

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, deLyn Alumbaugh

Visitors Present: Tom Shumaker, Derek Miller, Tom Unger, Ralph Vedder, Helen Shaak, Michele Walter Fry

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the April 7th meeting were approved with a motion from D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried.

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

General Code Supplement No. 6 Invoice – motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to approve payment.

POLICE REPORT:

The April Police Report was read by Lt. Shumaker.

FIRE REPORT:

The April Fire Report was read by Chief Miller. There will be a chicken BBQ on May 16th beginning at 10AM until sold out.

Mayor Schmidt thanked both the Police Department and the Fire Department for getting out to drive by a few children’s houses with sirens on, who had birthdays and were not able to celebrate with friends.

VISITORS BUSINESS: None.

SPECIAL TOPICS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Billboard Sign by Community Pool – M. Palm provided a quote from Eckert Signs to replace the damaged billboard sign by the community pool. He would like to get a second quote before deciding what to purchase. Our deductible is \$2,500 and the quote came in at just under \$3K. Council feels it is not worth filing a claim for such a small amount.

TREASURER: None.

FINANCE:

R. Good discussed with L. Crouse that the Finance Committee should get together with the Library regarding a loan update.

WATER/SEWER/MS4:

Bixler Property – R. Good spoke with Mr. Bixler as well as our solicitor J. Cleary and determined that the current Agreement is missing some information. J. Cleary will revise the Agreement for the June meeting for approval by Council.

Johnston Property – The Borough is looking to secure more property along the mountain to help protect the watershed. Rosemary Johnston has a 3.9-acre parcel of land for sale on the mountain just north of the Elementary School. D. Matz said that a bid should be offered for the property and funds would come from the Water Reserve Fund. A. McManimen suggested offering the same amount per acre as what Mr. Bixler is being offered for his land (approximately \$3,300/acre). R. Good turned it over to the Committee to discuss and come back with a plan.

25 Bittendorf Way Waiver Request – We received a request for a waiver of a portion of the water bill for the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2020. The property owner did a leak test and determined the cause of the high bill and has corrected the issue. He is seeking a waiver of the water amount above the average of the last 4 quarters of normal usage less the \$25 waiver request fee.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to issue a waiver in the amount of \$220 and to have a new meter installed once the Covid-19 epidemic subsides.

COMMUNITY:

d. Alumbaugh said that he helped answer questions and steered borough residents to fill out the Census. He also said that his committee is also beginning to revisit the beautification project.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

M. Bansner said that a large tree was taken down along Adamstown Road last week with no problem.

PERSONNEL:

Employment of Derek Miller – A. McManimen is asking for approval to hire Chief Derek Miller as a part time employee for the borough this summer.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to hire Derek Miller as a part time employee for the borough this summer.

Life/Disability Insurance & Capital Blue Dental Renewal – A. McManimen said that L. Crouse received quotes on life/disability insurance and we will be saving approximately 50% this year.

RECREATION:

2020 Pool Opening Date – R. Weaver asked Council what their thoughts were regarding an opening date for the community pool. M. Palm said his department would need at least three weeks to prepare for opening. In following the Covid-19 guidelines, we are currently in the red and it would take a minimum of 5 weeks to get into the green plus an additional 3 weeks to prep the pool before opening. D. Matz said he saw that some of the area pools already announced that they would remain closed for the season. R. Weaver questioned if we wanted to do the same or wait another month to make a decision. A. McManimen said he felt that if we can't

open by the July 4th weekend, it wouldn't be worth the effort. R. Good said we are lucky to break even most years being open the whole season. In a survey recently done regarding going to public places such as restaurants and sporting events, 40% of survey takers said that although the State may say it's okay, they will not be going. With that being said, we have the potential of losing \$25K-\$35K if we open the pool for only a short period of time. Liability is also an issue regarding safely social distancing, sanitizing, etc. We can take this extra time to work on the pool, making repairs where necessary.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to keep the pool closed for the 2020 season.

Swale at Pool – Borough Engineer T. Unger presented a proposal to correct the stormwater drainage issue along the path that runs around the north side of the community pool. He is proposing a 5' to 6' wide trail incorporating a 1' deep geotextile-lined riprap swale on the uphill side. The trail will consist of 6" of 2A stone with 2" of compacted fine material. R. Good questioned using millings and T. Unger said that would be another good option. T. Unger will look for quotes from several contractors to see if they will be under the public bidding threshold.

FIRE/SAFETY: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance 405 (to amend Ordinance 401) – This ordinance will amend provisions governing real estate tax payment penalties by extending the due date to pay real estate taxes due to Covid-19. It has been advertised.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance 405.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grove Rental Refund Policy – In light of the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in the requirement to socially distance, Council will be offering refunds on grove reservations if renters do not want to reschedule or use their deposit towards next year's rental.

Adjournment:

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to adjourn.
The meeting ended at 7:45PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary