Adamstown Borough Council **August 5, 2025**

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, deLyn Alumbaugh, Mark Bansner, Paul Marx

Visitors present: Derek Miller, Luis Negron, Kyle Nixon, Dan Beiler, Josh Waters, Amy Good, Heather Marx, Donna Zaun, , Helen Shaak, Jim Bretz, Paul Trzos

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

MINUTES: Minutes from the July 1, 2025 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 July Police Report was included in the packets. J. Schmidt said there was no representative present due to the National Night Out event.

FIRE REPORT:

The July Fire Report was read by Chief Miller.

VISITORS BUSINESS:

Amy Good, Borough Resident – Ms. Good addressed Council regarding considering funding to place fans at the grove pavilion and kitchen. She said they will help to move the air around, making it more comfortable for patrons.

Daniel Beiler, Borough Resident & Josh Waters, Businessman – Mr. Waters discussed a rug-cleaning business he is interested in having in a building owned by Mr. Beiler on Rt. 272. Council explained their concerns with pfos, which is a 'forever chemical' that is extremely expensive to treat when found in the water system. A business of this type would have the potential of introducing pfos into the borough's system. R. Good provided his contact information so they could further discuss.

SPECIAL TOPICS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

10-8 Emergency Vehicle Service – A quote in the amount of $7,562.41 was presented for upfitting the new Public Works truck.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve the quote as presented.

2025 Project List – M. Palm provided a list of all with the status of all the projects his department has been working on.

Celebration Park Playground – M. Palm showed pictures of the stepping logs that have been installed to replace the original ones. The logs were repurposed from trees that were recently cut down in the grove.

COMMITTEES:

Adamstown 2026:

Borough resident and ZHB Alternate Kyle Nixon expressed interest in joining the Committee.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to approve appointing Kyle Nixon to the Committee.

The Committee will be meeting every other month, with the next two upcoming meetings being held on August 11th and October 1st at 6:30PM in the Borough conference room.

Grove Improvements – Addendum #2 – Engineering work in the amount of $5,650 to add lights to the tennis, basketball and pickleball.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to approve Addendum #2 in the amount of $5,650 as requested.

SLC Excavating, LLC – Application for Payment #1 was presented in the amount of $23,709.76 for mobilization, E&S measures, site preparation and site grading for the pickleball project in the grove.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to approve release of Payment #1 in the amount of $23,709.76 as requested.

Building: None.

Community:

d. Alumbaugh said that lighting will be added to the tennis courts, basketball court and proposed pickleball courts. The existing grant will be modified to include the lighting. We will still come in at or under budget.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by P. Marx and unanimously carried to modify the existing grant and create a change order to include lighting at the 3 courts.

Finance:

R. Good said we could expect a tax increase as well as a water/sewer increase. Several reasons for the increases are: Interest rates in the upcoming year won't be as high as in the past, the contract for electric rates which were locked in for the past 5 years will end in December and rates will go up significantly, and various Borough projects which will be coming up.

Fire/Safety:

J. Schmidt said that the police continue their traffic study on Willow Street. Lt. Albaugh has been pressuring PennDOT to relocate the Willow Street signs.

J. Schmidt thanked the Fire Company for their response during the 911 outage.

IT: None.

Personnel: None.

Recreation:

J. Johnson-Null said there will be more maintenance work coming up at the pool including relining the pool and deck improvements.

Roads/Bridges: None.

Water/Sewer/MS4:

13 N. Village Circle Waiver Request – The property owner is requesting a waiver of late fees in the amount of $55.59 due to an issue receiving her water bill. She was never provided with a key to her mailbox so she was not receiving her bills.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve the waiver request in the amount of $55.59.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Code Enforcement – R. Good met with our Code Enforcement Officer and discussed how violations are handled in other municipalities. Going forward if violations are not taken care of within the 30 days, a citation will be issued.

Tree Planting in Fall of 2025 – R. Good said there are trees in Celebration Park as well as in the grove that should come down. Several deciduous trees will be planted near the cabins. We should also look into planting a new Christmas tree. A proposal will be provided at the September meeting.

Paving Main Street – R. Good is looking for a motion to allow SDE to work with M. Palm on specs and a budget to pave E. Main Street from Bowmansville Road east to the borough line and W. Main Street from Adamstown Road west to Rt. 272. He would like the work along W. Main Street to be coordinated with the stormwater project.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve SDE working with M. Palm as outlined above.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council went into executive session at 8:15PM to discuss litigation.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:48PM.

Adjournment:

Motioned by P. Marx, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to adjourn.
The meeting ended at 8:48PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary