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, Mark Bansner, Jessica Kelly, Alex McManimen, Mike Wetherhold

Visitors Present: Sgt. Matt Randolph, Helen Shaak, Bob Stork, Carol Johnson, Donna Wetherhold, Joe Hawley, Val Lacis, Daniel Wieder, Michele Walter Fry, Tina Thompson, Kelly Cherrie, Tamarah Martin, Mike Burkholder, Ralph Vedder

Others Present: Dean Johnson, Mike Palm, Lisa Crouse, Sam Toffy

MINUTES: Minutes from the March 1, 2016 meeting were approved with a motion from D. Matz, seconded by M. Wetherhold and unanimously carried.

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

POLICE and/or FIRE REPORT:

The March Police Report was read by Sgt. Randolph.
The March Fire Report was read by Deputy Chief Wieder.

- There will be a chicken BBQ on Saturday, April 30th from 10:00AM until sold out.

VISITORS BUSINESS:

Tina Thompson, Senator Aument's Office – Ms. Thompson attended the meeting on behalf of Senator Aument to let Borough Council and residents know that he is available to address any concerns they may have. R. Good questioned the status of the Radar Bill. Ms. Thompson said she will look into it and get back to him.

Bob Stork – Mr. Stork expressed his concerns with the area of West Main Street near the intersection of Rt. 272 that runs past the community pool and feels that the existing guide rail should be extended along that section of roadway. R. Good asked the Roads & Bridges Committee to review this issue and report back to Council.

SPECIAL TOPICS: None.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Community Pool Leaks – Two leaks were found at the community pool. One leak has been repaired and the other leak is in the process of being repaired.

Cocalico Creek Watershed MOU Annual Dues – M. Palm received an invoice in the amount of $10 for the annual dues for the Cocalico Creek Watershed MOU.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to pay the $10 annual dues for the Cocalico Creek Watershed MOU.

Chem-Tainer Quote – At the March meeting approval was given for the purchase of three double walled chemical tanks from Chem-Tainer at a price of $1,212. The total cost for the tanks should have been $2,073 (the cost for the two larger tanks is $861 *per tank*, not $861 for both tanks). M. Palm is asking Council to amend their previous motion to approve the total cost of $2,073 for the three double walled chemical tanks.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to amend last month's motion to add an additional $861 for a total approved cost of $2,073 for the purchase of three double walled chemical tanks from Chem-Tainer.

FINANCE:

Electric Contract – L. Crouse reached out to the Borough's electric contact at IGS Energy regarding extending our current electric contract rates. She is recommending the option of blending and extending the PP&L contract for 36 months, which will result in a significant rate decrease beginning in June 2016. She is also recommending the option of extending the MetEd contract for 16 months beginning February 2018 for an additional rate savings.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Wetherhold and unanimously carried to approve L. Crouse's request to blend and extend the PP&L contract and extend the MetEd contract through May 2019 as discussed.

WATER & SEWER:

3094 N. Reading Road – At last month's meeting a motion was made to have the solicitor draft a letter to be sent to Mr. Loomis regarding bringing the sewer line from his 3094 N. Reading Road property into compliance. D. Matz recommended revising the letter to explain more clearly to Mr. Loomis what is required of him.

Motioned by M. Bansner, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to revise the letter prior to sending it to Mr. Loomis by certified mail notifying him that he has six months to bring the sewer line into compliance. Any potential buyers of the property must also be made aware that the sewer line situation must be rectified and brought into compliance prior to being provided with sewer service. This must be completed within six months of the purchase of the property.

COMMUNITY:

Sidewalk Construction Standards – M. Wetherhold provided Council with a list of suggested revisions to the existing sidewalk ordinance and asked that Council provide him with feedback so that he can come back at the May meeting with a draft ordinance to advertise for adoption.

Willow Street, Lots 1-12 – M. Wetherhold took a look at the Borough-owned property located along Willow Street. The property is 2.8 acres and is valued at approximately $10K. The yearly taxes are approximately $280. The land is not buildable due to being wetlands. D. Matz brought up the point that once work begins on replacing the sewer line, we may be required to add wetlands so we may potentially be able to use this parcel at that time. R. Good commented that if this is the case, we need to apply to get it taken off the tax roll. M. Wetherhold will look into this.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Stop Bars Along Main Street – Several requests have been made by residents to paint STOP bars at the intersection of Church & Main Streets. At C. Schweitzer's suggestion, M. Bansner and M. Palm will review all Main Street intersections and install STOP bars anywhere they feel is necessary.

PERSONNEL:

Health Insurance Renewal – The Personnel Committee met with L. Crouse to review options for renewing the health insurance. Two options were discussed, one has a large deductible and the other has a lower deductible but has the potential to cost the Borough more in the long run if all deductibles are met. After reviewing both options, A. McManimen's recommendation is the Capital BlueCross Option 2 HSA 5500 (column 6 of the spreadsheet).

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to choose Capital BlueCross Option 2 HSA 5500 at an annual cost of $31,500.

RECREATION:

Open House at YMCA – There will be an open house at the Adamstown YMCA on April 19th that will offer the opportunity to purchase pool memberships and sign up for swim team or swim lessons.

FIRE/SAFETY:

Speed Study on Rt. 272 – A request recently made to PennDOT to lower the speed limit from 45MPH to 35MPH has been rejected. Mayor Johnson is waiting to hear back from Lt. Shumaker regarding the report from the speed study conducted by Ephrata Police. He is also waiting to receive revised pricing on the flashing lights.

Drones – The issue of drones was raised. There currently is no ordinance regulating the use of drones, but Mayor Johnson feels this is something the Borough should look into.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Soccer Shots Program – Mark Laudenslager submitted a request to use Celebration Park to run his spring Soccer Shots program from March 16th through May 18th. A certificate of insurance has been submitted.

Motioned by M. Wetherhold, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to allow the Soccer Shots Program to be held in Celebration Park from March 16th through May 18th.

The suggestion was made to have Mr. Laudenslager check with the school to see if they could hold future programs on the school property, which would provide ample parking, restrooms at the grove and a much larger area available for the program.

Adamstown Area Library Summer Reading Program – Kathy Thren submitted a request on behalf of the Adamstown Area Library for the donation of individual day pool passes to be used as part of their summer reading program. S. Toffy will check with Ms. Thren to see how many passes she would like.

43 E. Washington Street Curb Replacement – An application was submitted by the property owner of 43 E. Washington St. to remove and replace the concrete curb in front of their property.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve the replacement of the curb in front of the property at 43 E. Washington Street.

Adjournment:

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 7:58PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary