Arendtsville Borough Council
1 Chestnut Street
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September 9, 2026

ATTENDANCE: The monthly meeting of the Arendtsville Borough Council was held on September 9, 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, and John Campo joined us at 6:50. Also in attendance were Secretary Maddi Kuhn, Borough Superintendent Ron Cooper, and Mayor April Jones. Absent from the meeting was council President Ken Shafer.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Chris Swartz called the Council meeting to order at 6:30 pm and everyone in attendance recited the Pledge to the American flag.

GUESTS: Jill Schumann and Antonio Suarez, Mayor April Jones Father

- Jill was here to represent the Adams County Library System. She thanked the borough for our support over the years, with our yearly donation. She shared statistics with council regarding the library and the books in it. $84,000 dollars saved by residents by not buying books and loaning them from the library instead. She shared that you could borrow books, movies, games, puzzles, blood pressure cuffs, and so much more. She also shared that all libraries have more than 1 program a day.

MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENDA SHULL POLLARD AND SECONDED BY KATIE NEIDERER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 12,2026, MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY A 5/5 VOTE.

BILLS: A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY PAULA MARTIN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING JULY 2026 BILLS: GENERAL - $20,838.93; WATER - $14,616.74; SEWER - $12,835.53; PAYROLL - $20,983.48 STATE -N/A. MOTION CARRIED BY A 5/5 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. There was a leak found at 30 W. Main Street, on the property owner's side. We have been looking for a leak, so we are glad to have found it. Council thanked Ron for doing the cold patch down the side of Chestnut Street as well.
- Water and Sewer:
    - The August 2026 Water/Sewer report showed the average gallons of water pumped per day were 63,861; average gallons of sewer treated per day were 69,003; average difference was -5,142.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Was reviewed by council and no questions asked. Some of the information was repeated from the July report and some of the information on the report should have been on the September report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- No report

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Brenda thanked Paula and Katie for their help weeding in September. They feel the park is ready for winter, but April said she would check it prior to the craft event to make sure.

FINANCE:

- Fund balances were reviewed; and everything looks good.

WATER/SEWER/HIGHWAY: N/A

PERSONNEL: Executive session at end

PLANNING COMMISSION: Meeting 8/10/2026 Minutes Reviewed

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- August 2026 State Police Report- Was reviewed
- July 2026 Arendtsville Fire Co. Run Report- Was reviewed

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Ecycle September 12th, 2026**
  - Jay volunteered to do set up and work the event 8-9 and Katie volunteered to do 9-10, and tear down.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Trick or Treat 10/31/2026 6-8pm for Houses with Lights On**

- **New Website Company Needed**
  - Our current website is through the county, and they are doing away with the Webmaster position as of 12/31/2026. Maddi has information from two companies and Brenda brought another name for Maddi to reach out to. Jay also requested that Maddi reach out to Susan at Franklin Township. Council will discuss it more at our October meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Went into session at 7:05 to discuss a personnel matter.

RECONVENE: Council reconvened at 7:08 into regular session.

TABLED BUSINESS:

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

- **Fire Escape Project**
  - In Jay's opinion he feels that the LSA grant is never awarded to small boroughs or municipalities. He feels that if we went for the LSA grant it should be used for the water lines and not the fire escape project. He also stated that the LSA money is not awarded until the following year.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY KATIE NEIDERER TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM WAGGONER CONSTRUCTION TO DEMO THE OLD FIRE ESCAPE AND BUILD A NEW ONE USING GALVINIZED STEEL FOR $69,354. MOTION CARRIED BY A 6/6 VOTE

There being no further business, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY PAULA MARTIN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY A 6/6 VOTE.** Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

NEXT MEETING: October 14, 2026: 6:30 pm
Office Closed October 12, 2026 for Columbus Day

Respectfully Submitted,
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Arendtsville Borough Secretary