

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, Randell Weaver, d. Alumbaugh

Visitors present: Derek Miller, Dan Weider, Tom Unger, Matt Brown, Cindy Schweitzer, Bob Root, Keith Rodriguez, Joe Dietrich, Tori Motter, John Schmoyer, Cheryl Davis, Helen Shaak, Michele Walter Fry

Others present: Mayor Schmidt, Lisa Crouse, Sam Toffy

MINUTES: Minutes from the June 1, 2021 meeting were approved with a motion from D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh 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 included in the packets.

FIRE REPORT:

The June Fire Report was read by Chief Miller. There will be a chicken BBQ on Saturday from 10AM until sold out.

VISITOR'S BUSINESS:

Joe Dietrich, Community Days Chairman – J. Dietrich addressed Council saying that this was the 18th year of Community Days and the two areas of the annual event that have always stood out are the fireworks and the entertainment. He would like to continue this going forward. The last year or so has been extremely challenging, mainly from lack of fundraising events due to Covid and also the inclement weather this year. Local businesses don't seem to be contributing as they have in the past. He is requesting that Council consider increasing its annual Community Days donation from \$2,500 to \$5,000. He said he has never asked for an increase over the 18 years of the event. R. Good said he feels that when we are donating such a large amount towards the event but it only brings in approximately \$1K, that doesn't show much support from the people attending the event. He said he feels other carnival events are cutting back as well due to not seeing enough revenue generated in comparison to money spent. J. Dietrich said that if necessary, they may have to cut back on fireworks and entertainment in order to keep going. d. Alumbaugh said he is not opposed to increasing it a bit and suggested turning this over to a Committee to further discuss. R. Weaver agreed, saying that Community Days is something that our residents look forward to and he would personally like to see it continue. R. Good said that we need to look at donations to other organizations in the borough and make a decision when budgeting, and he suggested it go to the Finance Committee for discussion before being brought back to Council for consideration.

Bob Root, Adamstown YMCA – B. Root updated Council on all of the recent updates and improvements done at the YMCA as well as current programs being offered. Membership numbers post-Covid are beginning to increase again. One topic that has been brought to light at a recent Adamstown 2026 meeting is the need for half-day childcare for kindergarten children. As a result, the YMCA is now offering childcare services for children before and after school. With this program comes the need for staff members, furniture and supplies. Mr. Root is requesting a donation from the Borough for \$2,517 to cover the cost of furniture and supplies. Victoria Motter, current member of the Planning Commission, agreed saying that there are approximately 74 kindergarten

students at Adamstown Elementary School. Cocalico Care Center is currently the only other care center that buses to the Elementary School.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to donate \$2,517 to the YMCA to move forward with the new childcare program.

SPECIAL TOPICS: None.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The June Public Works Report was included in the packets.

TREASURER:

DCED Funding – L. Crouse applied to DCED for the funding that was allocated for Adamstown and the application is currently under review. We are waiting to receive the first half of the funds in the amount of \$98,389.06. The funding is earmarked to be used for specific items which will be discussed. R. Good said that one of the items he would like to use the funding for is an emergency generator for the water system.

FINANCE: None.

WATER/SEWER/MS4: None.

COMMUNITY:

Keith Rodriguez – Mr. Rodriguez has offered to create educational plaques for the trail that provide information on the history of the Native American people of our area. A Native American himself, he is a huge advocate of educating others. He would like to have some local Natives participate when the plaques are presented. Mr. Rodriguez used to run the Adamstown Pow Wow for many years and donated part of the proceeds each year to the Fire Company and Fivepointville Ambulance.

Adamstown 2026 – d. Alumbaugh gave a summary of the results of the survey that was recently sent out. 79.3% of those who responded were Adamstown Borough residents and 20.7% were not Borough residents. Non-residents were surveyed not only because they use our facilities, but also because reaching out to other communities is a benefit when writing a grant should we decide to do that in the future. Now that the survey results are in, we need to decide when the various improvements will be done, do they need funding, how will we get the funding, etc.

Zoning Ordinance – Add MU District to §320-36 – d. Alumbaugh said that there was recently a zoning issue in Stoudburg Village regarding a wall. Our zoning officer was unable to address it because our Zoning Ordinance does not include the Mixed-Use District in the section pertaining to walls/fences. He is recommending revising the Zoning Ordinance to include the MU District in that section. d. Alumbaugh said there are other items that need to be added/revised in the Zoning Ordinance at some point as well. R. Good recommended having the Planning Commission revisit all the outstanding items at their August meeting, including adding the MU to the walls/fences section, then bringing it back to Council. He also said that the Borough Solicitor should get involved.

Directional Trail Signs – d. Alumbaugh provided examples of wooden directional signs he is proposing having placed along the trail, each on two 6"x6" posts. Some posts will have multiple signs on them. Last year Council approved wooden directional signs for the trail but pricing has gone up since last year.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to allow up to \$750 on pressure treated signs with two posts per sign to be placed along the trail. The public works personnel will paint/waterproof the signs.

ROADS AND BRIDGES: None.

PERSONNEL: None.

RECREATION:

R. Weaver said we are having a record season with memberships and daily gate admissions.

Projector Purchase – R. Weaver requested Council to authorize the purchase of a portable projector to be used at the pool for movie nights. It could also be used for borough meetings. The projector would be stored at the borough office. R. Good suggested also checking with CoStars.

Motioned by R. Weaver, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to allow up to \$375 to purchase a portable projector and DVD player.

Swim Team Season Celebration – The swim team holds their end-of-season celebration potluck/picnic on July 27th. They are requesting use of the grassy area between the tennis courts and pool parking lot from 6PM to 8PM and use of the pool from 8PM to 10PM. R. Good suggested closing the pool at 5:45PM that evening and allowing the swim team to utilize the pool from 6PM to 10PM.

Motioned by R. Weaver, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to allow the swim team to use the pool from 6PM to 10PM for their end-of-season celebration.

d. Alumbaugh commented that as a member of the Rec Committee he continues to be more and more impressed at the phenomenal job Randell does along with his fabulous crew. He said they work very hard at what they do, in resurrecting the pool from not being open last year to having record-breaking numbers this year.

FIRE/SAFETY:

Mayor Schmidt thanked the Fire Company for bringing their new vehicle to the meeting for everyone to see and also for everything they do for the borough.

Speeding Along Main Street – Mayor Schmidt said an issue was brought up regarding a group of teens in a local car club who drive low-riding cars with loud mufflers and speed along Main Street, often times run the stop sign at the intersection of Main & Willow Streets. He knows the name of the car club and has notified Chief Petrick. R. Good suggested Mayor Schmidt contact the family of one or two of the teens that live near the intersection of Church & E. Main Streets to discuss with them as well.

Proclamation – Ed & Carol Stoudt – Mayor Schmidt presented a Proclamation for Ed & Carol Stoudt for all their contributions to the borough over the years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

476 Adamstown Road Conditional Approval – T. Unger said that the Planning Commission has made a recommendation to approve the two requested waivers and recommended approval of the plan conditional upon satisfaction of the items in SDE's review letter dated June 15, 2021.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to grant the two waivers and approve the 476 Adamstown Road 2-Lot subdivision plan conditional upon satisfying the items in SDE's review letter dated June 15, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lot 3 Subdivision Conditional Approval – This item has been tabled until next month.

14/16 W. Main Street Conditional Approval – T. Unger said that the Planning Commission has made a recommendation to approve the four waivers and recommended approval of the plan conditional upon satisfaction of the items in SDE's review letter dated June 15, 2021. D. Matz did not agree in allowing a shared driveway due to potential issues.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by R. Weaver and carried by a vote of 3-1-0 to approve the 14/16 W. Main Street subdivision plan conditional upon satisfying the items in SDE's review letter dated June 15, 2021 (D. Matz opposed).

Resolution 2021-03 – There was a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board when Chairman Tom Berman stepped down. Chris Gilroy, the current ZHB Alternate, will step up to fill the position.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously approved to appoint Chris Gilroy to fill the remainder of Tom Berman's term which will run through December 2023.

Resolution 2021-04 – Adamstown Borough Constable Steve Davis expressed his interest in filling the remainder of the one-year term as ZHB Alternate.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously approved to appoint Steve Davis as ZHB Alternate to fill the remainder of Chris Gilroy's term which will run through December 2021.

Proposed Borough Building – d. Alumbaugh said that we need to authorize SDE to advertise the Request for Proposals regarding the proposed borough building so that we could begin looking for an architect for the new proposed building. T. Unger said he prepared the document and it is ready to go but because it also includes the legal Agreement, he would like to have the borough solicitor review the Agreement first.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by R. Weaver and unanimously approved to authorize SDE to have the solicitor review the Agreement and advertise the RFP.

Adjournment:

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to adjourn.
The meeting ended at 8:30PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary