The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 80 E. Main Street, Adamstown by Council President Randy Good.

Council Present: Randy Good, Dave Matz, Cindy Schweitzer, David Gundrum, Ben Zentner, Joe Dietrich, Ed Zander

Visitors Present: George Beever, Donna Wetherhold, Mike Wetherhold, Eric Dickson, Kathy Thren, Kyle Sellers, Noelle Fortna, Rich McComb, Terry Eckert, Michael Zaun, Donna Zaun, Jonathan Zaun, Carlyle Zaun, Steven Savage, Sidney Buck, Terry Arnett, Gail Sizer, Wendy Crouse, Beverly Fisher, Virginia Frankfort, Natalie Frankfort, Lavern Sweigart, Helen Shaak, Pastor Sandy Gideon, Joe Hawley, Eric Smith, Michael Elmer, Hunter Martin, John Schmidt, Deb Schmidt, Debra Heft, Ken McCrea, Nancy Ulrich, Fred Romich, Sandra Byrnes, Douglass Coldren, James McGinnis, John Gooch, wendy Kerschner, Ken Kerschner, Thomas Wieder, Mark Bansner, Roslyn Bansner, Joanne Kurtz, Jon Koch, Jr Brullo, Andrew Zentner, Tyler Eberly, Susan Russo, Bryan Schweitzer, Ted Woods, Jeff Klopp, Kim Klopp, Jeremy Popolis, Sandy Roth, Liz Ackerman, Austin Hackenberger, Julie Hackenberger, Beth Miller

Others Present: Mayor Buckwalter, Josele Cleary, Lisa Crouse, Mike Palm, Sam Toffy

LIBRARY PRESENTATION: Kathy Thren and Kyle Sellers provided Council with a presentation of their services for the past year. Mr. Sellers focused on the resources available to small businesses.

MINUTES: Minutes from September 3, 2013 were approved with a motion from D. Matz, seconded by D. Gundrum with corrections.

BILL LIST: Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by D. Gundrum and unanimously carried to approve the bills and receipts presented.

POLICE and/or FIRE REPORT:

Chief Beever reviewed his report.

VISITORS BUSINESS:

Police Coverage: Several residents addressed Council with their concerns regarding a change in police coverage from East Cocalico Police Department (ECTPD) to Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department (NLCRPD). In general they expressed a strong desire to wait a year to join NLCRPD and explore other options such as creating a Cocalico Regional Police Department.

SPECIAL TOPICS:

Police Coverage: Each member of Council and Mayor Buckwalter addressed those present of their position. Mayor Buckwalter would like Council to take some additional time before rendering a decision.

Joe Dietrich also expressed interest in waiting to make a decision, especially since the financial gap has closed considerably.

David Gundrum would like Council to take more time and create a police board to investigate the possibility of creating a regional police force.

Dave Matz expressed his concern with the $2.3 million unfunded pension that East Cocalico Township is trying to force the other municipalities to shoulder, and said that there are many Adamstown residents who cannot afford to pay another tax increase to cover this expense.

Cindy Schweitzer explained that she, along with other Council members, have spent the time doing the research necessary. She has weighed the pros and cons including cost and management. Although NLCRPD's response time is an unknown, police will be present in the Borough 5 hours daily and would respond to calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Ben Zentner said he feels torn. He explained that all along East Cocalico Township has not provided the Borough with any concrete information when it was requested of them.

Ed Zander stated that East Cocalico Township management cannot be trusted. He has no issue against the police force itself, the issue lies in management. Unless management can be replaced, these issues will continue going forward.

Randy Good said that a lot of time and research went into making a decision. He explained that there are several homes up for sheriff's sale and there are a number of delinquent water/sewer bill accounts, and most residents cannot afford to continue paying increasing taxes. He stated that even though Adamstown was told that their cost for police protection in 2014 would be $228,000, which is $22,000 less than their cost in 2013, it is still considerably more than the $152,000 NLCRPD said it would charge in 2014. In addition to that, the Borough would have a vote on police operations if it were to join NLCRPD. He ended in saying that the best long-term solution for Adamstown Borough is to join NLCRPD.

After Council's comments, C. Schweitzer proceeded to make two motions regarding the move to NLCRPD.

> *Motioned by C. Schweitzer, seconded by E. Zander and approved 5-2, by a roll call vote (E. Zander-yes, C. Schweitzer-yes, R. Good-yes, D. Matz-yes, B. Zentner-yes, D. Gundrum-no, J. Dietrich-no) to adopt an ordinance authorizing the Townships of Clay, Penn, Warwick and West Cocalico and the Borough of Denver, all of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and the Borough of Adamstown, of both Lancaster and Berks Counties, Pennsylvania, to enter into a charter agreement to provide for the provision of regional police services and expansion of the Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department and the Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Commission.*
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> *Motioned by C. Schweitzer, seconded by D. Matz and approved 5-2, by a roll call vote (E. Zander-yes, C. Schweitzer-yes, R. Good-yes, D. Matz-yes, B. Zentner-yes, D. Gundrum-no, J. Dietrich-no) to send notification to East Cocalico Township prior to October 31, 2013 that our contract will not be renewed conditioned on Denver Borough and West Cocalico Township also join NLCRPD.*

PUBLIC WORKS:

M. Palm discussed a notice of violation for Bollman's Hat Factory for violating lead and zinc standards. Because there has been no increase in lead or zinc found in the WWTP outfall and Bollman's is cooperating, John Lovell of EPA recommended sending a letter requesting a summary of compliance efforts to date and submittal of a plan to achieve compliance along with a schedule, rather than imposing a fine at this time. A legal notice will also be published in the Ephrata Review. C. Schweitzer recommended requesting a timeline from Hanover Engineering regarding their plan of action in correcting this issue.

Act 167 – Hanover Engineering did a presentation at the Denver Borough Council meeting on September 30th regarding an update on the Stormwater Ordinance which will take effect November 21st of this year. Adamstown Borough was recently billed $2,000 by Hanover and C. Schweitzer requested an update on where we currently stand with Act 167.

M. Palm, L. Crouse and S. Toffy met with Harding Yost regarding liability insurance for the Borough. M. Palm will meet with C. Schweitzer to discuss some exposure issues that need to be addressed.

Paving Work – $200K has been budgeted for paving. $50K was spent on oil & chip, leaving approximately $150K. The bid from Burkholder Paving for the paving project was $118K, with an additional approximate $10K for base repair on Chestnut Street and Main Street for a total of $128K. Since the paving project is currently under budget, M. Palm is recommending that patchwork on Vine Alley from Main Street to E. Washington be completed at a cost of $8,719.50.

Motioned by E. Zander, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to add the additional patchwork along Vine Alley at a cost of $8,719.50.

The wet well relining project was completed last month.

FINANCE:

The 2014 budget was presented, one proposal including ECPD costs and one including NLCRPD costs. R. Good asked that Council take a detailed look at the budget. A proposed budget should be adopted at the November Council meeting and a formal budget should be adopted at the December Council meeting.

WATER:

4 Riverview Drive – Staff continues to work with the property owners to repair a leak. Council will not consider modifying a water/sewer bill until repairs have been completed. S. Toffy will contact the homeowner to see if any action has been taken to repair the confirmed leak.

In February 2012 Council approved up to $500 for Boy Scout cabin repairs. Due to changes within the organization in 2012, the project was never started. Mark Crouse, the father of one of the scouts, questioned if the offer is still available for the troop as they are prepared to begin improvements to the scout house.

Motioned by E. Zander, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously carried to extend the offer of financial support to Boy Scout Troop 61 for their scout house project, not to exceed $500.

PRWA President Bud Bullick provided a letter to the Borough offering the Borough a cash settlement concerning discrepancies in their receipt processing to the Borough. The offer is contingent on the Borough considering the issue a closed matter. Council discussed the pros and cons of doing further research.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by D. Gundrum and unanimously carried to sign off on the letter from Bud Bullick of PRWA and accept the check in the amount of $7,865.38 as payment in full.

SEWER: None.

LIGHTS, PROPERTY & PAVEMENT: None.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

A request was made by a member of the Immanuel EC Church on Main Street, asking Council to address the parking problem in front of the church on Sunday mornings. The Roads and Bridges Committee will discuss and provide recommendations to Council.

PERSONNEL:

The annual personnel review meetings are scheduled for November 12, 2013, and self-evaluation forms are due to the Personnel Committee by November 4th.

Motioned by D. Gundrum, seconded by D. Matz and unanimously approved to recommend Council approve that current office personnel and Public Works Department receive a 3% salary increase for the year 2014.

SAFETY:

Mayor Buckwalter is still waiting to hear from Dr. Sensenig regarding names for a potential future Junior Councilperson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Revised Curb Stop Ordinance – The draft curb stop ordinance was further revised to include curb boxes in addition to curb stops as being the responsibility of the property owner.

Motioned by C. Schweitzer, seconded by E. Zander and unanimously approved to adopt revised Ordinance #372 which states that curb boxes and curb stops are the responsibility of the property owner.

NEW BUSINESS:

59 W. Main Street – The Adamstown YMCA rental property at 59 W. Main Street, owned by Adamstown Borough, is currently vacant. R. Good and C. Schweitzer will meet with YMCA representatives to discuss what their plans are for this property and any potential maintenance that may be required in the future.

9th Annual Lancaster Road Runners Club 12K Race

Motioned by C. Schweitzer, seconded by E. Zander and unanimously approved to allow the use of the Borough's roadways for the 9th Annual Lancaster Road Runners Club 12K Race contingent upon receiving a Certificate of Insurance prior to the race.

Adjournment:

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by E. Zander and unanimously carried to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 9:45PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary