

**Arendtsville Borough Council**  
**1 Chestnut Street**  
**P.O. Box 508**  
**Arendtsville, PA 17303**

January 15, 2025

**ATTENDANCE:** The monthly meeting of the Arendtsville Borough Council was held on January 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the AVS Community Center, 1 Chestnut Street, Arendtsville. The following council members were present: John Campo, Jay Johnson, Maddi Kuhn, John Menges, Brenda Shull Pollard, and Chris Swartz. Also in attendance were Mayor, David Laughman, Boro Superintendent, Ron Cooper, and Secretary, Karen Menges. Absent from the meeting was council member, Ken Shafer.

**GUESTS:** Reporter, Mary Grace Kauffman, attended the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President, Jay Johnson, called the Council meeting to order at 6:30 pm and everyone in attendance recited the Pledge to the American flag.

**MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN CAMPO AND SECONDED BY MADDI KUHN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2024 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY A 6/6 VOTE.**

**BILLS: A MOTION WAS MADE BY MADDI KUHN AND SECONDED BY CHRIS SWARTZ TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING DECEMBER 2024 BILLS: GENERAL - \$46,792.97; WATER - \$25,037.50; SEWER - \$22,513.13; PAYROLL - \$15,473.13; STATE - \$0. JOHN MENGES ABSTAINED FROM PAYMENTS TO KAREN MENGES. MOTION CARRIED BY A 6/6 VOTE.**

**BOROUGH SUPERINTENDENT:**

- General Boro: Superintendent's report was reviewed.
- Water and Sewer:
  - The 2024 December Water/Sewer report showed the average gallons of water pumped per day were 53,973; average gallons of sewer treated per day were 69,387; average difference was -15,413.
  - Water numbers are up a little. We will keep an eye on them.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** The December 2024 report was reviewed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- COG: The November 2024 minutes were reviewed.
- The 2025 COG Meeting Dates were reviewed.
- PA COG is coming back. They will have an in-person meeting in March. David is attending the online ZOOM training meetings.
- America's 250<sup>th</sup>: PA celebrating January – December 2026
  - Goal is to bring people to Adams County and offer them things to do.
  - Will be a website.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS (AVS/Hanne Park/Walking Trail):** Nothing

**FINANCE:**

- Account balances were reviewed.
- PLGIT Water Loan account was reopened. Extra surcharge monies will be put in this account to earn interest to help pay down the Water Loan. Money will stay in this account until close to the 10-year refinance time or until the interest rate lowers to close to 2%, whichever comes first.
- As of 01.13.2025 PLGIT interest rate was 4.24%
- Water Loan breakdown was reviewed.
- Water Loan payment record was reviewed.

**WATER/SEWER/HIGHWAY:** Nothing

**PERSONNEL:**

- Part Time Office Assistant: Update
  - Received 1 application. Will make an appointment for an interview.
  - Working on completing the job description.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** No Meeting

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:** No Meeting

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- December 2024 State Police report was reviewed.
- November 2024 Arendtsville Fire Co. Run Report not submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- UASD Project: KPI 18-month inspection letter was reviewed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS SWARTZ AND SECONDED BY JOHN CAMPO TO ACCEPT MUSSELMAN AND CREAGER’S 2024 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER. MOTION PASSED BY A 6/6 VOTE.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Council Members entered an executive session at 6:54 pm to discuss possible litigation matters with a property owner.

**RECONVENE:** At 6:58 pm Council reconvened into Regular Session.

**TABLED BUSINESS:**

- Storm Drain Cleanout
- Arendtsville Lions Club Proposal to plant trees behind the Sewer Plant – Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and District 14-C.
- 660 Winding Road Water Agreement
- Yellow Hill Official Map (Water Preservation)
- Sidewalks (Karen)
- General Code (Karen)
- Newsletter
- Repair of Benches in Hanne Park

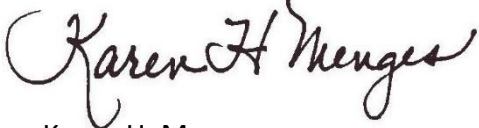
**WORKSHOPS, SEMINAR, CONFERENCES:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

There being no further business, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN MENGES AND SECONDED BY BRENDA SHULL POLLARD TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY A 6/6 VOTE.** Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** February 12, 2025: 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen H. Menges". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "K".

Karen H. Menges  
Arendtsville Borough Secretary