Adamstown Borough Council **July 2, 2024**

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, Alex McManimen, deLyn Alumbaugh, Paul Marx, James Johnson-Null

Visitors present: Sgt. Dan Albaugh, Derek Miller, Tori Motter, Steve Davis, Cheryl Davis, Patrice Laboranti, Jace laboranti, Bob Hinkley, O'Brien Byrnes, Heather Marx, Donna Zaun, Michele Walter Fry

Others present: John Schmidt, Mike Palm, Sam Toffy

MINUTES: Minutes from the June 4, 2024 meeting were approved with a motion from d. Alumbaugh, seconded by J. Johnson-Null and unanimously carried.

BILL LIST: Motioned by J. Johnson-Null, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to approve all bills and receipts presented. A revised, notarized Payment Application #3 for PSI Pumping Solutions, Inc. in the amount of $2K will be submitted prior to release of money.

POLICE REPORT:

The June Police Report was read by Sgt. Albaugh.

FIRE REPORT:

The June Fire Report was read by Chief Miller. There will be a chicken BBQ on Saturday, July 27th from 10AM until sold out.

VISITORS BUSINESS:

Jace Laboranti, Boy Scout Troop 61 – Jace addressed Council regarding installing 4 benches and 6 blue bird houses at the grove as part of his Eagle Scout project. The project is expected to run from July 24th through September 24th. The current benches in the grove are not holding up well, so M. Palm and d. Alumbaugh will research a replacement style and will let Jace know what type will be used. The Community Committee will meet to discuss where to place the benches and bird houses. Council recommended Jace come back to the August meeting to let them know how many donations he received towards the project and how much he needs to complete it.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to approve allowing Jace to move forward as part of his Eagle Scout project.

SPECIAL TOPICS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Playground Project – M. Palm said they have been working with the contractor doing the playground project to move an electrical line that was buried too shallow as well as repair some lines damaged by the contractor. The line was installed by Community Days personnel and was buried anywhere from 3" to 12". R. Good said it needs to be understood that any work to be done in the grove by Community Days personnel must be approved by Council first.

Sinkholes in Street – There are some sinkholes in the street across the street from the Post Office, so a company came in to televise the storm sewer line. The footage will be reviewed. The storm sewer line is not in good shape, so SDE will come back with a plan to repair it.

Intersection of Adamstown Road and Main Street – There are sinkholes in this area, but the storm sewer line is intact, but it is old and will need to be replaced.

Willow Street – There is a dip in the road along Willow Street near Willow Creek Grocery. M. Palm talked with PennDOT. They are scheduled to come in next Monday to dig it out and repair the area.

Shade Umbrellas at Pool – M. Palm said that of the 4 large umbrellas purchased for the pool, 3 are damaged. R. Good doesn't feel that additional umbrellas should be purchased since they are breaking so easily. He is recommending looking into purchasing shade structures in place of the large umbrellas. M. Palm said he could look into this and budget for it in the fall for next season.

Lounge Chairs at Pool – Chaise lounges were purchased for the pool approximately two years ago. Seven have been damaged. Replacement chaise lounges could be purchased in packs of six at a cost of $755.70. R. Good said we are ahead of budget for the pool this year.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by J. Johnson-Null and unanimously carried to approve purchasing two-6 packs of chaise lounges at a cost NTE $1,520.

Resolution 2024-10 for Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant – Resolution 2024-10 was presented to Council for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant in the amount of $608,168. This grant is for improvements at the intersection of Rt. 272 & Willow Street, and will include the light, drainage and the sidewalk.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by J. Johnson-Null and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2024-10 for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant in the amount of $608,168.

ADAMSTOWN 2026:

SLC Excavation LLC Payment Request #1 – A recommendation was given by YSM to approve Payment Request #1 to SLC Excavation LLC in the amount of $38,672.66 for work completed on the playground project.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by P. Marx and unanimously carried to approve Payment Request #1 to SLC Excavating LLC in the amount of $38,672.66.

BUILDING:

A. McManimen said there was a meeting in June and there will be another meeting in July. They are working on plans and making progress.

COMMUNITY:

Resolution 2024-11 and Resolution 2024-12 – Resolution 2024-11 was presented to Council for Mr. Davis, who is currently our ZHB Alternative to move to the ZHB as a member, with his term to run through December 2026. Resolution 2024-12 was presented for O'Brien Byrnes to fill in the remainder of the term as ZHB Alternate, with his term to run through December 2024.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2024-11 and Resolution 2024-12 as presented.

FINANCE: None.

FIRE/SAFETY: None.

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PERSONNEL: None.

RECREATION: None.

ROADS AND BRIDGES: None.

WATER/SEWER/MS4:

PA Housing Finance Agency (PHPA) – The office received a call from PHPA regarding a resident looking for financial assistance to pay his water/sewer bill. A contract was provided that would be required to enter with PHPA to participate with their organization. A. McManimen had a question regarding Item #6 in the Acknowledgement section. Council recommended running it by our solicitor prior to moving forward and have it on the August agenda for further discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Forino Project – R. Good talked with Forino rep Nathan Pletcher and the proposed sidewalk along Jason Avenue has been approved. The lights will be similar to those install at the Black Diamond building. ECT is requiring even more landscaping than what Adamstown Borough was suggesting. ECT is requesting the Borough require a left turn lane into the development along Rt. 272 southbound. R. Good said he feels it is unnecessary, as there is ample shoulder on the right-hand side for vehicles to go around someone waiting to turn left into the development. He gave several reasons why it would not be conducive to install a turn lane at this location. A. McManimen said that it would be more beneficial to install a left turn lane up at the intersection of Rts. 272 & 897. After further discussion, R. Good said he will let our solicitor know that we are not requiring a left turn lane into the development from Rt. 272 south.

Storm Sewer – R. Good said there is an issue with the storm sewer crossing W. Main Street to 127 W. Main Street which is causing sinkholes in the rear yard. SDE will come back in August with a proposal to repair this issue. There is also an issue at Adamstown Road and W. Main Street.

Short Term Rentals – We are currently working on an ordinance regarding short term rentals and motels.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council went into executive session at 7:41PM to discuss personnel and legal matters..

The regular meeting resumed at 8:10PM.

Public Works Employee – Council is looking to hire another fulltime employee for the PW Department.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to authorize hiring another employee for the PW Department and to allow the Personnel Committee to advertise for a full-time PW employee.

Adjournment:

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to adjourn.
The meeting ended at 8:11PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary