

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, Cindy Schweitzer, Jessica Kelly, Shad Lewis, Alex McManimen, Mark Bansner

Visitors Present: Tom Shumaker, Steven Roth, Carol Johnson, Leslie Hills, Robert Hills, Jon Hamilton, John Schmidt, Deb Schmidt, Tina Laughlin, Dawn Miller, Pat Reese, Carol Wakefield, Helen Shaak, Kerry Fisher, Val Lacis, Michele Walter Fry

Others Present: Dean Johnson, Lisa Crouse, Sam Toffy

MINUTES: Minutes from the August 7, 2018 meeting were approved with a motion from D. Matz, seconded by C. Schweitzer and unanimously carried.

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

POLICE and/or FIRE REPORT:

The August Police Report was read by Tom Shumaker.

Adamstown Road resident Kerry Fisher questioned Lt. Shumaker regarding the excessive speeds of vehicles traveling Adamstown Road. R. Good asked S. Toffy to provide Mr. Fisher with a copy of the speed study that was recently conducted. Mr. Fisher also commented that there is no speed limit posted as you approach Adamstown Road from the bottom of the hill. R. Good said we will take a look at it. W. Main Street resident Pat Reese who lives near the grove also commented that drivers are using excessive speed traveling W. Main Street near the school. The Fire & Safety Committee will review the placement of a flashing sign by the school during school hours. R. Good urged everyone to contact their legislators to approve the radar bill.

Residents raised concern regarding possible drug dealings on Main Street. Lt. Shumaker will speak directly with the residents after the meeting.

The August Fire Report was read by Steve Roth. There will be a chicken BBQ on September 29th from 10AM until sold out. Open house at the station has been scheduled for October 7th from 1PM to 3PM.

VISITORS BUSINESS:

Tina Laughlin, ECT – Ms. Laughlin addressed Council with several concerns regarding the community pool. One concern was the issue with closure of the pool due to fecal incidents. Ms. Laughlin suggested that children/infant swim diapers should be a requirement and should be sold at the pool for those who did not bring any. When the pool must be closed early, there should be a better system for offering refunds. She also suggested that the children be better supervised. She did note a positive in the operation of the snack bar.

SPECIAL TOPICS: None.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Backhoe Forks – M. Palm is requesting to purchase backhoe forks with 60” tines and provided a quote from Plasterer Equipment Company, Inc.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of forks with 60” tines for the backhoe at a cost of \$3,600.

TREASURER:

Pension MMO – L. Crouse presented to Council the 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Adamstown Borough Pension Plan.

Motioned by C. Schweitzer, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to approve the 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) in the amount of \$18,545.

L. Crouse asked everyone to get their budget numbers to her as soon as possible.

FINANCE:

C. Schweitzer said that the Committee will meet on September 20th to discuss budget items.

WATER & SEWER:

Ordinance #392 – Ordinance #392 was drafted by the solicitor to revise regulations of Chapter 304 governing the use of the water system and administrative matters which will allow the Borough to terminate water service to any property in which the property owner refuses access to their water meter. It also removes the requirement of a plumber’s license and increases fines for violation of the ordinance.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to advertise Ordinance #392 for adoption consideration at the October meeting.

COMMUNITY:

S. Lewis said that Associated Building Inspections (ABI) began their Borough-wide property maintenance code audit on August 23rd. C. Schweitzer said that they may want to also review the road clearance of street trees.

ROADS AND BRIDGES: None.

PERSONNEL:

The Committee reviewed its options for healthcare and are proposing joining the Delaware Valley Trust (DVT) which is a trust comprised of public entities in Pennsylvania and Delaware who have been able to negotiate with healthcare providers for coverage based on a large group of entities. DVT is willing to allow the Borough to join the trust which requires a three-year commitment. The committee reviewed the options provided from DVT and our current broker and are recommending joining DVT and opting for the Aetna PPO 3A Plan for 2019. DVT plans have historically held at an average of 7% increases rather than the more private industry standard of 12% or higher. DVT also provides for dividends dependent on use as well as strong wellness program initiatives.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by C. Schweitzer and unanimously carried to authorize joining DVT (for a 3-year commitment) and signing up for Aetna PPO 3A Plan for 2019 to begin January 1, 2019.

RECREATION:

J. Kelly said that the pool season wrapped up on September 3rd and they had a good turnout at Appreciation Day.

The Committee is working with M. Palm to get play structures at Celebration Park.

FIRE/SAFETY:

D. Johnson said that the Mayor’s luncheon was recently held at the Borough and there was a good turnout.

Chief Keppley of the ECT Police Department sent a letter to D. Johnson regarding the costs of having a School Resource Officer. The F&S Committee will review the costs and report back to Council.

MS4:

C. Schweitzer received a schedule of anticipated work from Kara Kalupson of Rettew regarding revisions to simplify the current stormwater ordinance and to create a guideline for property owners. Council can expect to receive information by late September.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lot 3 Subdivision – R. Good said this will be discussed at a future date.

14th Annual Stoudt’s Brewing (Lancaster Road Runners Club) Distance Classic 12K Race –The Lancaster Road Runners Club will be hosting its 14th annual 12K race which will be held October 27th beginning at 10:00AM at the towers by the Wonderful Good Market.

Motioned by M. Bansner, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to approve the use of the Borough’s roadways for the 14th Annual Lancaster Road Runners Club 12K Race on October 27, 2018 contingent upon receiving a Certificate of Insurance prior to the race.

LCPC’s Places 2040 – R. Good asked Council to have all comments sent to S. Toffy by September 25th for discussion at the October meeting and subsequent submission to LCPC.

Lantern Fly Issue – D. Matz discussed the ongoing issue the county and surrounding counties are having with the Lantern Fly, and its devastating effects on the environment.

Adjournment:

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to adjourn.
The meeting ended at 7:56PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary