

Arendtsville Borough Council
1 Chestnut Street
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March 11, 2026

ATTENDANCE: The monthly meeting of the Arendtsville Borough Council was held on March 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the AVS Community Center, 1 Chestnut Street, Arendtsville. The following council members were present: Brenda Shull Pollard (excused herself at 7:15), Jay Johnson, Chris Swartz, John Campo, and Paula Martin. Also in attendance were Secretary Maddi Kuhn, Superintendent Ron Cooper (joined the meeting at 6:36), President Ken Shafer, and Mayor April Jones. Absent from the meeting was council member Katie Neiderer.

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: N/A

MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENDA SHULL POLLARD AND SECONDED BY JOHN CAMPO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11,2026, MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY A 6/6 VOTE.

BILLS: A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY PAULA MARTIN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FEBRUARY 2026 BILLS: GENERAL - \$11,366.65; WATER - \$40,139.58; SEWER - \$29,997.04; PAYROLL - \$20,544.36 STATE -N/A. MOTION CARRIED BY A 6/6 VOTE.

BOROUGH SUPERINTENDENT:

- General Boro: Superintendent's report was reviewed. They continue to do daily water samples and monthly bacteria testing. Delivered chemicals to the well houses and repaired a broken service line on Apple Lane. They replaced a badly leaking service line on the Boroughs side at Trinity Lutheran Church. Since making this repair, our daily average is back down to 50,027 gallons daily.
- Water and Sewer:
 - The February 2026 Water/Sewer report showed the average gallons of water pumped per day were 66,957; average gallons of sewer treated per day were 105,361; average difference was -31,380. With finding the leak at Trinity Lutheran Church out water numbers are back down, as stated above.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Was reviewed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The March 2026 Mayors Report was reviewed. April shared that she met at the Biglerville Borough on 2/23/26 for the 250 Anniversary planning meeting and stated that she will be representing the Arendtsville borough in the parade. She talked again about the Arendtsville Fire Company Block Party on June 27,2026. It sounds like it will be a great day with lots of activities for everyone. April also discussed with Dan Altland about the food trucks and movie nights in the park and borough lot

next to the Getty. Her April calendar for food trucks is filling fast, and residents are getting excited for this new and exciting event.

- April is also working on getting together baskets for new residents in town. She has been reaching out to local businesses for brochures and gift cards to add to the welcome baskets. She wants Arendtsville to be a welcoming community to all!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Jay had asked when Hanne Park Clean up would be starting again. Brenda stated that it still looks good and we will revisit this at our April Meeting.

FINANCE:

- Council stated that fund balances look good and we have been able to move more money into PLGIT. Jay also thanked finance committee for their movement of money within PLGIT to help make money to put on the water loan.

WATER/SEWER/HIGHWAY: N/A

PERSONNEL: N/A

PLANNING COMMISSION: No Meeting

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: No Meeting

CORRESPONDENCE:

- February 2026 State Police Report was reviewed.
- February 2026 Arendtsville Fire Co. Run Report

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

- **APPROVE CHAPTER 94 REPORT**
 - **A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY BRENDA SHULL POLLARD TO APPROVE CHAPTER 94 REPORT. MOTION CARRIED 6/6. MOTION CARRIED.**
- **STREET SWEEPING**
 - Ron is planning to schedule around the 2nd or 3rd week of April. Council is trying to have this scheduled after the trees have bloomed and dropped their petals. Last year the streets were swept twice, and Ron and Maddi feel that pushing it back would avoid this happening again.
- **UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLE ON WALKING TRAIL**
 - Ron stated that this vehicle has been there since the big snowstorm when we requested all cars be removed from the street. The only way this car was able to be parked behind their property and across the stream was using the boroughs driveway for authorized vehicles only, which this vehicle is not. Council has requested that Wayne, our Code Officer, post the vehicle and send a letter to the resident of the property.
- **TREES ON CHAMBERSBURG STREET**

- A residents family member sent Maddi an email stating there is a large branch up in the tree that is on the borough property. She feels that it might fall out and hit someone. Maddi let Ron know about the email and stated that he would go look at it. Ron reported to the council meeting that he feels he and Mark will be able to handle getting the limb down without having to contact a tree company. Maddi reached out to the family member and stated the borough would handle it.
- **P3 TOWERS**
 - P3 Towers is a company that installs cell towers for different cellphone companies. The benefit to the borough is that they would give us a monthly rent for installing a cell tower on borough property, and better cell service in the borough. Larry, the owner of the company, reached out to Maddi requesting to come out and talk about a cell tower installation process. Maddi spoke with Ron and Ken about possible places they felt would be good for a cell tower. Larry is planning to come and see the places that we recommend and then come to our April council meeting with a pros and cons list for all the properties. Council will then need to discuss their thoughts about moving forward or not with this requested project.
- **SOLICITATION ORDINANCE AND PERMITS**
 - Jay Johnson brought up that we need to be running background checks on anyone that comes in for a solicitation permit. Council stated that we need to find information on companies that could do this for us. Maddi reached out to the company that the Arendtsville Fire Company uses and has not heard back from them. Maddi stated that she heard from G-Force and it is \$100 per application and it has a 24–48-hour turnaround per application. Hoping to have more information on this matter at the April meeting. Jay is concerned about issues that we have had in the past with door-to-door company. Council is going to look at updating our solicitation ordinance. Jay Johnson, John Campo, and Paula Martin volunteered to create a committee to work on this project. The ordinance has not been updated in over twenty years.
- **PA LASA GRANT- 09.2026**
 - Jay Johnson asked for this to be on the agenda. This is PA gambling money that if we applied for and received the grant we could use for the chlorine contact tank repairs. This comes out in September and is a month or so before it needs to be turned in. Jay had suggested we send it to a grant writer in Harrisburg to write it for us to give us a better chance of receiving the grant. The price of this was unknown at the time but known to be expensive.
- **FEDERAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**
 - Jay Johnson requested this to be on the agenda as well. He suggested that we do this so that we can use it to identify what our water lines are on the boroughs side for the LCR report. Once the borough learns what our lines are on our side, it will save us from sending some letters to residents. More will be coming on this, as the information becomes available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

TABLED BUSINESS:

- 660 Winding Road Water Agreement (Karen)
- Sidewalks (Karen)
- General Code (Karen)
- Newsletter (Maddi)
- Hometown Hero: (Maddi)

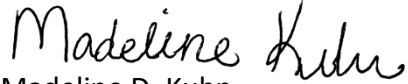
WORKSHOPS, SEMINAR, CONFERENCES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There being no further business, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN CAMPO AND SECONDED BY PAULA MARTIN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY A 5/5 VOTE.** Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

NEXT MEETING: April 8 , 2026: 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Madeline Kuhn".

Madeline D. Kuhn

Arendtsville Borough Secretary