

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, Randell Weaver, deLyn Alumbaugh, Jerry Thomason

Visitors Present: Tom Shumaker, John Petrick, Derek Miller, Carolyn Reiste, Tom Unger, Mike Marty, Timothy Butz, Matthew Butz, Penny Leschner, Alec Leschner, Helen Shaak, Ray Knarr, Shannon Knarr, Cheryl Davis, Michele Walter Fry

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

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved with a motion from d. Alumbaugh, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried.

**BILL LIST:** Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by J. Thomason and unanimously carried to approve all bills and receipts presented.

**POLICE REPORT:**

The September Police Report was read by Lt. Shumaker. Lt. Shumaker also introduced the new Ephrata Police Chief, John Petrick, whose first day with the Department was September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**FIRE REPORT:**

The September Fire Report was read by Chief Miller. The next chicken BBQ will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 10AM until sold out.

**VISITORS BUSINESS:**

Alec Leschner, Eagle Scout Troop 4318 – Scout Leschner gave a presentation on his Eagle Scout service project that he worked on this summer which consisted of a GAGA ball pit located in the Adamstown Grove. Last September Council motioned to donate \$3K towards the \$6K project which was recently completed. The GAGA ball pit is available for use by the community.

Tim Butz, Cub Scout Pack 61 – Scout leader Butz is looking for assistance again this year to hang the Christmas tree lights in the grove. The tree lighting ceremony will take place on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Letters will be collected from the children for Santa to read, who will be escorted to the grove by the Fire Company. Families could participate by driving by to wave to Santa. The tree lighting as well as Santa reading stories will be streamed on YouTube for all to enjoy.

*Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by R. Weaver and unanimously carried to approve donating \$500 towards the event.*

Carolyn Reiste, Adamstown Area Library – Ms. Reiste gave a presentation on the services that the Library currently offers in light of the Covid pandemic which includes curbside pickup, grab & go bags, laptop service, at-home craft projects, etc. She also gave an update on the new Library.

**SPECIAL TOPICS:** None.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Snack Bar Floor – The family who currently runs the snack bar has requested a new floor due to the poor condition of the existing floor. M. Palm said that the best option would be to pull the linoleum out and prep it for a non-slip sealer coat. Borough staff will do most of the work and the contractor, who has done work for the Borough in the past, will etch and seal the floor for a cost around \$1K.

*Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to approve to repair the existing floor in the snack bar.*

Paving Trenches on Bowmansville Road – Storm sewer was recently installed along Bowmansville Road north of E. Main Street and the trenches need to be restored. Three quotes were received to excavate and repair the trenches, with Strickler Corporation coming in lowest at \$59.25/SY for a total amount of approximately \$8K to complete the project. Work will begin next Monday.

*Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to approve the quote from Strickler Corporation at \$59.25/SY.*

Grove Drainage Improvements Plan – Borough Engineer Tom Unger presented drawings which were designed to eliminate erosion in the grove resulting from stormwater runoff. The plan would be to collect the stormwater and direct it through the tree line and into existing stormwater collection facilities. Swales would be created in other areas with a basin at the bottom to collect excess stormwater. Once improvements are completed, topsoil and seed would be placed in the damaged areas of the grove. Mr. Unger anticipates getting plans and the cost late this year/early next year once the trees are bare so an accurate determination could be made.

**TREASURER:**

Trees in Grove – L. Crouse said that each year the Borough donates \$2,500 towards the fireworks for Community Days. With the Covid pandemic, Community Days was not held this year. Joe Dietrich, Chairman of Community Days asked if Council would consider using the \$2,500 to trim several trees around the area where the fireworks are set off because some of the branches were being hit by fireworks last year.

*Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to approve putting the \$2,500 donation towards trimming the trees that are overgrown in the area where the fireworks are set off.*

**FINANCE:** None.

**WATER/SEWER/MS4:**

Trail Above Pool – D. Matz said that there is a huge improvement in the trail since work has been done to improve stormwater drainage.

Trunkline – Improvements will need to be done along the trunkline, but it has been difficult obtaining the necessary permitting due to the area containing bog turtles. Tom Unger said that for no charge he will attempt to make progress with the federal and state agencies so that the Borough could move forward with the project.

If he could obtain the necessary permitting so that we could move forward, and if SDE designs the plans, only then he will bill the Borough for their services.

**COMMUNITY:**

Census Update – d. Alumbaugh said that the number of participants in Adamstown has increased.

**ROADS AND BRIDGES:** None.

**PERSONNEL:** None.

**RECREATION:** None.

**FIRE/SAFETY:**

LEMA Survey – Mayor Schmidt said that LEMA is doing a survey of municipalities to see who would be interested in receiving a vaccine once one is available.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mill Race – R. Good said that for years there has been an issue with the Mill Race between Bowmansville Road and Rt. 272 as a result of a breach. Residents who live near the Mill Race have approached Council looking for a solution to the issues that have occurred as a result of the breach. Because it is private property, it is not a Borough issue. R. Good asked T. Unger to draft a letter to the residents who are concerned with the condition of the Mill Race.

*Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by J. Thomason and unanimously carried to have T. Unger draft a letter to the residents who live by the Mill Race.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Meeting Location for 2021 – R. Good said that with the uncertainty of Covid in the upcoming year, all meetings (Council, Planning Commission & Zoning Hearing Board) should continue to be held at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

*Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to hold all 2021 meetings held at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.*

Property Maintenance Issues – R. Good pointed out several properties in the borough that are in violation of the property maintenance code and asked SDE to follow up.

5-Year Comprehensive Plan – R. Good said that job descriptions should be written for council, the mayor, the various committees as well as staff members, and a long-term plan needs to be developed. d. Alumbaugh reached out to several agencies and said we should be receiving help from PSAB. A 5-year plan is beneficial to plan for the changing needs of the community as well as to promote Adamstown as a great place to raise a family. This process will take at least a year to put into motion. It will be on the November agenda to discuss how to proceed.

Senate Bill 101 (Drainage Facilities on State Highways in Communities Less Than 2,500) – The borough is currently responsible for maintenance of all inlets along State roads (Route 272 and Willow Street). This Bill, if passed, would put the responsibility of inlet maintenance on PennDOT to maintain the inlets on their roads.

*Motioned by J. Thomason, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to send letters of support for Senate Bill 101 to the Senate and House of Representatives.*

Trick or Treat Night – Trick or Treat night will be held on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6PM to 8PM rain or shine. Those residents who would like to participate in handing candy out should have their porch light on – those who don't want to participate should keep their porch light off.

*Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by R. Weaver and unanimously carried to approve holding Trick or Treat night on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6PM to 8PM rain or shine.*

**Adjournment:**

*Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to adjourn.*  
The meeting ended at 8:13PM.

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary