

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

June 11, 2025

ATTENDANCE: The monthly meeting of the Arendtsville Borough Council was held on June 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the AVS Community Center, 1 Chestnut Street, Arendtsville. The following council members were present: Ken Shafer, Brenda Shull Pollard, Chris Swartz, and Paula Martin. Also in attendance were Secretary Maddi Kuhn, Office Assistant Karen Menges, Borough Superintendent Ron Cooper and Mayor David Laughman. Absent from the meeting were council members, John Menges, John Campo, and Jay Johnson.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice 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: Mayra Djalal and Reporter Mary Grace Kauffman were in attendance.

- Mayra was seeking information for her upcoming Posada in December 2025. She is hoping this can be the last stop/celebration area for the Posada. Information will need to be sent to our Solicitor before a final decision is made.

MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENDA SHULL POLLARD AND SECONDED PAULA MARTIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2025, MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY A 4/4 VOTE.

BILLS: A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS SWARTZ AND SECONDED BY BRENDA SHULL POLLARD TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MARCH 2025 BILLS: GENERAL - \$87,292.32; WATER - \$33,856.19; SEWER - \$26,291.19; PAYROLL - \$19,833.44; STATE -N/A. MOTION CARRIED BY A 4/4 VOTE.

BOROUGH SUPERINTENDENT:

- General Boro: Superintendent's report was reviewed.
- Water and Sewer:
 - The May 2025 Water/Sewer report showed the average gallons of water pumped per day were 54,652; average gallons of sewer treated per day were 110,877; average difference was -56,226.
- Storm Drain Clean out was on 6/10/2025, went very well.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: The May 2025 report was reviewed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor David Laughman reported on numerous meetings that he has attended outside of the borough, a list of those is available in the office for anyone that would like to see it.
- 2025 Mayor's Conference was discussed, the Mayor will be registering himself and turning receipts in for reimbursement.
 - Dues and conference costs will be reimbursed prior to the conference and then the rest will be after the presentation at the August council meeting.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENDA SHULL POLLARD AND SECONDED BY PAULA MARTIN TO APPROVE MAYOR DAVID LAUGHMAN TO ATTEND THE 2025 PA MAYOR'S CONFERENCE IN HARRISBURG, PA JULY 17-20, 2025, AND A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENSES AND A DETAILED REPORT WILL BE REQUIRED BY AUGUST 13, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING FOR REIMBURSEMENT MOTION CARRIED BY A 4/4 VOTE.**

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Boyer's mulched Hanne Park, and a thank you was sent.
- Brenda plans to keep an eye on the park, and if weeding and if clean up needs to be scheduled she will bring it up at the council meeting.

FINANCE:

- Fund Balances were reviewed.

WATER/SEWER/HIGHWAY:

- Potholes on Pearl Street

PERSONNEL:

- Years of Service
 - Ron Cooper was awarded for his twenty Years of Service with the Arendtsville Borough and given an additional week of vacation.

PLANNING COMMISSION: June 9, 2025 Meeting

- Meeting Minutes were reviewed

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: April 21, 2025, Meeting

- April's meeting minutes were reviewed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- April 2025 State Police report was reviewed.
- April 2025 Arendtsville Fire Co. Run Report – Not Submitted

OLD BUSINESS:

- MOU for Biglerville's 250th Celebration
 - **A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAULA MARTIN AND SECONDED BY CHRIS SWARTZ TO APPROVE JAY JOHNSON COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO BE ARENDTSVILLE'S AUTHORIZED SIGNER FOR THE MOU FOR THE 250TH CELEBRATION WITH BIGLERVILLE BOROUGH. MOTION CARRIED BY A 4/4 VOTE.**
- Grant Submission -Hanne Park Update
 - Paula stated they are working on a second and third grant, they are moving on them and making progress to turn them in.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chestnut street storm drain repair and street resurfacing
 - **A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAULA MARTIN TO APPROVE CHESTNUT STREET STORM WATER PIPING REPLACEMENT AND TOTAL ROAD OVERLAY FOR \$54,700. MOTION CARRIED BY A 4/4 VOTE.**

- Paving the entrance of AVS on the Cemetery Driveway
 - **A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAULA MARTIN AND SECONDED CHRIS SWARTZ TO APPROVE THE REPAIR OF BOROUGH OFFICE ENTERANCE ON CHESTNUT STREET AND CEMATARY ROAD FOR \$9,765 CONTINGENT UPON A SIGNED APPROVAL FROM A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CEMETARY BOARD. MOTION CARRIED 4/4.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

RECONVENE: N/A

TABLED BUSINESS:

- 660 Winding Road Water Agreement (Karen)
- Sidewalks (Karen)
- General Code (Karen)
- Newsletter (Maddi)
- Repair of Benches in Hanne Park
- Hometown Hero: (Maddi)
- Arendtsville Lions Club to Plant Trees behind Sewer Plant (Review Fall 2025)

WORKSHOPS, SEMINAR, CONFERENCES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Office will be closed Monday June 30, 2025
- Next meeting: July 9, 2025

There being no further business, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS SWARTZ AND SECONDED BY BRENDA SHULL POLLARD TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY A 4/4 VOTE.** Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

NEXT MEETING: July 9, 2025: 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Madeline D. Kuhn
Arendtsville Borough Secretary