Adamstown Borough Council April 7, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM at the Adamstown Borough Municipal Office, 3000 N. Reading Road, Adamstown by Council President Randy Good.

Council Present: Randy Good, Dave Matz, James Johnson-Null, Alex McManimen, Zach Hoffman, Paul Marx

Visitors present: Derek Miller, Sgt. Chad Allen, Troy Spayd, Ralph Johnson, Mehan Thompson, Wendy Kerschner, Heather Marx, Becky Goodman, Ken Goodman, Donna Zaun, Helen Shaak, Cheryl Davis, Paul Trzos

Others present: John Schmidt, Mike Palm, Julie Scherer, Sam Toffy

MINUTES: Minutes from the March 3, 2026 meeting were approved with a motion from D. Matz, seconded by J. Johnson-Null and unanimously carried.

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

POLICE REPORT:

The March Police Report was read by Sgt. Allen.

FIRE REPORT:

The March Fire Report was read by Chief Miller.

VISITORS BUSINESS:

Megan Thompson, Cherry Bekaert Advisory LLC - Ms. Thompson presented a review of the 2025 Annual Financial Audit to Council.

Cheryl Davis – Ms. Davis spoke to Council about complaints she received from several neighbors concerning noise caused by large trucks using their air brakes along N. Reading Road. J. Schmidt explained that PennDOT is responsible for determining whether signage restricting air brake use is necessary, based on the road's grade. Z. Hoffman recommended involving the Pennsylvania State Police to ensure that large trucks use the weigh station rather than bypassing it via N. Reading Road. J. Schmidt will reach out to the PSP.

SPECIAL TOPICS: None.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- SDE Borough Engineer Troy Spayd will be leaving their company and Ralph Johnson, who will be taking his place, introduced himself to Council.

- Martin Tree Service quote in the amount of $9,300 was presented to remove the large trees for stormwater work at 127 W. Main Street/Fire Company.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by P. Marx and unanimously carried to approve Martin Tree Service quote as presented.

- Due to the recent drought restrictions, M. Palm is looking for authorization for the borough solicitor to draft an Emergency Water Interconnection Agreement with East Cocalico Township Authority, should it be necessary.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to authorize the borough solicitor to draft an Emergency Water Interconnection Agreement with ECTA, with no expiration on the Agreement.

- M. Palm said he has been working with HRG on plans to drill a second well at Well #4. The original well was drilled to 400' but collapsed in the 80's so the pump was reset to a shallow level at approximately 150' down. He is looking for approval to hire Sensing & Weaver to do a test drill for $7,500.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by J. Johnson-Null and unanimously carried to approve Sensing & Weaver doing a test drill for $7,500.

- Work on the Scout cabins began today.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community/Recreation – J. Johnson-Null

- J. Johnson-Null said that the Committee is meeting on the 15th and will discuss the borough logo and new website.
- The after-hours meeting policy was discussed at the last meeting, and it was decided that due to staffing issues, they would like to limit the after-hour availability of the borough conference room to only borough-related meetings.
- R. Good said that crack sealing work began yesterday on the tennis and basketball courts and resurfacing began today. They will be accessible for use next Monday. The signs should be installed soon, and there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony in May.
- The restrooms in the grove will be open from May 1 through October 1.

Finance/IT – Paul Marx

- NONE

Fire/Safety – John Schmidt

- NONE

Human Resources – deLyn Alumbaugh

- A quote was presented from the Shopping News to advertise for a Public Works employee twice at a cost of $96.61 and a quote from the PennySaver was presented to advertise twice in 5 circulation areas at a cost of $369.60.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by Z. Hoffman and unanimously carried to approve advertising as presented.

Pool – Zach Hoffman

- The signed 2026 Snack Bar Agreement between the borough and Kimberly McSherry was presented for approval. A key will be provided to Ms. McSherry so they could begin setup.

  Motioned by Z. Hoffman, seconded by J. Johnson-Null and unanimously carried to approve the 2026 Snack Bar Agreement.

- There is a $1,500 incentive included in the Snack Bar Agreement to help equip the snack bar with dry goods to start off the season.

  Motioned by Z. Hoffman, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to approve the $1,500 incentive as presented.

- Resolution 2026-05 – A feasibility study is a prerequisite to obtaining a DCNR grant to do pool improvements, which will need to be done within the next 5 years.

  Motioned by Z. Hoffman, seconded by P. Marx and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2026-05.

- Pool memberships are now available for purchase.

Public Works/Infrastructure – Dave Matz

- NONE

Strategic Long-Term Planning – Alex McManimen

- NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Adamstown Area Library Summer Reading Program – A request was made for donations for the summer reading program. In the past the borough donated one-day pool passes.

Motioned by J. Johnson-Null, seconded by Z. Hoffman and unanimously carried to donate the same amount of one-day passes that were donated last year.

Purchase of McMichael Property – In an effort to protect the borough's drinking water, the borough has been acquiring land around the wells. Mr. Michael recently passed away, and the borough worked with the estate to purchase this property, which is approximately 12 acres, for $70K.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by P. Marx and unanimously carried to purchase the McMichael property for $70K.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council went into executive session at 8:11PM to discuss land acquisition.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:30PM.

Adjournment:

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by J. Johnson-Null and unanimously carried to adjourn.
The meeting ended at 8:30PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary