

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM at the Adamstown Municipal Building, 3000 N. Reading Road, Adamstown by Council President Randy Good.

Council Present: Randy Good, Dave Matz, deLyn Alumbaugh, Alex McManimen, Randell Weaver, Jerry Thomason

Visitors Present: Tom Shumaker, Steve Dunn, Tom Unger, Sue Weinhold, Stephanie Scheifley, Deb Schmidt, Tom Aylmer, Roger Weir, Dick Young, Harry Patel, Kemmy Patel, Garry Hummer, Heather Marx, Ethan Marx

Others Present: Mike Palm, Lisa Crouse

MINUTES: The minutes from the January 6, 2020 and December 26, 2019 meetings were approved with a motion from deLyn Alumbaugh, seconded by J. Thomason and unanimously carried.

BILL LIST: Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by Jerry Thomason and unanimously carried to approve all bills and receipts presented.

POLICE and/or FIRE REPORT:

The January Police Report was read by Tom Shumaker.

The January Fire Report was included in the packets. There will be a soup and sub sale on February 22nd.

VISITORS BUSINESS:

Richard Jone – Mr. Jone addressed Council on behalf of the Adamstown Quick Stop. He said that the new owners are looking to install gas pumps on the property but the Adamstown Borough Zoning Ordinance states that, among other things, no gas pumps can be installed within 500’ of places of assembly with a capacity of 100 or more people. His concern is that, although it would be difficult, the borough conference room and even the fire hall could technically hold 100 people. He is asking Council their opinion on whether or not they would hold tight to that, should the owners of the Quick Stop go before the Zoning Hearing Board. If so, it wouldn’t be financially feasible to move forward with the proposed gas pumps. R. Good said in his personal opinion that the issue should not be the potential capacity of the borough building, but rather having the property in question cleaned up instead of sitting in disarray. The rest of Council agreed that it would be in the borough’s best interest to support the installation of the pumps and get the property cleaned up.

Gary Hummer, Purple Heart Trash Company – Mr. Hummer addressed Council regarding potentially purchasing the lot located at 10 S. Broad Street to erect a 40’x40’ garage to store his two trucks in along with a small office. He is asking Council if they would consider waiving the requirement of a land development plan. T. Unger recommended that Mr. Hummer get a sketch plan and go before the Planning Commission and have the PC give their recommendation to Council.

SPECIAL TOPICS: None.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Street Sweeping – Street sweeping will take place on May 5th & 6th and will be done by Industrial Grounds Maintenance who was used in previous years. The cost has increased by \$2/hour from previous years to \$100/hour.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by J. Thomason and unanimously carried to approve the quote Industrial Grounds at a cost of \$100/hour.

Incomplete Sidewalk Repairs – M. Palm said that there are two property owners who have made necessary repairs to their curbing but have not completed the roadway restoration and he is recommending Council send letters to those property owners with a deadline with which to complete repairs.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to approve sending letters on April 1st allowing 60 days to complete roadway restoration.

Pump Station Emergency Generator – M. Palm said they were encountering some maintenance issues with the emergency generator at the pool pump station so until it is back on track, they are utilizing a temporary emergency generator.

Stormwater Runoff at the Grove and Pool– M. Palm said that during heavy rains, there is excessive stormwater runoff running across the playground area in the grove. R. Good explained that the runoff is coming from the mountain on the north side of Rt. 272 across the ball field and into the grove. M. Palm said the issue can be alleviated by grading the area, but due to insufficient sunlight it is difficult to grow grass to keep the mud at a minimum. There is also an issue with excessive stormwater runoff north of the community pool running through the junk yard across the gravel walking trail which runs onto the pool property and into the pool, causing the pool to be closed until the water clears up. R. Good asked borough engineer T. Unger if they should attempt to do a partial fix it by doing some grading or would make more sense to put more money into it for a permanent solution by installing a storm sewer. T. Unger said there would be no issue with coming up with an engineering fix, his concern is getting grass to grow to prevent constant erosion and mud. This issue has been referred to the Recreation and Community Committees along with input from the Engineer and R. Good also suggested that they confer with an arborist.

Bowmansville Road – Borough engineer T. Unger said that Bowmansville Road from E. Main Street to the Spring Township boundary is in poor condition. It was determined by doing core samples that there is enough existing asphalt to do a cold-in-place recycling method of repaving the roadway. With this method, a milling machine is used to mill the surface, an emulsifier is added and the material is reapplied to the roadway surface, the surface is then profiled and overlaid. R. Good suggested adding an alternate bid item of milling the existing surface, regrading then adding 4" of BCBC and 1-1/2" ID2 wearing (the same process that was used to restore Stoudtburg Road) to keep bids competitive. Work will also be done on the portion of Bowmansville Road south of E. Main Street with particular attention at the bridge. M. Palm is looking for Council's approval to advertise to have work begin late July/early August when school is out for the summer.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to approve advertising proposed work to go out for bid so work can begin in July.

3094 N. Reading Road (Car Wash) – M. Palm is requesting that Council approve having a letter of sufficient capacity for wastewater be sent to the property owner of 3094 N. Reading Road. The property was formerly a car wash and the new property owner is in the process of replacing it with a new car wash facility.

Motioned by J. Thomason, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to approve a letter of sufficient capacity for wastewater be sent to the property owner of 3094 N. Reading Road.

TREASURER:

Property Maintenance Waivers – L. Crouse met with the Community Committee to discuss several property owners who were billed by ABI for property maintenance violations after being given extensions in which to complete the work to be done. She is asking if Council will waive those invoices and also refund two property owners who have already paid their invoices.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by J. Thomason and unanimously carried to approve waiving the invoices and refunding the two who have already paid.

PMRS – L. Crouse was contacted by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System informing her that the pension ordinance needs to be re-adopted every 6 years. There was one change made with the new ordinance which is redefining fulltime as 32 hours or more. There was a question as to whether the new ordinance needs to be advertised for adoption.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by J. Thomason and unanimously carried to approve advertising if necessary and subsequent adoption of the new pension ordinance.

FINANCE: None.

WATER/SEWER/MS4:

D. Matz said that his committee will be meeting soon to discuss the interceptor line and to get up to speed on MS4.

COMMUNITY:

Goods Chips Complaints – Several complaints were received regarding the delivery trucks at Goods Chips idling in the early morning hours being disruptive to neighboring property owners. R. Good said that this issue has been going on for many years. The contract that Goods has with the potato haulers states that they should arrive around 5:30AM which is when company staff is available to unload the trucks, but they are allowed to arrive 15 minutes early and if they do, they are to turn their engines off. But there are times when the trucks arrive earlier than that and wait until the plant opens while their engines are idling. Borough Engineer T. Unger said that the borough currently does not have a noise ordinance and therefore the owner of the chip factory cannot be cited for a noise violation. d. Alumbaugh met with both parties in an attempt to reach a compromise but was unsuccessful. He is asking Council how they would like to move forward. It was determined that a letter will be sent to the complainant stating that the issue has been investigated, no ordinances have been violated and no laws have been broken.

Adamstown Borough Employees – d. Alumbaugh expressed his respect for the employees of Adamstown Borough, citing all the responsibilities that M. Palm and his staff handle so efficiently as well as work that office personnel does to help save the borough money.

Community Committee Meeting – d. Alumbaugh scheduled a public committee meeting for February 25th to discuss volunteer opportunities, tree beautification, trail maintenance, creation of habitats throughout the borough as well as community improvements and cost savings. The meeting is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

ROADS AND BRIDGES: None.

PERSONNEL: None.

RECREATION:

2020 Ephrata Rec Agreement – Adamstown Borough will again be contracting with the Ephrata Rec Center to manage the community pool for the 2020 season. The contract price increased less than 2% from last year with a new cost of \$797/day if open more than 4 hours and \$438/day if open 4 hours or less.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by J. Thomason and unanimously carried to approve the Agreement between Adamstown Borough and the Ephrata Rec Center to manage the pool for the 2020 season at the costs agreed upon.

2020 Snack Bar Agreement – Adamstown Borough will again be contracting with Dana Food Safety, LLC to run the snack bar with a rental and utility fee of \$250.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by J. Thomason and unanimously carried to approve the Agreement between Adamstown Borough and Dana Food Safety, LLC to manage the snack bar for the 2020 season at a fee of \$250.

2020 Swim Team Agreement – R. Weaver presented the proposed contract with the swim team. The contract is similar to past years and the fee will remain the same as last season at \$2,000.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by R. Weaver and unanimously carried to approve the Agreement with the swim team for the 2020 season at a fee of \$2,000.

FIRE/SAFETY: Mayor Schmidt said he has been attending numerous meetings and familiarizing himself with his new duties as mayor. He is requesting an executive session at the end of the public meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adlai Binger, ZHB Alternate Letter of Interest – Mr. Binger submitted a letter of interest to fill the Zoning Hearing Board Alternate position for the 2020 calendar year. Mr. Binger has been a resident of Stoudsburg Village for the past 10 years.

Motioned by R. Weaver, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to appoint Adlai Binger as Zoning Hearing Board Alternate for the 2020 calendar year.

St. Paul's Church Parking Issue – It has been brought to Council's attention that residents living in the area are parking in front of the church on Sunday mornings which is causing an issue for those church parishioners needing to be dropped off in front of the door for church service. Lt. Shumaker suggested considering designation the area in front of the church a loading zone which would also allow it to be enforceable by the police. R. Good asked the Community Committee to look into this and report back to Council.

Ephrata Police Vehicles – Lt. Shumaker said that their department rotates their patrol fleet every 4 years. They purchase new computers, radios, etc. for the new fleet and liquidate the old vehicles while they still have a good residual value to them. The new fleet is covered by the factory bumper-to-bumper warranty the entire

4 years the vehicles are in service which reduces the maintenance costs significantly. Their new fleet will be black with silver and maroon graphics and the rotation should be complete within the first quarter of the year. There will be a total of 14 new vehicles.

Adjournment:

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by J. Thomason and unanimously carried to adjourn.
The meeting ended at 8:25PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary