Adamstown Borough Council **May 5, 2026**

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

Council Present: Randy Good, Dave Matz, James Johnson-Null, d. Alumbaugh, Zach Hoffman, Paul Marx

Visitors present: Dan Wieder, Sgt. Chad Allen, Larry Grybosky, Wendy Kerschner, Ken Kerschner, Heather Marx, Becky Goodman, Ken Goodman, Donna Zaun, Helen Shaak, Samantha Hawkins, Nathan Hawkins, Paul Trzos

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

MINUTES: Minutes from the April 7, 2026 meeting were approved with a motion from D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried with corrections as noted.

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

POLICE REPORT:

The April Police Report was read by Sgt. Allen.

FIRE REPORT:

The April Fire Report was read by Chief Miller. There will be a chicken BBQ on May 16.

VISITORS BUSINESS:

Samantha and Nathan Hawkins – S. Hawkins brought up an issue they're having with teenagers in the area, with one incident involving stealing from their porch. N. Hawkins also witnessed a group of teens in a dark van wearing ski masks trying to jump other teens. W. Kerschner saw something similar. Sgt. Allen said it is a difficult situation because they are juveniles but encouraged anyone who witnesses this to contact the police. Camera footage will be shared with the police. Z. Hoffman asked if an officer could park along Main Street in the evenings when they are most active.

N. Hawkins also questioned the rule of no alcohol in the grove. He researched the deed and found nothing pertaining to alcohol, saying it would be nice if there could be beer or wine vendors during special events such as AppleUmpkin Fest or Community Days. d. Alumbaugh said it's been the borough's long-standing policy and Council is in favor of no alcohol, but the Community Committee could look more into it.

SPECIAL TOPICS: None.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Green Light Go Project – M. Palm is requesting Council to authorize SDE to assist in the grant reimbursement process which involves reviewing equipment, administrative work and making recommendations for payment as work progresses.

  Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to authorize SDE to assist in the grant reimbursement process.

- M. Palm thanked everyone for their efforts to conserve water during the drought. We moved from the Stage 2 drought to Stage 1 and levels continue to trend up. The meeting with Sensenig & Weaver is scheduled for Thursday to discuss drilling the new well at Well 4.

- The trees at 127 W. Main Street were removed and M. Palm requested pricing for pipe and inlets for that project.

- Work on the scout cabins is completed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community/Recreation – J. Johnson-Null

- Borough residents Wendy Kerschner and Samantha Reinsmith showed interest in volunteering on the Community/Recreation Committee.

  Motioned by J. Johnson-Null, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to appoint W. Kerschner and S. Reinsmith to the Committee.

- The draft borough logo was presented.

  Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to approve the logo as presented.

Finance/IT – Paul Marx

- R. Good is requesting to have M. Palm an additional check signer for the borough.

  Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to appoint M. Palm as an additional check signer.

Fire/Safety – John Schmidt

- Mayor Schmidt said there has been an increase in deaths and serious injuries resulting from the use of electric scooters and bikes. There is a guideline provided by PennDOT, but many municipalities are looking into ordinances to better govern micromobility devices. Z. Hoffman suggested that J. Johnson-Null serve as liason with the Planning Commission to draft a proposed ordinance.

- Mayor Schmidt received a letter from PennDOT saying they will be conducting studies along Rt. 272 and Willow Street to see if we qualify for the break retarder restriction.

Human Resources – deLyn Alumbaugh

- d. Alumbaugh said that the borough is in the process of hiring for the Public Works Department and plans to begin interviews next week.

- The current employee manual is outdated and d. Alumbaugh is working with staff to gather information to update the manual.

Pool – Zach Hoffman

- The pool opens in 2-1/2 weeks. Pool memberships are still available, and swimming lessons are filling up. M. Palm said they removed all wooden countertops and shelving and replaced them with stainless steel as well as added a new chest freezer in place of a standup freezer.

- The snack bar vendor is a local family, owners of the Amethyst Inn, and they will be offering a wide range of menu items including healthier options.

Public Works/Infrastructure – Dave Matz

- D. Matz said the Committee plans to meet at least once each month before a Council meeting to be sure they are on the same page.

Strategic Long-Term Planning – Alex McManimen

- NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- d. Alumbaugh reminded everyone of the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the pickleball courts on Saturday, May 16 at 11AM just past the community pool. He noted that the event is important not only for Adamstown, but also for DCED, which provided the grant funding. DCED will showcase the results of its funding, which will provide positive publicity for the organization. He explained that the grant helped address drainage issues, add lighting to the courts for extended play, install pathway lighting and complete other various improvements.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Lot Add-On Plan, 2 Market Plaza (Lot 140) – This Plan was submitted to realign incorrect lot lines. It went through the review process and is being presented to Council for final approval.

  Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by J. Johnson-Null and unanimously carried to approve the Lot Add-On Plan for 2 Market Plaza with conditions as presented.

- Reinhold Parcel 080-74341-0-0000 – This land is being acquired to protect the well house and borough drinking water by preventing development.

  - Resolution 2026-06 – To acquire this parcel by condemnation or deed in lieu of condemnation.

    Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2026-06 as presented.

  - Agreement of Sale of Real Estate and Addendum – The parcel is being offered at a cost of $180K.

    Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by J. Johnson-Null and unanimously carried to execute the documents as presented to purchase Parcel 080-74341-0-0000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council went into executive session at 8:15PM to discuss public safety/security and personnel issues.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:34PM.

Adjournment:

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to adjourn.
The meeting ended at 8:34PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary