

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, Mark Bansner, Randell Weaver, deLyn Alumbaugh

Visitors Present: Chris McKim, Derek Miller, Tom Unger, Michele Walter Fry

Others Present: Mike Palm, Sam Toffy

MINUTES: The minutes from the June 2nd meeting were approved with a motion from M. Bansner, seconded by R. Weaver and unanimously carried.

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

POLICE REPORT:

The June Police Report was read by Lt. McKim. R. Weaver commented that he really appreciates what the Police Department does for our community and how proactive the officers are with the children. He paid a compliment to Officer Davis who, during his shift, stopped to talk with the children and allow them to sit in his police car.

FIRE REPORT:

The June Fire Report was read by Chief Miller. There will be a chicken BBQ on August 1st beginning at 10AM until sold out.

VISITORS BUSINESS: None.

SPECIAL TOPICS: None.

PUBLIC WORKS:

SRBC Permit Modification – M. Palm said he has been working on the SRBC permit modification and it has been submitted. It will increase our 30-day average water withdrawal from 163K gpd to 217K gpd.

Water Leaks – M. Palm said there are two areas where there are water leaks. One is a service line which the property owner is responsible for. They are having trouble hearing the other one which is located near 2nd Avenue and Jefferson Road, but it is unusual to see water pushing up with how dry it has been. He may bring in a company to utilize equipment to locate the leak.

2020-2021 Winter Traffic Services Agreement – PennDOT is again offering a winter services agreement for Adamstown to provide snow removal services on Willow Street from Route 272 to Main Street at a reimbursed cost of \$296.90/year.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve the PennDOT Winter Traffic Services Agreement to plow Willow Street from Route 272 to Main Street at a cost of \$296.90/year.

TREASURER: None.

FINANCE:

2021 Budget – R. Good asked Council to start thinking about the budget. He said that we will be approximately \$35K-\$40K short this year in revenue and we may be short in revenue next year. He plans to discuss with the Roads & Bridges Committee as well as with our Engineer, the option of a leveling course and oil/chip along Bowmansville Road as opposed to a major reconstruction.

WATER/SEWER/MS4:

Rosemary Johnston Parcel – The Committee was tasked with negotiating the purchase of a 3.9-acre parcel of land on the mountain currently owned by Rosemary Johnston. A bid of \$17,500 was agreed upon. The realtor drew up a contract subject to approval by Council. Funds to purchase the land will be taken from the water capital reserve fund. In an attempt to preserve its water sources on the mountain, the borough makes every effort to acquire land along the mountain near the wells when possible.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to purchase the 3.9-acre parcel of land at a cost of \$17,500 contingent upon review/approval of the sales contract by the borough solicitor.

COMMUNITY:

Trail Update – Several people met to walk the trail from the tennis courts to Stoudtburg Road to discuss remediation improvements. Most of the suggestions made will not cost anything but will involve manpower. One item which will incur a cost, but the Committee is not looking to do immediately, is to place a millings path at the beginning of the trail at each end to better identify where the trail begins/ends. There is currently grass where the proposed millings path will be placed. d. Alumbaugh is also proposing placing signage at both ends of the trail as well as installing piping in a low area of the trail that tends to remain wet after a rain. He is asking if the PW Department would have the materials to install the piping to avoid a cost to the borough. He met with a Boy Scout troop that has offered to walk the trail, identify trees along the trail and make signs which could be posted next to various trees. An example of what the signs will look like will be forwarded to Council. The Committee would also like to see a few benches placed along the trail so d. Alumbaugh, along with Mayor Schmidt and borough resident John Schmoyer will be contacting local businesses to inquire if they would like to donate the benches and have a plaque with their business name on the bench they donate. d. Alumbaugh explained that the wildflower habitats that were originally planned to be established throughout the borough would not work along this specific trail, as it is not wide enough so they will instead contact Espenshade's Nursery to see if they may be willing to donate several plantings.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to put on M. Palm's schedule the installation of piping and gravel along the trail when time allows.

SDE Zoning/UCC Fee Schedule – SDE submitted their 2020 Zoning/UCC Fee Schedule for Council's consideration. R. Good had several concerns with the fee schedule as presented and would like to table this item until the borough solicitor has an opportunity to review it.

Rental Program –2020 rental fee schedules/proposals were received by SDE and ABI which were reviewed by the Committee. There were some differences and after some discussion, T. Unger of SDE made some favorable revisions to his proposal.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to accept SDE’s amended 2020 Rental Fee Schedule as discussed.

ROADS AND BRIDGES: None.

PERSONNEL: None.

RECREATION:

Pool Work – M. Palm received two quotes to repair the underwater joint at the pool, with the lower quote being \$9,800. A third quote was received by Witmer Waterproofing, whose business involves waterproofing, concrete work and caulking, and their price came in at \$2,880. M. Palm approved them to do the work and they did a great job at repairing the underwater joint.

Two other quotes were received from Witmer Waterproofing – one is regarding repairs to the concrete deck surface where it meets the stainless steel gutters (the ¼” joint that runs the perimeter of the pool is failing). A quote of \$3,835 was given to do those repairs. On the deck itself several of the ½” to ¾” wide joints are sagging and failing. Witmer would repair those areas for \$2,735 for a total amount of \$6,570 to complete both of those items. M. Palm said that the cost is well below what was budgeted and he is asking if the work could be done next month.

Motioned by R. Weaver, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to approve the two quotes from Witmer Waterproofing and to allow the work to begin next month.

FIRE/SAFETY: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Grove Rental in July – R. Good said that since groups of up to 250 people are currently allowed under the Covid guidelines, grove rentals may resume for the month of July. The restrooms will be kept locked except for when the grove is being rented. R. Weaver and d. Alumbaugh both said that they feel we should post signs listing dos and don’ts at the grove.

Motioned by R. Weaver, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve allowing grove rentals to resume, but to keep the restrooms closed unless the grove is being rented.

Blue Ridge Communications Cable Franchise Agreement and Ordinance #406 – The new Blue Ridge Communications Cable Franchise Agreement and Ordinance were approved for advertising at the July meeting.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve the Blue Ridge Communications Franchise Agreement and to adopt Ordinance #406.

NEW BUSINESS:

49 W. Main Street Land Subdivision – The property owner is proposing subdividing the commercial portion of land along Rt. 272 from the house on W. Main Street so that the house could be sold. At this time he is not looking to sell the commercial lot. The Planning Commission recommended approving the applicant’s request.

Motioned by M. Bansner, seconded by R. Weaver unanimously carried to approve the land subdivision at 49 W. Main Street.

Elementary School Emergency Evacuation Plan – A request was received from Kristin Wise of the Adamstown Elementary School to use the pool parking lot as part of their emergency evacuation plan for the 2020/2021 school year.

Motioned by R. Weaver, seconded by d. Alumbaugh unanimously carried to approve allowing the Adamstown Elementary School to use the pool parking lot as part of their emergency evacuation plan for the 2020/2021 school year.

Yoga Place Grove Use – A request was received from Suzanne Accardo of the Yoga Place in Ephrata to use the grove to hold one-hour yoga and tai chi classes. R. Weaver will have his committee discuss her request and come up with a rate for hourly use of the grove. If she would still like to use it in July, she shall pay the \$100 and once the committee comes up with a reasonable rate, that \$100 could be used to cover several additional classes.

Adjournment:

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to adjourn.
The meeting ended at 7:50PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary