

Arendtsville Borough Council
1 Chestnut Street
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August 12, 2026

ATTENDANCE: The monthly meeting of the Arendtsville Borough Council was held on August 12, 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, 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. Absent from the meeting was council members John Campo.

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: Josh Weaver- 21 S. High Street

- He attended our meeting on behalf of his wife's boyfriend who was unable to attend. He shared that he really appreciates everything that April has done on behalf of the borough and commended her for a job well done. He stated that he looks forward to voting for her in the next election if she runs again. The message from his wife's boyfriend is that he wondered if there was a possibility of putting electrical hookups down at the food truck lot to help elevate some of the generator noise. He thanked us for having him and excused himself at 6:35.

MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY BRENDA SHULL POLLARD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 2026, MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY A 6/6 VOTE.

BILLS: A MOTION WAS MADE BY KATIE NEIDERER AND SECONDED BY CHRIS SWARTZ TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING JULY 2026 BILLS: GENERAL - \$39,627.28; WATER - \$26,233.19; SEWER - \$20,638.08; PAYROLL - \$23,117.09 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. Lots of mowing and weed whacking around town as well. They replaced a timer on Yellow Hill and replaced the chlorine line on the contact tank. Ron finished the fence repairs in Hanne Park, as well as cut and hauled away brush from behind the borough office.
- Water and Sewer:
 - The July 2026 Water/Sewer report showed the average gallons of water pumped per day were 64,168; average gallons of sewer treated per day were 43,910; average difference was 20,258. We are looking for a possible leak as the water numbers are increasing. Last month we did find a leak on Pearl Street, but we believe that there might be another one in town somewhere.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Was reviewed by council and no questions asked.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The July 2026 Report reviewed. April is having a redo of the movie night as the first turnout wasn't ideal. That will take place on August 28, 2026, at dusk.
- She is also throwing around the idea of the food trucks going on just Monday, Tuesday, and Saturdays as they are slowing down as fall approaches.
- The Mayor met with one of the ladies that run Collaborating for Youth in Arendtsville, in Dr. Martin's old building. They are hoping to collaborate on upcoming town events.
- Arendtsville is hosting a craft fair on October 17, 2026. This will be \$10 a spot, permitting will go through Maddi at the borough office. This event will be hosted in Hanne Park, but if it rains, it will be held at the borough office in the gym.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Park cleanup is scheduled for Monday September 1st, 2026, at 5pm. They wanted this done before Labor Day.

FINANCE:

- Fund balances were reviewed; and everything looks good!
- Karen and Maddi did a budget comparison for council to review. Council stated that everything looked good for year end 2025 and is looking good for the first 7 months of 2026.

WATER/SEWER/HIGHWAY: N/A**PERSONNEL: N/A****PLANNING COMMISSION: Meeting 8/10/2026****MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: Meeting 7/20/2026****CORRESPONDENCE:**

- July 2026 State Police Report- Was reviewed
- July 2026 Arendtsville Fire Co. Run Report- Not Submitted

OLD BUSINESS:

- **P3 Towers Update**
 - They are in the permitting process with Franklin Township right now. They will need to get a special exception and go before the zoning hearing board. The owner is hoping that they will have the project completed by early spring. Larry, the owner of P3 is to be keeping Maddi in the loop of their timeline.
- **Fire Escape Update**
 - Waggoner's quote came at the lowest. Council had much discussion about whether we need to spend almost \$80,000 to replace the existing dilapidated fire escape. Karen and Maddi reached out to our insurance agent, and she stated that we do not need to replace the fire escape as the upstairs does not get used. She agreed that the old one should come down but stated that we do not need to replace it at this time. We have the stairs to the second floor inside roped off, stating do not enter. The building and grounds committee is going to investigate grants to see if we can get help funding the fire escape. The committee is to report back by the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Tree Struck By Lightning at Borough Office**

- The Poplar Tree behind the borough office was struck by lightening last Monday August 10th, 2026. Karen reached out to our insurance agent to see if it would be covered by insurance, but because it did not hit the garage or cause any damage to anything, insurance would not cover it. Maddi started reaching out to different tree companies to compile quotes to get the tree taken down, cleaned up, and the stump grinded. Currently, she has quotes from Pennington, Cumberland Valley, and Bartlett tree companies. Brenda and Jay asked Maddi to reach out to Zak Witherow for a quote before making any decisions. After discussing the companies that we already had quotes from council decided to not have Pennington in the running for taking the tree down.
 - **A MOTION WAS MADE BY KATIE NEIDERER AND SECONDED BY BRENDA SHULL POLLARD TO ALLOW MADDI TO REACH OUT TO ZAK WITHEROW AND GET A QUOTE FROM HIM. AT THAT POINT SHE IS TO DECIDE WHO THE CHEAPEST COMPANY IS AND GO WITH THEM. QUESTIONS ARE TO BE SENT TO BUILDING AND GROUNDS AND WELL AS THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED BY A 6/6 VOTE.**
- **Jay Johnson Resignation from the Borough Pension Plan**
 - Maddi reported that when they met with their pension advisor it came up that Jay was never formally removed from our pension plan once he stepped down as Borough Council President. This is strictly a formality, and once the form is signed Maddi will send it to Garratt at Kampstra.
 - **A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENDA SHULL POLLARD AND SECONDED BY PAULA MARTIN TO REMOVE JAY JOHNSON FROM OUR PENSION PLAN AS A CONTACT. MOTION CARRIED BY A 6/6 VOTE.**
- **Letter From C. Smith**
 - A resident on Victor Drive submitted a letter explaining that when work was done in the Boroughs easement that his electric line was damaged. The letter stated that he told the company that this was done and they set up a time with the resident to come back and fix it. Smith stated in the letter that he watched them do the work and was satisfied with the job that they did. Now he is stating that the electric line is shorting out, and he wants it fixed. Jay suggested that we have Karen reach out to our Brightspeed rep and see what he has to say. At this point, it is not the borough's responsibility as the borough did not do the work, and even though the borough issued the permit we could not have declined the work. Maddi will have Karen reach out to our contact and see what we can make happen.
- **Special Olympics Gym Rental**
 - A volunteer from the Adams County Special Olympics reached out to see if they would be able to rent the gym 1 night a week for indoor floorball. It is a new sport for them this year, which is why they need gym space. After much discussion council decided that if all the necessary paperwork was turned into Maddi that they would be allowed to use the gym space for this activity. Maddi is to let them know that they will need to put socks on the hockey sticks to try and preserve the floor. We will monitor the gym floor and reach out to them if the floor starts to become damaged.
- **September 12th Ecycle 8-10am at Borough Office**
 - April Jones and Katie Neiderer volunteered to help with this

EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

RECONVENE: N/A

TABLED BUSINESS:

- 660 Winding Road Water Agreement (Jay)
- Sidewalks (Karen)
- Hometown Hero: (Maddi)

- Chestnut Street Work- Chris Swartz asked about adding stone or blacktop to the side of the road closest to the baseball field since it is washing out. Ron suggested we try cold patch first and then if that doesn't work, we will think about something else.

There being no further business, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS SWARTZ AND SECONDED BY PAULA MARTIN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY A 6/6 VOTE.** Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

NEXT MEETING: September 9, 2026: 6:30 pm
Office Closed September 3rd and 7th

Respectfully Submitted,

Madeline Kuhn

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Arendtsville Borough Secretary