The meeting was called to order at 7:15PM at the Adamstown Municipal Building, 3000 N. Reading Road, Adamstown by Council President Randy Good. Due to limited seating, the meeting was moved to the Adamstown Fire Company.

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

Visitors Present: George Beever, Steve Roth, Alice Hummer, Nancy Hamill, Eric Dickson, Michael Hession, Mike Gensemer, Rich McComb, Terry Eckert, Michael Zaun, Donna Zaun, Jonathan Zaun, Carlyle Zaun, Steven Savage, Sidney Buck, Larry Stick, Lori Stick, Louis Amhoseri, Regina Amhoseri, John Gooch, James Hauck, Nelson Simpson, John Hirneisen, Donna Hirneisen, Kalie Johnson, Chanse Firestone, Darrick Keppley, David Fisher, Beth Mull, Gary DeCola, Richard Brenner, Nancy Ulrich, Deb Schmidt, John Schmidt, Jason Rodriguez, Sandy Gideon, John Kurtz, Joanne Kurtz, Ken McCrea, Helen Shaak, Christopher Garrett, James McGinnis

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

MINUTES: Minutes from August 6, 2013 were approved with a motion from D. Matz, seconded by D. Gundrum and carried by a vote of 5-0-1 (E. Zander abstained due to absence).

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

POLICE and/or FIRE REPORT:

Chief Beever and S. Roth reviewed their reports.

R. Good made an announcement that there will be no final vote this evening regarding the police contract issue. Adamstown Borough is not required to notify East Cocalico Township of its intentions until October 31st whether it will remain with ECT or go with NLCRPD.

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 retain ECTPD because of excellent, personalized, responsive service and community policing. They feared longer response times and a loss sense of community.

SPECIAL TOPICS:

Cocalico Region Police Services Meeting – C. Schweitzer stated that she attended the first meeting to discuss creating a Cocalico Region Police Force. All four municipalities were represented and the group requested the following from East Cocalico Township Board of Supervisors:

- A motion be made that publicly acknowledges East Cocalico's desire to pursue a regionalized police force with equal voting representation.
- Waiving or extending the deadline by which the municipalities are required to notify ECT of withdrawal.
- Provide the municipalities, by September 16th (the date of the next meeting), with a 2014 budget that reduces costs to a level closer to the NLCRPD proposal currently on the table for each of the municipalities, and to further explain how the reductions will be achieved without affecting service.

R. Good again reiterated the there are no complaints with any of the ECT police officers or the Chief. The problem lies with the ECT management and the fact that they will not provide the Borough with the information being requested of them. Borough Solicitor Josele Cleary stated that Adamstown is provided with services by East Cocalico under a contract dating back to 1978. Under the contract ECT is to provide police protection services and is to provide budget numbers within sufficient time so that the Borough can do its own budgeting. ECT has not always given the information in a timely manner over the years. ECT is the employer of the officers and by choice has complete control over negotiating contracts, establishing pension benefits, etc. Adamstown Borough has not been allowed any say in the governing or operations. Earlier this year ECT sent a revised non-negotiable agreement to W. Cocalico, Denver and Adamstown concerning police services. One of the items in the document was to require the unfunded pension liability be shared by the contracting municipalities. This subsequently prompted the municipalities to look into other options regarding police protection.

Motioned by C. Schweitzer, seconded by B. Zentner and approved 6-1, by a roll call vote (E. Zander-yes, C. Schweitzer-yes, R. Good-yes, B. Zentner-yes, D. Matz-yes, J. Dietrich-no, D. Gundrum-yes) that the President of Borough Council be authorized to notify the NLCRPD that Adamstown Borough will make a determination whether the Borough desires to join the NLCRPD on or before October 10, 2013, and request that the proposal forwarded by Chairman C. David Kramer by letter dated August 13, 2013, remain open until after such date.

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, J. Dietrich-no, D. Gundrum-no) to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise consideration and potential enactment of an ordinance under the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act to authorize execution of the NLCRPD Charter Agreement by and among the Townships of Clay, Penn, Warwick, and West Cocalico and the Boroughs of Adamstown and Denver at a public Council meeting to be held on or before October 10, 2013, to be determined.

C. Schweitzer asked if another Council member could attend the next police services work group meeting with her. D. Matz volunteered to attend the next meeting on September 16th.

PUBLIC WORKS:

M. Palm met with a representative of Penn State which is promoting the development of forests by offering free trees. The Council expressed no interest at this time.

M. Palm presented three quotes for the wet well rehab project (concrete tank). The concrete is spalling and needs to be rehabilitated. There is $12,000 budgeted for this project. M. Palm is recommending using Utility Services Group, Inc. to do the work at a cost of $9,244.00 and purchasing the material from Exeter Supply Co., Inc. at a cost of $3,400 for a total cost of $12,644.00. He visited several facilities that have had this process done and they are very pleased with it. Both materials and workmanship carry a 3-year warranty.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by B. Zentner and unanimously carried to approve the Utility Services Group, Inc. quote of $9,244.00 and the Exeter Supply Co., Inc. quote for $3,400.00 for the wet well rehabilitation project not to exceed $14,000.

Curb Stop Ordinance – There was a draft curb stop ordinance presented to Council. M. Palm requested that it be further revised to include the curb box as well as the curb stop.

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by E. Zander and unanimously carried to authorize the Solicitor to revise the Ordinance to reflect the fact that ownership of curb stops and curb boxes are the property owners' as is the current practice, and to advertise the ordinance for consideration by Council.

FINANCE:

L. Crouse provided Budget vs. Actual numbers through July for Council's review.

A budget committee meeting will be scheduled for September.

WATER:

4 Riverview Drive waiver request for water/sewer bill reduction due to a leak is still being reviewed by the Committee.

3150 N. Reading Road was incorrectly billed for water and sewer. They are a water only customer.

Motioned by E. Zander, seconded by C. Schweitzer and unanimously carried to issue a refund of sewer charges in the amount of $516.29.

SEWER: None.

LIGHTS, PROPERTY & PAVEMENT: None.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Stoudtburg Road – The estimated cost to do the necessary repairs and blacktop overlay on Stoudtburg Road is $91,000. The Committee will be submitting a proposal for the budget, should there be no other sources of funding.

PERSONNEL:

D. Gundrum announced that he would be holding annual review meetings with Borough staff in November.

SAFETY:

Mayor Buckwalter spoke with Dr. Sensenig regarding providing names for a potential future Junior Councilperson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

2014 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) – The MMO dictates what the Borough is required to pay toward pension costs.

Motioned by C. Schweitzer, seconded by D. Gundrum and unanimously carried to approve the 2014 MMO at a funding level of $12,348.00.

Adjournment:

Motioned by D. Matz, seconded by E. Zander and unanimously carried to adjourn. An executive session followed.

The meeting ended at 9:20.

Attested: _____

Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary