Adamstown Borough Council **June 3, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM at the Adamstown Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant, 235 E. Swartzville Road, Denver by Council Vice President Dave Matz.

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

Visitors present: Chief Chris McKim, Lt. Matt Randolph, Derek Miller, Nate Welker, Matt Brown, Paul Trzos, Wendy Kerschner, Ken Kerschner, Zach Hoffman, Patrick Pegnato, Logan Howard, Helen Shaak, Kyle Nixon, Jared David, Cathy Jones, Jim Cataldi, Kim Goodman, Sandy Gideon, Chief Steven Savage, Lorenzo Bonura

Others present: John Schmidt, Julie Scherer

MINUTES: Minutes from the May 6, 2025 meeting were approved with a motion from M. Bansner, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried.

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

POLICE REPORT:

The May Police Report was read by Sgt. Randolph.

FIRE REPORT:

The May Fire Report was read by Chief Miller. There will be a chicken BBQ sale this Saturday from 10AM until sold out.

VISITORS BUSINESS:

SPECIAL TOPICS:

Police Contract – The Borough received contracts from both East Cocalico Township and Ephrata Borough. Ephrata Borough is currently contracted with the Borough, that contract runs out at the end of the year. After doing its due diligence which included talking with many residents of the Borough, Council is prepared to choose police services for the next 5 years. A. McManimen said everyone did their own research and he doesn't feel we would go wrong with either department but thinks Ephrata Borough aligns better with our current and future goals. P. Marx said he feels the Borough has a lot of upcoming work to be done, including the sewer line, so the money could be better spent on future projects.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by J. Johnson-Null to enter into an agreement with Ephrata Borough for the next 5 years, at a total cost NTE $1.5M. By rollcall vote, A. McManimen – Aye, M. Bansner – Aye, P. Marx – Nay, J. Johnson-Null – Aye, d. Alumbaugh – Aye, D. Matz, Aye.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by J. Johnson-Null to adopt Resolution 2025-07 to enter into an agreement with Ephrata Borough for the next 5 years, at a total cost NTE $1.5M. By rollcall vote, P. Marx – Nay, M. Bansner – Aye, A. McManimen – Aye, J. Johnson-Null – Aye, d. Alumbaugh – Aye, D. Matz, Aye.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The Public Works Report was presented.

COMMITTEES:

Adamstown 2026:

d. Alumbaugh said the Committee recently met. Tomorrow evening at 5:15PM there will be a meeting of area businesses owners in hopes of creating special events to draw patrons in to. All local business owners are encouraged to attend.

Building:

A. McManimen presented a lease for renting the former borough office at 3000 N. Reading Road for an initial term of one year beginning July 1, 2025, for $12/year ($1K due on first day of each month), with monthely rent increasing by 2% on July 1 of each one-year renewal term.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to sign the lease as presented.

Community:

d. Alumbaugh said the account created for the grant through DCNR for the playground equipment is being closed and a new account will be opened for the pickleball project grant through DCNR.

Resolution 2025-08 – Borough resident Kyle Nixon expressed interest in being appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board as its alternate, with the term to expire December 31, 2025.

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by J. Johnson-Null and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2025-08 to appoint Kyle Nixon as the ZHB Alternate, with his term to run through December 31, 2025.

Finance: None.

Fire/Safety:

St. Paul's Donation – J. Schmidt is requesting approval of a $100 donation to St. Paul's Church for the use of its facility for the public police meeting on April 15, 2025.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by J. Johnson-Null and unanimously carried to approve a donation of $100.

IT: None.

Personnel: None.

Recreation:

J. Johnson-Null said that the pool is up and running. Attendance hasn't been as high as usual due to the wet weather recently, but he expects it to pick up.

Roads/Bridges: None.

Water/Sewer/MS4:

D. Matz announced several dates that a MuniLink W/S software demo being offered and asked Council to choose a date that works for everyone, and J. Scherer will set it up.

198 E. Main Street Waiver Request – The property owner never updated his address with the borough office and wasn't receiving bills. He has since done so and is requesting a waiver of the late/interest fees from his outstanding account in the amount of $262.21.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by J. Johnson-Null and unanimously carried to approve a waiver of approximately half that or $125.

Utility Service Co., Inc. – A proposal was presented to do robotic reservoir inspections on one above-ground reservoir and one under-ground reservoir at a cost of $2K.

Motioned by M. Bansner, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to approve the proposal as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

LCPC Draft Zoning Ordinance – Planning Commission Chairman Z. Hoffman explained that the LCPC is working on consolidating zoning ordinances to make them more similar across the board for all municipalities where possible. A representative from the LCPC will be attending the next PC meeting to further discuss. We will have an opportunity to provide feedback and decide if it is something we would like to pursue.

Regional Meeting Discussion – There will be a State Rep as well as a State Senator at the next regional meeting. R. Good would like Council members to provide him with several questions that could be posed to the reps at that meeting. The goal is to get cohesion between local municipalities and the state regarding various issues.

Transportation Improvement Program – The Borough previously submitted the Rt. 272 bridge over the Little Muddy Creek to the Lancaster County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) due to its condition. The MPO is reaching out again to see if we still want this bridge to be included in their 2027-2030 TIP.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve resubmitting the Rt. 272 Little Muddy Creek bridge to the TIP.

Adjournment:

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by P. Marx and unanimously carried to adjourn.
The meeting ended at 7:36PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary