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

Council Present: Randy Good, Dave Matz, Cindy Schweitzer, Mark Bansner, Jessica Kelly, Alex McManimen, Mike Wetherhold

Visitors Present: Lt. Chris McKim, Helen Shaak, David Buckwalter, Carol Johnson, Donna Wetherhold, Deb Schmidt, Val Lacis, Kerry Fisher, Bob Stork, Jim Heale, Dan Weider, Steve Roth, Ralph Vedder, Jim Bretz

Others Present: Dean Johnson, Mike Palm, Sam Toffy

MINUTES: Minutes from the February 2, 2016 meeting were approved with a motion from D. Matz, seconded by M. Wetherhold and unanimously carried.

BILL LIST: Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve all bills and receipts presented. R. Good voiced his concern regarding taxes being paid for the lot on Willow Street that the Borough owns. The land is mostly wetlands and floodplain. He has asked the Community Committee to look into this to determine if it would be in the Borough's best interest to sell the property.

POLICE and/or FIRE REPORT:

The February Police Report was read by Lt. McKim.
The February Fire Report was read by Chief Roth.

- The Fire Company's 2015 Year-End Report was provided to Council in Mid-February. Mayor Johnson commended Chief Roth on how well done the report was.

VISITORS BUSINESS:

Jim Bretz – The subject of illegal open burning was brought up by property owner Jim Bretz. He said there has been an ongoing open burning issue with a neighbor and asked who enforces the open burning ordinance. Council agreed that rather than appointing a code enforcement officer, they are requesting that the Ephrata Police Department handle the task of enforcement.

Kerry Fisher – Mr. Fisher, Adamstown Road has had ongoing drainage issues along his driveway and due to the recent snow storm and rain, it has gotten worse. R. Good asked M. Palm and the Roads & Bridges Committee to look into this and try to come up with a solution to resolve it.

SPECIAL TOPICS: None.

PUBLIC WORKS:

LED Seminar – M. Palm attended an LED street lighting seminar through MetEd and DEP. Once our current street light contracts expire, we will look into switching over to LEDs. M. Palm will come back to Council with a report in April or May.

Street Sweeping Proposal – M. Palm presented three street sweeping proposals to be done the first week in May, with a recommendation made to approve Industrial Grounds Maintenance which is the company used the past three years, at a rate of $95/hr.

Motioned by M. Bansner, seconded by M. Wetherhold and unanimously carried to approve Industrial Grounds Maintenance to perform street sweeping in the Borough in May at a cost of $95/hr.

Pool Floor – M. Palm met with Durex to discuss installing the new flooring at the pool. The work has been approved and installation is temperature-dependent. M. Palm visited the New Holland pool and spoke with reps there, and was told they've had their flooring in for a year and they are extremely happy with it. They've had no complaints, and have had no reported injuries or slips.

Ladder Quote – Two ladders need to be replaced in the pool. The lowest quote provided was from J.L. Hohnberger in the amount of $1,254.84 plus freight. These items have been budgeted for.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve the quote from J.L. Hohnberger for two ladders in the amount of $1,254.84 plus freight.

Chlorine Tanks – M. Palm is looking to replace the single walled chlorine tanks with double walled tanks. The lowest quote was provided by Chemtainer at a cost of $1,212.00 plus freight.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve the quote from Chemtainer in the amount of $1,212.00 plus freight.

Exhaust System in Pool Restrooms – Hanover Engineering provided a quote of $5,690 for a new exhaust system in the restrooms at the pool. M. Palm came up with a system that would be significantly less expensive at a cost of approximately $1,000 which would involve installing 5 exhaust fans that would draw air up to the roof area and ventilate through the ridge vent and soffits.

Motioned by C. Schweitzer, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to approve the installation of 5 exhaust fans and required electrical work to bring the exhaust system up to par.

FINANCE:

Library – The Finance Committee met and at that time the long and short term goals for the Library were discussed. For the short term goal, the Committee is suggesting that the $150,000 donation to the Library come from the Hatt fund at a 2% loan to the Borough, set up for a 10-year period. For the long term goal, the Library will be in need of substantially more funds in the $500K to $700K range to complete renovations. Should the library request assistance from the Borough, the funds would need to come from the Hatt fund in the form of a loan to the Library. Concern was expressed that this would be a significant amount of money being loaned from the Hatt fund ($150,000 existing fire company loan, $150,000 donation to the library and the potential for $500K-$700K loan to the library for renovations). These loans should be paid back within 10 years but the Borough will also need significant funds for the sewer interceptor line project and it would not make sense for the Borough to seek another source of funds at potentially higher interest than using the Hatt funds.

Motioned by C. Schweitzer, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to authorize the solicitor to prepare the necessary ordinance or resolution to allow a loan in the amount of $150K from the Hatt fund to donate to the Library, to be paid back by the Borough at a rate of 2% interest for 10 years.

Fee Schedule – The Committee reviewed the current fee schedule and will come back at the April meeting with some minor recommendations.

WATER & SEWER:

Interceptor Line Update – Hanover Engineering received a response from Senator Toomey's office regarding the interceptor line, stating that our Borough is too prosperous to receive grants so when the time comes, we will look into low interest loans.

3094 N. Reading Road – The sewer lateral providing service to 3094 N. Reading Road does not comply with current installation standards. The property is currently for sale and Council desires to inform the owner that compliance will be required.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to have the solicitor draft a letter to be sent to Mr. Loomis by certified mail notifying him that any potential buyers of the property be made aware that the sewer line situation must be rectified and brought into compliance prior to being provided with sewer service. This must be completed within six months of the purchase of the property.

COMMUNITY:

Sidewalk Construction Standards – M. Wetherhold said the Committee will meet again to discuss enforcement of the proposed sidewalk ordinance and other concerns, and will come back to Council at the April meeting.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

M. Bansner said the Public Works Department did a phenomenal job on clearing the roads and moving snow during the recent snow storm.

PERSONNEL: None.

RECREATION:

2016 Pool Rates – J. Kelly provided Council with the proposed 2016 pool rates for consideration. Something new with the 2016 season will be an Adamstown Elementary student rate as well as eliminating the fee for children ages four and under.

Motioned by M. Bansner, seconded by M. Wetherhold and unanimously carried to adopt the 2016 pool rates as presented.

Snack Bar Contract – J. Kelly presented the contract for the snack bar. The Committee is proposing contracting with William and Leah Darras to run the snack bar, who have in the past run the snack bar at the Reamstown pool.

Motioned by C. Schweitzer, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to contract with William and Leah Darras to run the snack bar during the 2016 pool season.

Swim Team Contract – The Recreation Committee is proposing a contract with the swim team to outline expectations and responsibilities due to the Borough's new relationship with the YMCA managing the pool. A $600 flat rental fee was proposed rather than attempt to track who is a member of the pool and who is not. After some discussion, it was decided to increase the contract fee to $1,800 for the 2016 season in order to better reflect the actual cost of providing guards during swim team events/activities. This amount was determined by taking the approximate number of team members and charging $20 per member.

Motioned by M. Bansner, seconded by M. Wetherhold and unanimously carried to charge a flat rental fee of $1,800 for the 2016 season regardless of how many members are on the team.

FIRE/SAFETY:

Ordinance #386 – Ordinance #386 incorporates changes in our current Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances. Due to changes in the method of collection of ticket payments, Sections 409 and 504 were revised to reflect that payments must be made to the Borough office as opposed to the Chief of Police. In addition, there was a new Section 410 added which addresses handicap and disabled veteran parking.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Wetherhold and unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance #386.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Stand-Alone Floodplain Ordinance #383 – Per FEMA regulations, the floodplain ordinance was required to be updated. The Borough's stand-alone floodplain ordinance was advertised for adoption after the February Council meeting.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by C. Schweitzer and unanimously carried to adopt Stand-Alone Floodplain Ordinance #383.

Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance #385 – Due to the floodplain ordinance being pulled from the Zoning Ordinance and treated as a stand-alone ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance was amended and advertised for adoption after the February Council meeting.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to adopt the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance #385.

Lancaster General Health – Mr. James Alexander, Manager of Real Estate and Leasing for Lancaster General Health, sent a letter to Council notifying them that due to several budget factors which have recently developed, Lancaster General Health does not plan on entering the Adamstown market until 2018 and is therefore not interested in the possible rental of the library space when vacated by the library.

NEW BUSINESS:

Building and Property Maintenance Codes – The building and property maintenance codes currently being used are outdated. The ordinances are created such that they only pertain to the codes in place at the time the ordinance is adopted. This issue will be further discussed to bring the Borough up to the current codes.

Annual 5K Run for Johnnie K – Permission was requested by Lynn Keene to allow runners to use designated roads in the Borough for the annual 5K for Jonnie K scheduled for June 4th. They are also asking to use the pool restrooms. S. Toffy will notify Ms. Keene that she must contact the YMCA regarding the restrooms.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve the use of the designated Borough roads for the 5K for Jonnie K provided a certificate of insurance is provided prior to event day and the Ephrata Police are notified of the event.

Library Update – M. Wetherhold gave a handout to Council and a brief update on the status of the Library. He said they are still on track for an April 29th settlement.

Adjournment:

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 8:37PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary