

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: Chris McKim, Tom Unger, Jason Dinatally, Stacey Dinatally, Cheryl Davis, Helen Shaak, Michele Walter Fry

Others Present: John Schmidt, Mike Palm, Lisa Crouse, Sam Toffy

MINUTES: The minutes from the August 4th meeting were approved with a motion from D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried.

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

POLICE REPORT:

The August Police Report was read by Lt. McKim.

FIRE REPORT:

The August Fire Report was included in the packets.

VISITORS BUSINESS:

Jason & Stacey Dinatally, 69 W. Main Street – Last October Mr. Dinatally and two other property owners requested an extension to repair their sidewalk/curbing due to their financial situation. Council agreed to extend the deadline for one year (to October 1, 2020). Mr. Dinatally said he is ready to have the repairs done, but said that the company who is scheduled to do the repairs is overbooked and unable to complete the job until well after the October 1st deadline so he is seeking another extension.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to approve extending the new deadline until July 1, 2021.

SPECIAL TOPICS: None.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Bowmansville Road Upgrades – M. Palm said they've been working on Bowmansville Road north of E. Main Street and there is one section remaining which will require two end walls. He plans to schedule that work for next summer after school is out so that they could close the road to do the work. He is also waiting to receive quotes from 3 contractors to blacktop the area where the utilities cross the road. A section of 4' pipe was installed along Bowmansville Road at the wall by Mr. Wieder's property which is located south of E. Main Street and they are waiting for pricing for underpinning as approved by permit.

Willow Street Leak – A leak detection company was brought in and a small leak was located on Willow Street. A meeting will be held with the Committee this week to discuss options to repair the leak.

TREASURER:

CARES Act Reimbursement – L. Crouse said she is working on the CARES Act reimbursement and she learned from participating on a conference call with Pat Mulligan of Lancaster County, that we are able to receive reimbursement for some police payroll expenses. She will be participating in a meeting with a representative of the police next week to find out more information.

Pension MMO – L. Crouse presented to Council the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Adamstown Borough Pension Plan.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to approve the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) as presented in the amount of \$19,664.

FINANCE: None.

WATER/SEWER/MS4:

Rosemary Johnston Parcel – A motion was made at the August Council meeting to execute the Standard Agreement for the Sale of Vacant Land between the Borough and Rosemary Johnston with the understanding that the Borough Solicitor would review the Agreement and make any recommendations necessary. According to the Borough Solicitor, since the Borough is purchasing the property as wellhead protection area and not for development, the majority of contingencies listed in the Agreement do not pertain and could be waived.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to waive the contingencies in the Standard Agreement for the Sale of Vacant Land between the Borough and Rosemary Johnston that do not pertain.

COMMUNITY:

Good Publicity – d. Alumbaugh extended a thank you to Michele Walter Fry for publishing an article in the Ephrata Review on the trail that the Committee has been working on.

Name the Trail Contest – d. Alumbaugh is requesting approval from Council to hold a Name the Trail Contest. It would be advertised to get the word out and a prize of a free Family Membership to the community pool would be given to the winner. The judges would be the Community Committee members.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by R. Weaver and unanimously carried to have a Name the Trail Contest.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by R. Weaver and unanimously carried to issue a free Family Membership to the community pool to the winner of the contest.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to have the Community Committee choose the winner of the Name the Trail Contest and issue the prize to the winner.

Census Update – d. Alumbaugh has been working with the Census Department as well as Council members and borough staff to get the word out regarding the importance of filling out the Census report. Two locations have been scheduled to hold events where representatives from the Census Bureau will provide materials and

information as well as assistance in filling out the Census reports for those borough residents who have not filled one out yet. The events will be held on two separate days at Weaver’s grocery store and two separate days at the Post Office. The Fire Company has also agreed to put a flyer in each bag at their sub sale. Census Bureau representatives also plan to go door to door to those properties who have not yet responded. Part of the reason why Adamstown Borough has such a low number of Census responses is because the Census Bureau does not deliver the reports to P.O. Box numbers.

Yard Waste Request – d. Alumbaugh received a request from a borough resident to provide an area in the borough for dumping yard waste. This subject was brought up several times in the past with no success as it would require monitoring to be sure that only borough residents are using it and that only materials acceptable are dumped there. There is a facility in Ephrata (Martin Mulch Products) where yard waste could be dumped for a small fee, and this information is always given out to borough residents who inquire about a dump site for their yard waste. d. Alumbaugh will report back to Council after looking into neighboring municipalities to see if they would allow us, for a fee, to piggyback on what they provide for their residents.

ROADS AND BRIDGES: None.

PERSONNEL:

Crossing Guard Replacement – A. McManimen said that we are running an ad to hire a crossing guard for both morning and afternoon at \$20/day. He would like the Committee to have the authority to hire someone if they meet the required criteria so they won’t have to wait until the next Council meeting to approve hiring someone.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to give the Personnel Committee the authority to hire a crossing guard if an applicant meets the required criteria.

RECREATION:

Stormwater Drainage in Grove – R. Weaver said that they are still working on the water issue in the grove.

FIRE/SAFETY:

Willow Street Speed Study – Mayor Schmidt said that the speed study, although less than 1% of drivers were found to be speeding, did not satisfy several people who live on Willow Street. The Mayor discussed the issue with Lt. Shumaker and was told a second study will be done going northbound but, but they are confident they will get similar results as the southbound study. Lt. Shumaker commented that he has never seen PennDOT reduce speed along a State road to 25 MPH. R. Good said that he does not recall many accidents, speeding tickets or complaints about speed regarding Willow Street in the past.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Trail from Stoudtburg Road to the Grove – In the event that the property at Stoudt’s is redeveloped, Council asked the Borough Engineer to look into the easement from Stoudtburg Road to the grove and how it may be affected. T. Unger said that it is a recorded easement that runs from the park to Stoudtburg Road. If the land at Stoudt’s is redeveloped the easement goes with the property at this point so a new easement would have to be given to the Borough somewhere else.

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NEW BUSINESS:

School Parking Space Request – L. Crouse said that with the Covid issue, the elementary school has an increased amount of traffic during pickup/dropoff times. Borough representatives reached out to the Transportation Department to see if there was anything we could do to help alleviate the problem. Dr. Snyder said it would be very helpful if we could designate a parking space on W. Main Street near the steps for a large school van to pick up student at the end of the school day. R. Good suggested a sign be posted as well, noting the times of day when the space is reserved for the school.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to approve a parking space along W. Main Street for the school to utilize for picking up students at the end of the school day.

Stoudt's Distance Classic 12K Race – The Lancaster Road Runners Club will be hosting its 16th annual 12K race which will be held October 24th beginning at 10:00AM in the parking lot next to Stoudt's Brewing Company.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by R. Weaver and unanimously carried to approve the use of the Borough's roadways for the 16th Annual Lancaster Road Runners Club 12K Race on October 24, 2020 contingent upon receiving a Certificate of Insurance prior to the race.

3094 N. Reading Road/29-35 E. Main Street Subdivision Application – Borough Engineer T. Unger said that the Planning Commission made a recommendation to Borough Council to approve 3 waivers (Sections 265-13 and 265-20 – preliminary plan requirements and Section 265-20b – existing features within 200') as well as a recommendation to approve the plan as presented. There was an initial concern regarding the deed which was reviewed and found to be acceptable. R. Good questioned the status of the sewer connection and was told that there will be new water and sewer lines installed. M. Palm said that the plans have been submitted and approved but the work has not been done yet. R. Good said that there will be no occupancy permit issued until the water and sewer must be upgraded.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve the 3 requested waivers and the plan as presented.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to send a letter to the owner of the carwash reminding him of the requirement to upgrade the water and sewer lines.

Adjournment:

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to adjourn.
The meeting ended at 7:41PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary