

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM at the Adamstown Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant, 235 E. Swartzville Road, Denver by Council Vice President David Matz.

Council Present: D. Matz, A. McManimen, M. Bansner, d. Alumbaugh, R. Weaver

Visitors present: John Petrick, Derek Miller, Chuck Hess, Tom Unger, Zach Hoffman, Cheryl Davis, Steve Davis, Helen Shaak, Michele Walter Fry

Others present: Mayor Schmidt, Mike Palm, Lisa Crouse, Sam Toffy

MINUTES: Minutes from the April 5, 2022 meeting were approved with a motion from M. Bansner, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried.

BILL LIST: Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve all bills and receipts presented. The Fire Company's bill in the amount of \$13,600 to move the siren pole and build a new BBQ pit was approved with a motion from d. Alumbaugh, seconded by R. Weaver and unanimously carried.

POLICE REPORT:

The April Police Report was read by Chief John Petrick.

FIRE REPORT:

The April Fire Report was read by Fire Chief Derek Miller. He said their next fundraiser will be a chicken BBQ on June 11th from 10AM until sold out. The fire siren pole was moved to behind the building and the siren will be back from being serviced in a week or two. The new BBQ pit will be used for the next chicken BBQ.

VISITOR'S BUSINESS: None.

SPECIAL TOPICS: None.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Community Pool – M. Palm said the cover was removed from the pool today. Work on replacing the floors in the snack bar and guard shack has begun.

Street Sweeping – Street sweeping began today and will finish up tomorrow. Three vehicles were ticketed.

Borough engineer Chuck Hess said he attended the Sewer Committee meeting in April to discuss the sewer interceptor line project. They received the reports for televising the lower section of the line which were favorable to reline that portion. A cost was received from the contractor and C. Hess will obtain two more quotes, one from CoStars, and will discuss at the June meeting. Regarding the upper section of the line, a meeting is scheduled for May 10th with the USDA, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to look at the proposed route for the relocation of the line. He said the Committee is also looking at construction costs to eliminate the pump station at the pool. SDE's surveyor staked out the borough property at the office building in preparation of the auction of the building.

TREASURER:

L. Crouse said that she has been working on the DCED grant that is due at the end of the month.

FINANCE: None.

WATER/SEWER/MS4:

Ordinance 414 – An ordinance to increase water and sewer tapping fees for new connections was presented.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to authorize the borough solicitor to advertise for adoption at the June meeting.

COMMUNITY:

DCED Park Revitalization Grant – d. Alumbaugh said that with the permission of Council, he is applying for a DCED park revitalization grant. There is a \$100 application fee as well as a resolution (Resolution 22-05) and a Letter of Cash Commitment to DCED.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by R. Weaver and unanimously carried to approve moving forward and authorizing the \$100 Application Fee, adopting Resolution 22-05 and signing/sending the Letter of Cash Commitment to DCED.

Adamstown.com Domain – After more discussion, Council decided against purchasing the Adamstown.com domain from Tom & Wanda Berman.

Zoning Ordinance §320-85-C-1 – The Planning Commission has been tasked with reviewing the current Zoning Ordinance to make revisions. d. Alumbaugh made a suggestion for the section pertaining to Signs: to allow signs in the Highway Commercial District to show movement of short messages changing no more than once per minute. He has asked the PC members to take this suggestion into consideration.

Tour of Stoudtburg Village – D. Alumbaugh and several others will be taking Senator Aument on a tour of Stoudtburg Village on June 12th at 2PM.

April 26th Regional Leaders Meeting – At the recent Regional Leaders Meeting, it was discussed to designate October 31st as official trick-or-treat night with a rain date of November 1st. Resolution 22-06 was presented with these changes.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by R. Weaver and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 22-06 which names October 31st as official trick-or-treat night with a rain date of November 1st.

Walking Trail behind IronSpire – After a recent survey it was discovered that the walking trail R/W is not where the physical trail is located. d. Alumbaugh is requesting that the Borough record legal documents to revise the legal description of the location of the existing trail R/W on the IronSpire and Fachnacht properties with the approval of those property owners. M. Palm said that in lieu of agreeing to changing the legal description, the Fausnacht family is requesting one sewer EDU for future use, which they said had been promised to them several years ago.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by R. Weaver and unanimously carried to have the legal description of the trail modified to match the location of the physical trail in exchange for one sewer EDU for the Fachnacht property.

Wandering Pennsylvania's Waterways May 5th & 6th – d. Alumbaugh will be participating in this 2-day event and will report back to Council at the June meeting.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Adamstown Road – M. Bansner said that the Public Works Department will be making repairs to Adamstown Road next week.

PERSONNEL: None.

RECREATION:

Brennaman Company Quote – R. Weaver presented a quote from the Brennaman Company to paint pickleball lines on the existing tennis courts. The cost would be \$2,200 to paint two pickleball court play lines and the existing tennis net would be used. After much discussion, A. McManimen suggested reaching out to those people interested in pickleball to see how they would feel using the existing tennis nets before spending the money. J. Schmidt said he put the proposal out on social media to add pickleball courts and received 100% favorable feedback. R. Weaver will come back at the June meeting with more information.

FIRE/SAFETY:

Update on Condemnation of Property – C. Hess gave an update, saying that codes personnel went to the property last Wednesday but were unsuccessful in reaching anyone. They will try again tomorrow afternoon. If unsuccessful again, they will first address violations with the exterior of the premises as they move forward with seeking an administrative search warrant to gain entry into the property.

BUILDING: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council Meeting Location – We are waiting to hear back from Pastor Sandy regarding holding future Council meetings at St. Paul’s Church.

NEW BUSINESS:

Evan Baker Parking Tickets – Mr. Baker received two parking tickets during street sweeping and emailed Council asking for a reprieve. Council is denying his request.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council went into executive session at 8:15PM to discuss the new building.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:44PM.

Adjournment:

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to adjourn.
The meeting ended at 9:22PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary