

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: R. Good, D. Matz, A. McManimen, M. Bansner, R. Weaver, d. Alumbaugh, J. Thomason

Visitors present: Tom Unger, Chuck Hess, Joy Ashley, Victoria Motter, Scott Major, Mike Marti, Alec Leschner, Alex Stokrp, Anthony Bourassa, Helen Shaak, Jessica Reed, Lainey Hearn, Michele Walter Fry

Others present: Josele Cleary, Mayor Schmidt, Mike Palm, Sam Toffy

MINUTES: Minutes from the August 3, 2021 meeting were approved with a motion from D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and carried by a vote of 6-0-1 (R. Good abstained).

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

POLICE REPORT:

The August Police Report was included in the packets.

FIRE REPORT:

The August Fire Report was included in the packets.

VISITOR'S BUSINESS:

Joy Ashley, Ephrata Social Services – Ms. Ashley said that Ephrata Social Services has been serving the Ephrata and Cocalico area school districts communities for 50 years, most recently branching out to the Lititz, Fivepointville and Terre Hill areas as well. They work together with both the unemployed and with corporations to find jobs for those who are currently unemployable are able to receive the training and skills that they need to become good, sustainable employees. They also provide a rental assistance program which is social services working with property owners and municipalities to help those who need financial assistance.

On October 16<sup>th</sup> they will be hosting 'A Hand Up Farm to Table Harvest' on the plaza at Stoudtburg Village which will include a farm to table dinner, a silent auction, a live band and much more! Tickets are available at a cost of \$80/ticket.

R. Good said he would like to have the Finance Committee look into budgeting some money for this organization next year.

Jessica Reed – Ms. Reed addressed Council regarding a water shutoff notice she received. She explained that she has been trying to make regular payments but with Covid hitting, she took a cut in pay at her job and has not been able to put as much towards her bill as she was. She said she will be able to pay the balance in the beginning of October. She was referred to two organizations who help with families having financial difficulties. This was referred to the Water/Sewer Committee and will be on the October agenda.

SPECIAL TOPICS: None.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Bowmansville Road Paving Project Change Order #1 – Borough Engineer T. Unger presented Change Order #1 which decreases the contract amount for work that was not completed. They always put in for extra paving which was not needed so the contract came in \$27,250.15 below the actual contract amount.

*Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to have the Council President sign the Change order in the amount of \$27,250.15.*

Bowmansville Road Paving Project Application for Payment #1 (Final) – Borough Engineer T. Unger presented Application for Payment #1 to Enterprise Stone and Lime Co. in the amount of \$148,782.73 for completed paving.

*Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to authorize payment of Application for Payment #1 to Enterprise Stone and Lime Co. in the amount of \$148,782.73.*

Stoudtburg Village Financial Security – Borough Engineer T. Unger that they inspected the roadwork in the Village presented Application for Payment #1 to Enterprise Stone and Lime Co. in the amount of \$148,782.73 for completed paving.

*Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to authorize payment of Application for Payment #1 to Enterprise Stone and Lime Co. in the amount of \$148,782.73.*

SRBC Grant – M. Palm said he worked with SDE to apply for a grant from SRBC to replace the well level probes which are used to report water level tables to the SRBC. They were approved for a grant in the amount of \$4,450.

Martin Tree Service – M. Palm and d. Alumbaugh met with an arborist and determined that one tree in the grove and 4 trees in the Lions Club Park need to be removed. Martin Tree Service provided a quote in the amount of \$2,225 to remove the trees. D. Matz discussed several Hemlock trees that are affected by blight, which should also be removed. M. Palm is looking for a motion not to exceed \$3K so that the Hemlocks could also be removed in addition to the 5 original trees.

*Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by J. Thomason and unanimously carried to approve Martin Tree Service to remove the trees not to exceed \$3K.*

Pool Chemicals – M. Palm said that they are constantly trying to improve maintenance controls at the pool. In 2019 the cost for pool chemicals was approximately \$11K. There was a leak at the time which added a slight increase in the chemicals used. But through maintenance control improvements, they were able to get the cost of chemicals down to \$6K in 2021.

A. McManimen added that after the extreme rain event we recently experienced, there were no issues with flooding at the pool since the swale was installed around the pool fence area. This was a project that SDE was tasked with and it made an incredible improvement.

**TREASURER:**

Pension MMO – L. Crouse provided Council with the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Adamstown Borough Pension Plan. D. Matz commented that there are several employees listed who are no longer employed at the borough. Those former employees are vested which is why they are still listed. T. Kauffman is still listed as 'Active' and should be moved to 'Vested'.

*Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to approve the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) as presented in the amount of \$16,438.*

**FINANCE:**

Budget – J. Thomason said he will be scheduling a Finance Committee meeting at the end of the month to discuss the 2022 budget. Please get items in that need to be included in the 2022 budget.

**WATER/SEWER/MS4:** None.

**COMMUNITY:**

Adamstown 2026 – d. Alumbaugh said there were two Adamstown 2026 meetings held since Council last met. He will have a special guest speaker at the October meeting to discuss grants.

**ROADS AND BRIDGES:**

Ordinance 408 – M. Bansner presented draft Ordinance 408 to amend Chapter 290, Vehicles and Traffic which establishes parking regulations, specifically no-parking areas throughout the borough.

*Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by J. Thomason and unanimously carried to advertise Ordinance 408 for adoption at the October meeting.*

**PERSONNEL:** None.

**RECREATION:**

Community Pool – R. Weaver said we had a record year at the community pool and held some new special events for members only.

**FIRE/SAFETY:**

Fire Company – J. Schmidt commended Fire Company staff for the great job they did throughout the extreme rain event. They utilized all their volunteers and were busy all night pumping out basements for those who needed their help. He will be meeting with them to discuss recruitment.

Eagle Scouts – J. Schmidt extended congratulations to Alec Leschner, Alex Stokrp and Anthony Bourassa for reaching the highest level in scouting possible, the prestigious position of Eagle Scout. Some of the projects these scouts have done include the gaga ball pit in the grove (Alec Leschner), the handicap fishing ramp at the Rod & Gun Club (Alex Stokrp) and the benches at Peace Church (Anthony Bourassa).

**BUILDING:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

School Resource Officer (SRO) – Borough Council received a request from Denver Borough to participate in funding of the SRO. S. Toffy reached out to Denver Borough requesting information prior to Council considering participating. To date no response has been received. R. Good said he is in favor of having an SRO, but if the

school wants to employ one, they are a tax-enabling body so the SRO should be paid by the school which could be recouped through raising taxes.

Act 50 of 2021 (Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act) – M. Bansner is in favor of moving ahead of adopting an ordinance regarding Act 50 of 2021. J. Cleary will draw up a draft ordinance for the October meeting.

Ordinance 409 – This ordinance will revise Sections 320.36 and 320.84 of the Zoning Ordinance.

*Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously approved to authorize sending proposed Ordinance 409 to the Borough and Lancaster County Planning Commissions for review and recommendation and set a date for the public hearing and consideration for enactment.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

S. Toffy Computer – S. Toffy provided Council with a quote from Laughing Rock to increase RAM on her desktop computer. A. McManimen suggested getting a quote for a new computer and present it at the October meeting.

IronSpire Distance Classic 12K – The borough received a request to hold the IronSpire Distance Classic 12K on October 17<sup>th</sup>. This is an annual event previously hosted by Stoudt’s.

*Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously approved to allow the IronSpire Distance Classic 12K to be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> contingent upon providing the borough with a certificate of insurance at least one week prior to the event.*

YMCA Marsh Madness – The YMCA is looking for donations to help fund their annual Marsh Madness event. R. Good said that \$2,500 was just donated towards daycare in addition to monies throughout the years. He feels a meeting should be held with the YMCA to discuss their budget and specific needs. This was passed on to the Finance Committee.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Council went into executive session at 7:58PM to discuss legal contracts.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:41PM.

**Adjournment:**

*Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by J. Thomason and unanimously carried to adjourn.*

The meeting ended at 8:43PM.

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