

Arendtsville Borough Council
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June 10, 2026

ATTENDANCE: The monthly meeting of the Arendtsville Borough Council was held on June 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the AVS Community Center, 1 Chestnut Street, Arendtsville. The following council members were present: Jay Johnson, Chris Swartz, John Campo, Paula Martin, Brenda Shull Pollard and Katie Neiderer. Also in attendance were Secretary Maddi Kuhn, Borough Superintendent Ron Cooper, President Ken Shafer, and Mayor April Jones

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

GUESTS: Bill Sterrett from Municipal Authority, he excused himself at 6:50. Owner of 20 Pearl Rear, he excused himself at 6:52.

- Bill Sterrett came to our meeting because we invited the Municipal Authority, and he is a member. Council was hoping that they would have enough members come so that they could approve the P3 Tower project so that council could sign the lease agreement. However, they did not have a quorum so Municipal authority plans to discuss this at their July meeting. If the motion is passed for the project, they will let Maddi Kuhn Secretary Treasurer know of the vote and provide a copy of the minutes to keep on file with the project. Council was able to give some clarification about the project so that Bill could share that with the rest of the municipal authority.
- Owner of 20 Pearl Rear came to our meeting to talk about a citation he received in the mail from the magistrate's office. Since the owner of the property did not reach out and ask to be on the agenda, council was not able to comment on the issue. Council did listen to his concerns regarding the letters that he received, but unfortunately once the citation is filed, it is out of council's hands.

MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY KATIE NEIDERER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2026, MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY A 7/7 VOTE.

BILLS: A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY PAULA MARTIN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MAY 2026 BILLS: GENERAL - \$31,344.28; WATER - \$34,907.36; SEWER - \$23,600.38; PAYROLL - \$17,718.87 STATE - N/A. MOTION CARRIED BY A 7/7 VOTE.

BOROUGH SUPERINTENDENT:

- General Boro: Superintendent's report was reviewed. They continue to do daily water samples and monthly bacteria testing. Ron repaired the fence down at the food truck area. Lots of mowing and weed whacking.
- Water and Sewer:
 - The May 2026 Water/Sewer report showed the average gallons of water pumped per day were 55,929; average gallons of sewer treated per day were 77,068; average difference was -21,139.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Was reviewed, there were some clerical errors on the report. Council went over an email that they received from a resident on S. High Street with some concerns that she was having. Her email noted about how some of the town's sidewalks are unsafe to walk on, and that forces people to have to walk in the street. Sidewalks is a project that Karen Menges will be taking over once she finishes her current project. Another concern she has is that S. High Street has turned into a one-way street, as cars are parking on both sides. Council discussed the idea of posting no parking on one side of the street, but no final decision was made.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The May 2026 Report was reviewed.
- April wanted to share a thank you to Ron Cooper, borough superintendent, as he repaired the fence on S. High Street where the food trucks park. The post had rotted and broken, he has everything repaired and looking very nice!
- The Fire Department requested that the poles for the elections be moved to the Arendtsville Borough Office. Council requested Maddi Kuhn to reach out to voters' registration, to see if this is possible and what we would need to do to make this happen.
- Paint Day in the park is scheduled for July 19, 2026, registration information can be found on the Mayors Facebook page.
- Movie Night in the park has been scheduled for July 31, 2026, at dusk.
- Community Yard Sale is set for July 9-11. Details and times can be found on the Mayors Facebook page.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Brenda has scheduled the first park cleanup for Monday June 22nd, 2026, at 5pm.
- Boyer's Nursery was here and mulched Hanne Park on Memorial Day. Council gives a HUGE thank you to them for their beautiful work!
- Brenda asked if the fence at Hanne Park would be fixed as there is a post that rotted off. Ron stated that they hoped to get up soon and replace the missing post.

FINANCE:

- Council reviewed. Finance committee noted how much money we have in all accounts combined.
- **07.01.2026 Insurance Renewal**
 - The finance committee has been discussing what to do about health insurance for the borough's full-time employees. We were told to budget a 10% increase and then were faced with an over 20% increase. Unfortunately, the insurance company did not give the finance committee a lot of time to work on anything as our new policy renews 07/01/2026. The committee had reached out to other companies to get additional quotes but had not heard back from them by the time we had our council meeting. Seeing that a motion needed to be passed to approve the new insurance policy, council needed to come up with a plan. With that being said, council approved to give the finance committee the ability to approve a new policy from a new company if it was less than the mapped renewal with our current company, if it was the same or better coverage.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY KATIE NEIDERER TO APPROVE GIVING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THE ABILITY TO PICK A NEW POLICY WITH A NEW COMPANY AS LONG AS IT WAS THE SAME OR BETTER COVERAGE THAN WE HAVE CURRENTLY, AND THAT IT WAS CHEAPER THAN OUR CURRENT MAPPED RENEWAL. MOTION CARRIED BY A 7/7 VOTE.

WATER/SEWER/HIGHWAY: N/A

PERSONNEL: N/A

PLANNING COMMISSION: No Meeting

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: No Meeting

CORRESPONDENCE:

- May 2026 State Police Report- Not Submitted
- May 2026 Arendtsville Fire Co. Run Report- Not Submitted

OLD BUSINESS:

- **P3 Towers-** Please see notes in guest section of the minutes to get the update on this project.
- **Code Book Editorial Analysis:** Karen requested a committee to form to go over the editorial analysis as she has noted questions that she wants input on before sending it back to the company. The committee will meet with her and Maddi to go over the questions and additional edits that she has made. That committee will be Jay Johnson, John Campo, and Ken Shafer. More details to come on when the committee is meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Fire Escape Project**
 - Jay met with someone from Waggoner Construction to look at our existing fire escape and quote us for a new one built from metal or steel. Our current fire escape is made from wood and is falling apart and falling off the building. It is not safe and cannot be used. Luckily, we do not use the upstairs of the borough building, so there should never be a time that it would need to be used. We had not received an official quote to discuss at council.
 - It was questioned if the borough would be getting any other quotes for the fire escape project, and at this point the answer is no. Jay mentioned it is hard to find someone to do the job.
 - April stated that she would check and see who did the fire escape at her work and let Maddi know.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council members entered executive session at 7:55 pm to discuss a personnel matter.

RECONVENE: At 8:10 pm Council reconvened the regular session with no action taken.

TABLED BUSINESS:

- 660 Winding Road Water Agreement (Jay)
- Sidewalks (Karen)
- Hometown Hero: (Maddi)
- Chestnut Street Work (June 2026)

There being no further business, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAULA MARTIN AND SECONDED BY KATIE NEIDERER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY A 7/7 VOTE.** Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.

NEXT MEETING: July 9, 2026: 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Madeline Kuhn

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Arendtsville Borough Secretary