Adamstown Borough Council **November 7, 2017**

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, Alex McManimen, Jessica Kelly

Visitors Present: Lt. Tom Shumaker, Daniel Wieder, Sue Weinhold, Carol Johnson, Jessica McManimen, Deb Schmidt, John Schmidt, Helen Shaak, Joe Hawley, Kristine Butz, Korrine Stokrp, Ralph Vedder, Val Lacis, Michele Walter Fry

Others Present: Dean Johnson, Lisa Crouse, Sam Toffy

MINUTES: Minutes from the October 3, 2017 meeting were approved with a motion from D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried.

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

POLICE and/or FIRE REPORT:

The October Police Report was read by Lt. Shumaker.

The October Fire Report was read by Deputy Chief Wieder.

VISITORS BUSINESS:

Cub Scout Pack 61 - Members of the Cub Scout Pack 61 thanked Council for their service. In addition to collecting food for the food drive, they also thanked Council for the use of the grove and volunteered to help with any upcoming community events including the Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

Motioned by J. Kelly, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to approve a donation of $500 to Cub Scout Pack 61 to help with their volunteer service for the Christmas tree lighting ceremony in the upcoming season.

Joe Hawley – Mr. Hawley expressed his concern with the possibility of the Borough switching to a single hauler contract for trash/recycling. He questioned what would happen with those property owners who would not pay their bill. C. Schweitzer said that the feedback received so far is leaning towards not switching to a single hauler contract.

SPECIAL TOPICS: None.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Nutrient Credit Purchase – Due to efforts made by the Public Works Department to decrease the amount of nutrient credits necessary, they are looking at an 80% reduction in credits needed this year compared to last year. An agreement was made with Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority for $2.25/nutrient credit for a total amount of $4,500.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by M. Bansner and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of 2,000 nutrient credits from Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority at a cost of $2.25 for a total amount of $4,500.

Stoudtburg Village Update – A. McManimen said that they walked through the Village to assess the condition of the roads. They are currently working on gathering numbers and will discuss with the Stoudtburg Village Board. C. Schweitzer mentioned that the Board forwarded a letter to Council stating that they are not interested in becoming the developer and they are willing to wait until the lots are built out before requesting the release of money for any significant improvements. This item will be placed on the December agenda for further discussion.

TREASURER:

2018 Budget – L. Crouse presented the proposed 2018 budget summary. There will be no increase in taxes or water/sewer rates for 2018. Also, in addition to the regular annual donation being given to the Adamstown Fire Company, a Fire Reserve Fund was newly created this year to set aside money for any major purchases the Fire Company may need in the future. $15K has been earmarked for this new fund.

Motioned by C. Schweitzer, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to advertise the proposed 2018 budget for advertisement for final adoption at the December meeting.

FINANCE: None.

WATER & SEWER:

Interceptor Line – D. Matz said that 900' of the interceptor line was televised beginning at Rt. 897, and also 328' of Jefferson Road. A few leaks as well as root intrusions were found. Mr. Rehab will be consulted for options and the Sewer Committee will come back to Council with a recommendation.

COMMUNITY: None.

ROADS AND BRIDGES: None.

PERSONNEL: None.

RECREATION:

Pool Purchases – In anticipation of work being done at the pool this coming spring, J. Kelly is requesting funding not to exceed $25K for the purchase of a structure for the new pump house, a new pump and a new tank.

Motioned by J. Kelly, seconded by C. Schweitzer and unanimously carried to approve up to $25K for the purchase of a structure for the new pump house, a new pump and a new tank.

Rec Committee Community Representative – There is currently one community representative who sits on the Rec Committee (Ralph Vedder). J. Kelly feels it may be beneficial to add a second community representative, possibly a member of the pool or the parent of a swim team member, who can offer input on what happens at the pool on a regular basis. Council is in favor of adding a second community representative to the Rec Committee.

FIRE/SAFETY: None.

MS4: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Act 172 Appointment – D. Matz has volunteered to represent the Borough in discussions regarding Act 172 at the quarterly Leader's Meetings. Act 172 has been created by the state legislators and handed down to the municipalities to serve as an incentive in an attempt to get more emergency and fire volunteers by offering them either a tax write-off on a portion of their property taxes or income taxes

Motioned by C. Schweitzer, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to approve the appointment of D. Matz as Borough representative in discussions regarding Act 172.

Christmas Cards – R. Good is requesting the purchase of $50 gift cards for each of the Borough's staff members for Christmas.

Motioned by M. Bansner, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of $50 gift cards for the Borough staff for Christmas.

Adjournment:

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to adjourn.
The meeting ended at 7:35PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary