

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM at the Adamstown Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant, 235 E. Swartzville Road, Denver by Council President Randy Good.

Council Present: Randy Good, Dave Matz, Alex McManimen, Mark Bansner, Randell Weaver

Visitors Present: Derek Miller

Others Present: Mayor John Schmidt, Mike Palm, Sam Toffy

MINUTES: The minutes from the March 3, 2020 meeting were approved with a motion from D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried.

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

POLICE REPORT:

The March Police Report was included in the packets.

FIRE REPORT:

The March Fire Report was included in the packets. Fire Chief Miller said that the Fire Company will be taking the Easter Bunny around the borough on Saturday, April 11th. They will be departing the Fire Company building at 1PM with sirens on and will follow the same route that they do with Santa at Christmas.

VISITORS BUSINESS: None.

SPECIAL TOPICS:

Declaration of Disaster Emergency – In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, a Declaration of Disaster Emergency was prepared.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to adopt the Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated April 7, 2020.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The March Public Works Report was included in the packets.

TREASURER: None.

FINANCE: None.

WATER/SEWER/MS4:

April Water/Sewer Billing – With the current COVID-19 situation, D. Matz is requesting that for this quarter only, shutoffs be put on hold and penalty fees be waived due to financial hardship being faced by many. If the situation continues, this can be revisited again for the next quarter's water/sewer billing.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to put shutoffs on hold and waive penalties for this quarter only due to the COVID-19 situation.

COMMUNITY: None.

ROADS AND BRIDGES: None.

PERSONNEL:

Life/Disability Insurance & Capital Blue Dental Renewal – A. McManimen is asking for approval to switch companies if he can find rates that can help to save the borough money.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to allow companies to be switched if it can help to save money for the borough.

RECREATION:

2020 Pool Membership Form, Library Storytime at the Pool & Additional Swimming Lessons:

- R. Weaver said there were minor changes made to the 2020 pool membership form (daily gate fees for non-residents were increased a small amount).
- The YMCA swimming lesson contract added an additional swimming lesson session.
- The Library will hold a story time and will pay a half-day rate.

Motioned by R. Weaver, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve the three items above.

FIRE/SAFETY: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance 404 – Control of Animals – This ordinance was approved for advertisement at the March meeting.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance 404.

NEW BUSINESS:

2020 Real Estate Taxes – In light of the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in financial hardship for many families, the Lancaster County Treasurer sent a draft resolution to all municipalities which would allow the base period for payment of 2020 real estate taxes to be extended to November 30, 2020 and waive delinquent taxes if property taxes are paid before November 30, 2020. The discount period will not be extended. This resolution must be adopted by all municipalities in order to enact the tax relief. An ordinance must also be adopted to revise the penalties set forth in original Ordinance 401.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by R. Weaver and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2020-02 and to approve advertising the draft ordinance for adoption at the May meeting.

Tennis Courts – Due to the need for social distancing, the tennis courts and basketball court have recently been closed to the public. R. Weaver asked if Council would approve use of the tennis courts since social distancing can be practiced while playing tennis. Council agreed and will be posting a sign to follow the CDC guidelines when using the courts.

Adjournment:

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by R. Weaver and unanimously carried to adjourn.
The meeting ended at 7:09PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary