

Arendtsville Borough Council
1 Chestnut Street
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August 13, 2025

ATTENDANCE: The monthly meeting of the Arendtsville Borough Council was held on August 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the AVS Community Center, 1 Chestnut Street, Arendtsville. The following council members were present: Jay Johnson. Also in attendance was Secretary, Maddi Kuhn. Absent from the meeting were council members, John Campo, Paula Martin, Chris Swartz, Ken Shafer, Brenda Shull Pollard, John Menges, Boro Superintendent, Ron Cooper, and Mayor David Laughman.

GUESTS: N/A

CALL TO ORDER: Being there was no quorum present, Jay Johnson declared the meeting recessed to reconvene on August 20, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

TIME RECESSED: 6:31 pm

RECONVENE: August 20, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Present: President Jay Johnson, Brenda Shull Pollard, Chris Swartz, John Menges, Boro Superintendent, Ron Cooper, and Secretary Maddi Kuhn. Absent: John Campo, Paula Martin, Ken Shafer, and Mayor David Laughman.

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.

GUESTS: N/A

MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENDA SHULL POLLARD AND SECONDED BY CHRIS SWARTZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2025, MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY A 4/4 VOTE.

BILLS: A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENDA SHULL POLLARD AND SECONDED BY CHRIS SWARTZ TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING JULY 2025 BILLS: GENERAL - \$6,029.84; WATER - \$24,184.83 SEWER - \$17,915.13; PAYROLL - \$20,518.54; STATE - \$0. MOTION CARRIED BY A 4/4 VOTE.

BOROUGH SUPERINTENDENT:

- General Boro: Superintendent's report was reviewed. Ron had suggested we investigate grants from Penn Vest for the road and waterline projects that are known to be galvanized pipes.
- Water and Sewer:
 - The July 2025 Water/Sewer report showed the average gallons of water pumped per day were 54,561; average gallons of sewer treated per day were 76,610; average difference was -22,048.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: The July 2025 report was reviewed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The Mayor did not submit a report this month, or a report from the 2025 Mayor's Conference.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS (AVS/Hanne Park/Walking Trail): Brenda Shull Pollard reported:

- New flags were purchased for the park, and Maddi arranged them in the park once they arrived.
- Benches and fence in Hanne Park need replaced or taken down.
- John Menges and Ron Cooper were going to evaluate the issue, and get prices to repair these.
- Park Clean up will be Tuesday September 2nd, 2025, so that we can observe Labor Day on Monday.

FINANCE:

- Account balances were reviewed.
- January-July Budget Review was emailed to everyone for review, Jay stated that everything looked good.

WATER/SEWER/HIGHWAY: N/A

PERSONNEL: N/A

PLANNING COMMISSION: No Meeting

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: 07/21/2025 Meeting, no minutes submitted

CORRESPONDENCE:

- July 2025 State Police report wasn't submitted.
- July 2025 Arendtsville Fire Company report was not submitted.
- Adams County Library Letter was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Grant Submission Status:
 - We are not currently working on any grants currently.
 - Arendtsville Lions Club to Plant Trees behind the Sewer Plant (Review Fall 2025)
 - December 1, 2025, is when the planting is expected to begin. The area will need mowed in late November to prepare for this.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Purchase of an Additional Generator
 - **A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN MENGES AND SECONDED BY BRENDA SHULL POLLARD TO PURCHASE AN ADDITIONAL GENERATOR TO BE USED AT THE OFFICE OR AS A BACK UP FOR ONE OF THE WELLS IN THE EVENT OF ANOTHER POWER OUTAGE. THIS WILL BE PURCHASED AS TO WHAT SIZE RON FEELS WILL BEST BENEFIT US. MOTION PASSED WITH A 4/4 VOTE.**
- Zoning
 - We need a new member for our zoning hearing board. Looking for a good candidate.
- Updated Council Committees:

- Personnel committee is now just Chris Swartz and John Campo, as Paula Martin has resigned from this committee.
- Crosswalk Painting
 - **A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENDA SHULL POLLARD AND SECONDED BY JOHN MENGES TO APPROVE PAINTING OF THE CROSSWALK THAT ARE IN NEED. MOTION PASSED WITH A 4/4 VOTE.**
- Shadow Box Donation from the Roth Family
 - Donation of an original AVS sweater in perfect condition was donated to us to put on display in the meeting room. Maddi sent a thank you letter to the family.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council Members entered an executive session at 7:05 pm to discuss a personnel matter.

RECONVENE: At 7:11 pm Council reconvened into Regular Session.

TABLED BUSINESS:

- 660 Winding Road Water Agreement: (Karen)
- Sidewalks (Karen)
- General Code (Karen)
- Newsletter (Maddi)
- Repair of Benches in Hanne Park (John M.)
- Hometown Hero (Maddi)

WORKSHOPS, SEMINAR, CONFERENCES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Boro Office will be closed Thursday August 2, 2025
 Next Borough Council Meeting is September 10, 2025

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 4/4 VOTE.** Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

NEXT MEETING: September 10, 2025: 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Madeline Kuhn
 Arendtsville Borough Secretary