours back to Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Smith. NAYS: Pearson and Walter. ABSTAIN: None. The motion resulted in a tie vote with Mayor Morgan voting "AYES". As a result, the motion carried.

The Mayor then suggested that the governing body approve summer hours for 2021 in the personnel policy to include closure on Fridays. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mrs. Walter. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Smith, Pearson, Walter. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor continued the conversation to include job descriptions that were necessary.
Celebration of Public Events: Mrs. Walter reported that the Memorial Day wreath ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. and that the plaque for Mr. Schick in the park will be repaired.

Finance: Mr. Dennison reported that the budget passed.

Parks & Playgrounds: Mr. Hoag was absent. The Mr. Smith reported B. Williams is painting in the park building and that a compound is needed on the walls in the basement. He reported that the air conditioner replacement will cost about \$4000. The CFO stated it is a capital improvement. There was also some conversation regarding the steps and ramp at the park building. A mason is needed to repair them as they are cracking. A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Dennison to approve an amount not to exceed \$4000 for a new AC unit. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Smith, Pearson, Walter. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

Public Bldgs. & Grounds: The Mr. Smith reported that there is a flat tire on the Ford tractor and would like Chris Daschko to do a maintenance on it. Parts were or will be gotten and left in the garage. The fence at the parking lot of the park was damaged and will need to be repaired and repainted. Mrs. Walter stated that the graffiti in some parts of the park and borough were able to be removed. Mr. Smith stated that the pole that broke in the park after a storm was removed and that Clarence can start work on 5/1/21. Lastly, Mr. Smith reported that the basement needs to be cleaned out for years. The Clerk will ask Chris Daschko to help with that. The Mayor stated that the old Husqvarna should also be removed from asset inventory.

Public Safety: Mrs. Delfing was absent. Mr. Dennison reported that Lakeland Emergency Squad is done with its arrangement with Blue Ridge.

Streets & Roads: Mr. Hoag was absent. Mr. Smith reported that the Old Creamery project is still incomplete. There was also some discussion over tort claims filed pertaining to damage to vehicles on the privately-owned Forest Lakes Road. It was also reported that the new tractor purchase to mow the park lawns will be delivered on Monday.

Water Utility: Mr. Smith reported that there are repairs that need to be done at the Calamusa's property located at 185 Main Street, after the water main break repairs and that asphalt needs to be added the repair done at 189 Main as the spot is still sinking. He continued to report that a test needs to be done on pump #2 as we prepare for the Water Tower project and some trees need to be cleared at the site. The bid is expected to be advertised early summer. There was also some discussion of having Mr. Richard "Dick" Mooney coming on as an employee.

OLD BUSINESS: Review of 2021 Municipal Budget

Budget Self-Exam:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve a Resolution for self-examination of 2021 Municipal Budget. There was no public comment. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Smith, Pearson, Walter. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried

Budget Adoption

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pearson to approve the second reading and adoption of the 2021 Andover Borough Municipal Budget. The meeting was opened to the public and closed without comment. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Smith, Pearson, Walter. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

The newly adopted State regulation pertaining to Cannabis was reviewed by the governing body. It was determined that the matter should be further reviewed by the planning board for recommendations as a timeline for passage of an ordinance permitting regulation or “opting out” is necessary by August.

RESOLUTIONS:

Farm Lease:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pearson to approve a resolution authorizing the signing of the farm lease with Tranquility Farms LLC for 2021. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Smith, Pearson, Walter. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried

Action Alliance:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Dennison to approve a resolution for Action Alliance - Fiscal Year 2022. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Smith, Pearson, Walter. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried

Escrow Reimbursement:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Dennison to approve a resolution approving a reimbursement of rental deposit to L. Sibblies for rental deposit for 01/23/21 in the amount of \$150.00. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Smith, Pearson, Walter. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried

Lien Redemption:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dennison, seconded by Mr. Pearson to approve a resolution for redemption of tax sale certificate #2019-003 for block 18 lot 8 in the amount of \$22,676.39 plus \$1200 for return of premium. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Smith, Pearson, Walter. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried

**RESOLUTION TO REFUND LIENHOLDER FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE
CERTIFICATE
BLOCK 18– LOT 8
CERTIFICATE # 2019-003**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Andover reimburse funds for the redemption of Certificate # 2019-003 and for the return of premium paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Andover, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize the refund of

\$22,676.39, to Stuart Lasher (redemption)
\$1,200.00, to Stuart Lasher (return of premium)

ORDINANCES: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pearson to pass the following Resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body to approve the payment of all vouchers on the bill listed April 12th, 2021, submitted by the Chief Financial Officer for payment. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Smith, Pearson, Walter. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.
Motion carried

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dennison, seconded by Mr. Pearson to adjourn the meeting. AYES: All in favor. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Beth Brothman
Municipal Clerk