Adamstown Borough Council **December 5, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM at the Adamstown Municipal Building, 3000 N. Reading Road, Adamstown by Council Vice President David Matz.

Council Present: Dave Matz, Alex McManimen, Mike Wetherhold, Mark Bansner, Jessica Kelly

Visitors Present: Lt. Tom Shumaker, Steve Roth, John Schmidt, Carol Johnson, Helen Shaak, Val Lacis, Michele Walter Fry

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

MINUTES: Minutes from the November 6, 2017 meeting were approved with a motion from M. Bansner, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried.

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

POLICE and/or FIRE REPORT:

The November Police Report was read by Lt. Shumaker.

The November Fire Report was read by Chief Roth.

VISITORS BUSINESS: None.

SPECIAL TOPICS: None.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Pedestrian & Bicycle Pathway – M. Palm met with Jason Garman regarding the pedestrian and bicycle pathway connecting Brookview to Rose Hill and will be sending the updated draft agreement to the solicitor for recording. A second agreement between the Borough and DLD Properties in the Rose Hill development will also be drafted and recorded due to a portion of the pathway extending onto that property. There will also be a fence erected on DLD's property as a result of the pathway being located on a portion of that property.

Blower Quotes – M. Palm said he is looking to replace the centrifugal blowers at the treatment plant with positive displacement blowers. He got two quotes and is requesting the purchase of two Gardner Denver blowers from Kappe Associates Inc. at a cost of $61,350. There has been $100K budgeted for the purchase of the blowers. The piping work will be done by Borough staff.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of two Gardner Denver blowers from Kappe Associates Inc. at a cost of $61,350.

Mower Purchase – M. Palm received a quote for $12,298.38 from Deer Country for a zero-turn bagging ZTrak mower that includes a mulching kit. He is requesting to purchase the mower before year-end to avoid the 2018 price increase. This item has also been budgeted for.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of a zero-turn bagging ZTrak mower with mulching kit from Deer Country for a cost of $12,298.38.

TREASURER:

Audit – L. Crouse said that the auditors will be here on December 21st and 22nd.

FINANCE:

Solvency Fee – When a solvency fee is paid by an employer, that employer is eligible to request relief from charges should an employee leave, if certain requirements are met. L. Crouse explained that the Borough has elected to pay the solvency fee the past several years. She said that in the past 6 years two employees have left and when the Borough requested relief from paying unemployment compensation, they were denied both times. After further discussion, it was decided to not continue paying the solvency fee.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to not continue to pay the solvency fee.

Tax Levy Ordinance #391 – Ordinance #391 was presented, establishing the 2018 real estate tax at the rate of 2.041 mills. The rate has dropped from last year's rate as a result of the Borough properties being reassessed recently.

Motioned by M. Wetherhold, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to approve the 2018 Tax Levy Ordinance #391 which establishes the 2018 tax rate at 2.041 mills.

2018 Budget – The 2018 budget was presented for adoption.

Motioned by M. Bansner, seconded by M. Wetherhold and unanimously carried to approve the 2018 budget as presented.

WATER & SEWER: None.

COMMUNITY: None.

ROADS AND BRIDGES: None.

PERSONNEL: None.

RECREATION:

2018 YMCA Playground Program – Adamstown Borough will again be partnering with the YMCA to offer a summer playground program for area children between the ages of 6 and 12. The program will run from June 18th through August 10th from 9AM to 12 noon and has a limited capacity of 30 children. It will include sports, games and crafts. The Borough will be responsible for $8K towards the program which has been budgeted for.

Motioned by J. Kelly, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve the YMCA's 2018 summer playground program.

2018 YMCA Pool Management Contract – The contract for pool management in 2018 was provided by the YMCA at a cost of $74K for the season. The proposed contract includes having the baby pool and slide open continuously during business hours.

Motioned by J. Kelly, seconded by M. Wetherhold and unanimously carried to accept the YMCA's 2018 pool management contract at a cost of $74K.

FIRE/SAFETY:

Resolution 2017-05 (Prohibition of Casinos) – Last month the governor signed into law Act 42 which authorizes the licensing of Category 4 casinos within the Commonwealth. Municipalities have the option of prohibiting the location of a Category 4 facility within their municipal boundaries. Resolution 2017-05 was created to opt out.

Motioned by M. Bansner, seconded by M. Wetherhold and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2017-05 which allows the Borough to opt out of allowing a Category 4 facility within the municipal boundary.

MS4: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

M. Wetherhold Resignation/Letters of Interest – Due to some recent health concerns, Councilman Mike Wetherhold submitted his resignation from Borough Council effective December 6, 2017. An ad will be placed in the Shopping News as well as a posting on the Borough website and Borough Facebook page to solicit Letters of Interest from those who are looking to fill the remainder of his term which will be through December of 2019.

Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau Appointed Representatives – Mike Hession of Denver Borough currently serves as the LCTCB municipal representative in the Cocalico School District and Carolyn Hildebrand of West Cocalico Township currently serves as the alternate municipal representative. They are both volunteering to serve again in 2018 in this capacity.

Motioned by M. Wetherhold, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to re-appoint Mike Hession as LCTCB municipal representative in the Cocalico School District and Carolyn Hildebrand as the alternate municipal representative for the 2018 calendar year.

Insurance Renewal – L. Crouse met with Marty Gerhart of Harding Yost to review the annual insurance policy renewal for 2018. There are several options available that Mr. Gerhart is looking into which involves whether or not the Borough wishes to separate itself from the Fire Company for the Workers Compensation coverage. There are also several changes being made from the current policy regarding deductibles.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to authorize L. Crouse to spend up to $55,266 on the insurance renewal for the 2018 calendar year.

Adjournment:

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to adjourn.
The meeting ended at 7:45PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary