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: Randy Good, Dave Matz, James Johnson-Null, Alex McManimen, deLyn Alumbaugh, Mark Bansner, Paul Marx

Visitors present: Sgt. Kertzman, Derek Miller, Dan Wieder, Melissa Miller, Kathy Mathieu, Wendy Kerschner, Zach Hoffman, SherriAnn Welch-Strause, Heather Marx, Cheryl Davis, Donna Zaun, Helen Shaak, Ralph Vedder, Jim Bretz, Michele Walter Fry

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

MINUTES: Minutes from the January 7, 2025 meeting were approved with a motion from D. Matz, seconded by J. Johnson-Null and unanimously carried.

BILL LIST: Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by P. Marx and unanimously carried to approve all bills and receipts presented.

POLICE REPORT:

The January Police Report was read by Sgt. Kertzman.

FIRE REPORT:

The January Fire Report was read by Chief Miller. The Adamstown Fire Company celebrated its 150th anniversary. Chief Miller reviewed their 2024 annual report. D. Wieder briefly discussed the need for better radios as well as pricing. There will be a soup and sub sale on March 8th from 10AM until sold out.

VISITORS BUSINESS:

James Bretz, Borough Resident - Mr. Bretz questioned the billing with the water/sewer bills that were recently mailed out. R. Good and S. Toffy explained how billing rates are determined, depending on how many thousands of gallons of water are used.

SPECIAL TOPICS: None.

PUBLIC WORKS:

E.M. Kutz Quote - A quote in the amount of $11,978 was presented to purchase a plow for the new truck.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by P. Marx and unanimously carried to approve the quote from E.M. Kutz in the amount of $11,978 to purchase a plow for the new truck.

Levan Machine & Truck Equipment Quote - A quote in the amount of $2,229 was presented to purchase warning lights for the new truck.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by J. Johnson-Null and unanimously carried to approve the quote from Levan Machine & Truck Equipment in the amount of

$2,229 to purchase warning lights for the new truck.

Eichelberger's, Inc. - A quote in the amount of $11,424.65 was presented to replace well pump #2.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to approve the quote from Eichelberger's, Inc. in the amount of $11,424.65 to replace well pump #2, and amended to also include the purchase of a new probe and check valve NTE $2,500K.

Arborist Enterprises - A quote in the amount of $891.12 was presented to contract with Arborist Enterprises to maintain the 20 recently planted trees in the grove the upcoming growing season, once in the spring and once in the fall. Borough staff is responsible to water them.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to approve quote from Arborist Enterprises in the amount of $891.12 to maintain trees in grove as outlined above.

COMMITTEES:

Adamstown 2026:

Adamstown Grove Final Payment and Project Close Out - The final Application for Payment #5 in the amount of $6,937.28 for work on the playground was presented.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve release of the final payment of $6,937.28 as requested.

Grove Improvements - Addendum #1 - Due to revisions made to the Plan for grove improvements, Addendum #1 was presented in the amount of $9,900, bringing the contract price to $87,350.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve Addendum #1 in the amount of $9,900 as requested.

Building: None.

Community:

Music in the Grove - d. Alumbaugh announced the two music groups scheduled to play in the grove this summer. Lovelace will be playing on June 28th and The New Individuals will be playing August 23rd.

Finance: None.

Fire/Safety:

Willow Street Speed Limit and Truck Restrictions - J. Schmidt said that after contacting PennDOT regarding getting the speed limit lowered along Willow Street, he received a letter from them stating that after a recent speed study they are lowering the existing 35MPH to 30MPH. The borough will be responsible for purchasing, erecting and maintaining the new speed limit signs. There was also a study done regarding large trucks. The results of that study

determined that trucks with trailers 30 feet or longer will be restricted except for local deliveries. PennDOT will install the appropriate signs.

Act 172 - J. Schmidt asked Council to consider a motion to adopt an ordinance to implement a volunteer fire service earned income tax credit program. After much discussion, R. Good said he has an issue with this because the majority of our volunteers are from outside the borough, therefore they would not benefit from this, and he feels they should all benefit. d. Alumbaugh agrees and said he would support the Borough doing something financially in line with the benefits of Act 172, but something that would benefit all volunteers, resident and non-resident. An update will be presented at the April meeting.

Free/Discounted Pool Memberships for Fire Company Volunteers - D. Wieder addressed Council with a request to provide an incentive program through pool memberships for volunteers depending on how many hours they volunteer.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to approve a pool membership incentive program for Fire Company volunteers as requested.

IT: None.

Personnel: None.

Recreation:

2025 Pool Rates - The Committee reviewed pool membership rates and is looking to make a small increase to some of the rates. Guest passes will no longer be available, but daily gate rates will remain the same as 2024 rates. These increases are to help cover costs of staffing, pool chemicals, etc., which are required to run the pool. Maintenance will also have to be done on the pool in the coming years.

Motioned by J. Johnson-Null, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to approve the increases as presented for the 2025 pool season.

March Madness Sale - Discount memberships will be available from March 15 through March 30, after which time rates will increase to regular season rates.

Roads/Bridges:

Water/Sewer/MS4:

187 E. Main Street Payment Plan Request - The property owner of 187 E. Main Street had a leaking toilet which resulted in two quarters of high bills. The leak has since been repaired. They paid the first high quarter bill and a large portion of the most recent high bill and are asking for a payment plan to pay off the remainder of it which is $436.79.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to approve a payment plan of $145.50 for the next three months due on the 15th of each month.

January 21 Committee Meeting – D. Matz said the Committee met and would like the solicitor to review the following three items to be added to the ordinance:

- Change ownership of the curb stop from the property owner to the Borough, and the Borough will maintain.

- In new construction or remodel construction from one unit to multiple units, additional w/s tapping fees must be paid and a separate line must be run for each unit along with its own curb stop and water meter. R. Good questioned why separate curb stops, and A. McManimen said there should at least be separate meters.

- Definition of residential water meter is any water meter less than 1". All meters over 1" need to be calibrated every 3 years including non-residential).

The following items were also discussed at the Committee meeting:

- The sewer interceptor relining and stream bank restoration below Mad Hatter was discussed. The restoration project has all the permits required, but due to restrictions must wait until June to begin work. We also applied for grants to aid in the cost. The grants may be awarded by September of 2025. The caveat is that if you use the grant, you are not to use any out-of-pocket monies, or the grant will be void.

- Pricing will be obtained by CoStars regarding the pump station by the pool. Elimination of the pump station would require boring under Rt. 272, which will be costly.

- Discussed stormwater projects. The Borough is currently working on obtaining easements for various areas and once in place, work will begin on the stormwater line at 127 W. Main Street. Also working on a project at Adamstown Road/W. Main Street.

- Our permit has to be renewed through the SRBC in 2027 for Wellhouse #4 (wells 2 & 3 are grandfathered). We were offered an opportunity to join in a free grant situation which is a voluntary public water supply assistance program using the SRBC's hydrologist.

  Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to proceed with the above as presented.

- New salt/storage facility is being looked into.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS :

NEW BUSINESS :

Resolution 2502-02 – This resolution was presented to accept the Warwick to Ephrata Rail Trail Extension Feasibility Study and approve it for inclusion as part of the Borough of Adamstown's plans. This was tabled until questions could be answered regarding an item in the proposed resolution.

Revisions to the Zoning Ordinance – Z. Hoffman discussed possible changes/additions to the Zoning Ordinance for Council's consideration including Short Term Rentals, signage requirements and utilities in tenants' name(s). d. Alumbaugh asked Z. Hoffman to get his draft Short Term Rental

packet to Council prior to the March meeting for their review. R. Good said if anyone had any comments, to please get them back to Z. Hoffman prior to the next meeting.

5K for Johnnie K – A requested was made for the annual 5K for Johnnie K 5K through the borough.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by P. Marx and unanimously carried to approve as presented contingent upon providing a certificate of insurance at least one prior to the event.

Adjournment:

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by P. Marx and unanimously carried to adjourn.
The meeting ended at 9:00PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary