

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

February 11, 2026

**ATTENDANCE:** The monthly meeting of the Arendtsville Borough Council was held on February 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the AVS Community Center, 1 Chestnut Street, Arendtsville. The following council members were present: Katie Neiderer, Brenda Shull Pollard, Chris Swartz, John Campo, and Paula Martin. Also in attendance were Secretary Maddi Kuhn, Superintendent Ron Cooper, President Ken Shafer, and Mayor April Jones. Absent from the meeting was council member Jay Johnson.

**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:** Reporter Mary Grace Kauffman was in attendance.

**MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENDA SHULL POLLARD AND SECONDED BY KATIE NEIDERER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2026, MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY A 6/6 VOTE.**

**BILLS: A MOTION WAS MADE BY KATIE NEIDERER AND SECONDED BY PAULA MARTIN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING JANUARY 2026 BILLS: GENERAL - \$16,369.47; WATER - \$14,822.10; SEWER - \$10,326.21; PAYROLL - \$24,942.15 STATE - N/A. MOTION CARRIED BY A 6/6 VOTE.**

**BOROUGH SUPERINTENDENT:**

- General Boro: Superintendent's report was reviewed. It was again a busy month for the guys. They plowed and cindered throughout the entire snowstorm and then went and removed the giant pile of snow that was beside Zion church blocking the view of anyone pulling out of Gettysburg Street. Repairs were finally made on the generator at the plant after waiting for parts to arrive, and the company came out and made those repairs. They were able to go to a resident's house on Fohl Street and do a meter and remote replacement.
- Water and Sewer:
  - The January 2026 Water/Sewer report showed the average gallons of water pumped per day were 59,365; average gallons of sewer treated per day were 36,200; average difference was 23,165. With the average water number creeping higher again, we are on the look for a leak. Ron is hopeful that it is because residents are most likely letting their faucets drip due to the extremely cold weather that we have been experiencing and is hoping next month's average will be back down closer to 50,000 gallons.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Was reviewed. A lot of residents that did not have their snow removed in the 24-hour time frame that they are given to have it removed by. However, it was a few days after the snow storm until Wayne was in town to see the snow on residents' sidewalks, and for letters to be sent, which gave residents a few days to clear their sidewalks of snow.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- The February 2026 Mayors Report was reviewed. April shared that she went to the Upper Adams Lions Club meeting to discuss her ideas for the community, as she is hoping to get the community involved in activities. She also talked about the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration that is happening at Biglerville. They are looking for crowd control, busing, and fire police help for the parade. April also shared about the Council Boot Camp that Paula Martin, Katie Neiderer, and herself attended in Gettysburg. They all commented that it was a good learning experience.
- 115 Anniversary of the Fire Department
  - April is heavily involved in our Arendtsville Fire Department. They are going to be having a block party on June 27, 2026. At this event you can see fire demonstrations for the kids, fire truck rides, music, food, and even a petting zoo!
- December 18, 2026, COG minutes were reviewed.

## **BUILDING AND GROUNDS:**

- Brenda brought up the fire escape stairs and how they should be replaced. She asked Maddi if she ever got a quote on getting them fixed from Andy Pelc. Maddi stated that she didn't know anything about it and thought that Jay had been handling that.
- Maddi also mentioned that she had reached out to Andy about replacing the lights in the office as only two lights in the office work and had not received a quote on that.
- Paula Martin asked if we could reach out to another contractor to get a quote, and get the work done sooner.

## **FINANCE:**

- Council stated that fund balances look good and we have been able to move more money into PLGIT.
  - **Water Loan- Update**
    - The finance committee decided to move money from Water PLGIT to Water Loan PLGIT in the amount of \$60,720 which is equal to the amount we pay on the water loan a year. By the 10-year loan mark, they are hoping that we have around \$100,000 left on the loan if we continue to move money to Water Loan PLGIT yearly to make money to be able to put towards the loan.

## **WATER/SEWER/HIGHWAY: N/A**

## **PERSONNEL: N/A**

## **PLANNING COMMISSION: No Meeting**

## **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: Meeting was on January 19, 2026, minutes were reviewed.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- January 2026 State Police Report was reviewed.
- January 2026 Arendtsville Fire Co. Run Report – Not Submitted
- Fire Chief Letter for 2026 was reviewed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

▪ **Committee Appointments:**

- **Finance:** Ken Shafer (Chair), Chris Swartz, Brenda Shull Pollard
- **Personnel:** Chris Swartz (Chair), Ken Shafer, John Campo
- **Water/Sewer/Highway:** Jay Johnson (Chair), John Campo, Paula Martin
- **Building & Grounds (AVS/Hanne Park/Walking Trail):** Brenda Shull Pollard (Chair), Paula Martin, Katie Neiderer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

▪ **Authorized Check Signer**

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENDA SHULL POLLARD AND SECONDED BY PAULA MARTIN TO ADD CHRISTINE SWARTZ AS AN AUTHORIZED SIGER TO THE BOROUGH BANK ACCOUNTS. AUTHORIZED SIGNERS WILL BE: KAREN MENGES, MADELINE KUHN, KENNETH SHAFER, AND CHRISTINE SWARTZ. MOTION CARRIED 6/6 VOTE.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** N/A

**TABLED BUSINESS:**

- 660 Winding Road Water Agreement (Karen)
- Sidewalks (Karen)
- General Code (Karen)
- Newsletter (Maddi)
- Hometown Hero: (Maddi)
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**WORKSHOPS, SEMINAR, CONFERENCES:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

There being no further business, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS SWARTZ AND SECONDED BY KATIE NEIDERER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY A 6/6 VOTE.** Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** March 11, 2026: 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Madeline D. Kuhn  
Arendtsville Borough Secretary