

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bodish. In attendance were Burkner, Eisenhauer, Luckenbach, Molitoris, Royer, and Sodl, as well as Mayor Molitoris, Police Chief Genovese, Fire Chief Buskaritz and PWD Boyle. EMA Coordinator Buskaritz were absent.

Hearing of persons present:

Bruce Confer, 3303 S. Ruch St., Whitehall to discuss issue of uncontrolled rain water that washes into Whitehall from 12th & Tapler in Coplay. Water goes over curb, through White property on Tapler, through St. John's cemetery picking up debris along the way and ending up in swale to rear of property, that clogs immediately with debris and then the water flows through my property and into neighbor's property; has taken out her pool and landscaping in the past. Happening on a yearly basis with every heavy rain, I was out at 11pm during last Wednesday's storm. Whitehall Township officials say water is from Coplay, Coplay Borough officials say developer should have accounted for water issue. Coplay did install new drains at 12th & Tapler area which helped during regular rains, but does not help with the heavy rains we seem to be having. They are receiving no satisfaction or resolution from either municipality. Requests a dialogue between residents, Coplay and Whitehall to address situation. Pres. Bodish stated in 2003 Coplay spent more than \$270,000.00 to address flooding concerns at 12th & Tapler in Coplay, additional drains probably won't help to alleviate the situation. We also had CWSA come in and TV those pipes in 2013 to check for blockage, of which there was none. Unfortunately, does not believe there is anything additional Coplay can do to resolve this situation; you live in Whitehall, should be going to Whitehall Township for resolution. Mr. Confer again requested a sit down meeting with neighbors, and representatives of Whitehall Township and Coplay Borough to discuss possible ways to correct, i.e. retention fencing, rip rap wall at White property on Tapler Drive or St. John's cemetery. Pres. Bodish questioned Mr. Confer if issue could be from the original development of the lots, to which he responded it could be, however majority of water and debris originates in Coplay. Sodl questioned Mr. Confer as to what Whitehall has said. Mr. Confer responded they state water starts in Coplay. Sodl stated that can easily be argued, water comes from all over the area including parts of Whitehall to that location and always has; Whitehall engineers approved the development project. Sodl questioned who installed pit. Mr. Confer stated pit was built by developer. Sodl stated those that approved the development and buildings where they are located were from Whitehall, Coplay had no say in development. Pres. Bodish added Manor (Magna & Saylor Dr. in Coplay) was built more than 60 years ago, drains were updated then and again in 2003; public works always cleans drains before and after a storm, debris brought to drains during a storm is unavoidable. Molitoris questioned if water came through White property during recent storm with an affirmative response. Molitoris stated went to area this date saw distinctive pattern in grass from water through cemetery, but not on White property.

Wendy Madouse, 3305 S. Ruch St., Whitehall added in past has forwarded video and letters, Coplay officials have been more receptive than Whitehall, but still no resolution. Whitehall Mayor Hozza keeps saying build wall higher and that the water comes from Coplay. At this time, PWD Boyle stated all of Coplay's drain pipes are clear and empty into Coplay Creek near Route 145 (across from Auto Zone); they do not empty into area around cemetery or Ruch Street. Drains are checked daily and cleaned of debris, but especially before rain is expected. Mrs. Madouse questioned if any additional drains could be installed on Tapler Drive. PWD Boyle responded there are already 7 drains on Tapler Drive with others in surrounding area (Center Street, 12th Street, etc.) additional drains would not resolve situation. Pres. Bodish stated in addition, two new drains were added at Ruch and Chestnut Streets in 2013 to help divert water before it gets to Tapler Drive. Molitoris questioned Mr. Confer, if pit is open and free of debris does it do its job with an affirmative response. Molitoris added may be there is some way to help divert debris away from pit, prevent blockage. Mr. Confer again restated need to begin dialogue with neighbors, Whitehall and Coplay to see if anything can be resolved or if they are on their own.

PWD Boyle reported February completed work included snow removal from January storm, repair of fence line at 1 Bridge Street property, library building maintenance work, completed inventory list of tools and equipment for insurance purposes, fixed gas tank on 750, loader window and gas pedal repaired, trimmed trees on borough streets and along alleys that were encroaching on roadway/hitting garbage truck, fixed split rail fence at Saylor Field, fence around municipal building generator was installed, finished mapping all storm drains and pipes, completed routine building maintenance, routine sanitation pickups and routine street work.

EMA Coordinator Buskaritz was absent, no report.

Chief Genovese reported 135 calls for February, 2016 with 2 arrests, 20 traffic violations, 10 written warnings and 13 borough parking tickets issued. Naloxone kits are in all police cars to reverse effects of heroin overdose. Rep. Dan McNeill held town hall meeting at Whitehall High School last week to discuss the heroin

epidemic in our area. Chief Genovese showed kit and explained how it works, also kits are available to individuals at CVS, no prescription needed. Mayor Molitoris questioned cost of kits. Chief Genovese responded in the \$20-\$30 range, however it does have a shelf life and should be climate controlled. Eisenhower questioned if there is a time limit to get Naloxone dispensed with Chief Genovese responding patient must be breathing in order to absorb the nasal spray. Burker questioned if it helps for all overdoses. Chief Genovese stated just for opiate overdose. Burker stated Rep. McNeill will hold another town hall meeting on this subject on Wednesday, March 30 at the American Club of Coplay pavilion. Chief Genovese added that all Lehigh County police departments are carrying the kits. Sodl questioned if there is any liability concerns with a negative response. Further discussion on upcoming town hall meeting and the heroin epidemic in our area, not just teenagers but adults as well.

Fire Chief Buskaritz reported 3 calls for the month of February, 2016. Attended seminar at Upper Saucon Township on "Drive to Survive", very beneficial for new firefighters. Also, Petite Scholars Daycare new employees will attend training session at fire department, this is second time they are training new staff members. At this time, Sodl requested discussion on request from fire department to use structure at 1 Bridge Street property for training, asked Chief Buskaritz to explain to council what training department wants to use it for and stated some council members concerned that stairs along back of structure are not very sturdy. Chief Buskaritz stated if that is a concern, will not use stairs for training. Explained a new building with different floor plan would be beneficial for firefighter training, would do search and rescue training, ventilation, evacuation, etc. Sodl questioned when they would like training to start and training during daytime or night? Chief Buskaritz stated would start as soon as approved and would train both at night and during day for different scenarios; will not start on fire, however will use smoke machines to limit visibility, etc. No further questions by members. Royer questioned if painting at fire department has been completed. PWD Boyle responded no, awaiting an updated estimate due to change in color of paint and need for additional coats, expect painting to be completed in March and/or April.

Secretary Gyecsek reported if you have not yet returned your financial interest statements, please forward to the office by 3/31. Met with new representative from Morgan Stanley; rescheduled next police pension meeting for Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 7 pm in council chambers. Pres. Bodish, member of Emergency Services or Finance committee and one full time police officer needed to attend. Engineer has completed specifications and bid package for Front Street project, same was submitted and approved by Lehigh County CDBG. Will be advertised on March 10 and March 17 with bids due at April 5 workshop and awarded at April 12 regular meeting.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Fire department request to use "office" structure at 1 Bridge Street property for fire training purposes. This was discussed earlier in meeting.

38 South 4th Street appraisal received from Riggs Property Valuation. Home valued at \$128,000.00 per appraisal. Discussion to determine minimum acceptable bid and date(s) to advertise for sealed bids. Royer stated after discussion with committee members, recommending appraisal amount of \$128,000.00 as minimum bid amount. No further discussion by members on minimum bid. Members did discuss dates to advertise, agreed upon March 10 and March 17 with bids due at April regular meeting on April 12, 2016 at 3 pm. Molitoris suggested scheduling one or two days as "open house" for walk through for those interested in bidding; instead of scheduling every time phone call is received. Secretary agreed will be easier since 24 notice is needed to current renter; will advertise and prepare open house dates, motion at regular meeting.

Waive fees for Coplay Sports and Legion Baseball 2016 health licenses. No questions or concerns from members, motion at regular meeting.

Any changes to Fee Schedule. Discussion by members indicated since most fees were updated last year, see no reason to increase again in 2016. Burker will review pool season pass fees with committee and will recommend to council, requests Secretary obtain 2016 pool rates from Whitehall and Northampton for discussion by committee.

10 year lease of Balliet Stadium with Coplay Legion Baseball. Secretary Gyecsek explained spoke with Solicitor Preston this date who explained will be same as yearly lease and will protect Borough if Legion Baseball does not fulfill obligations under the lease agreement so council can terminate lease at any time during 10 year period. Burker explained 10 year lease is needed due to agreement with Coca Cola. No further questions or comments by members, motion at regular meeting.

Pres. Bodish asked for any other items for discussion, there were none.

Mayor Molitoris reported meeting with representative of Communities That Care to discuss heroin problem, along with other issues. Reviewed correspondence received from resident Glenn Harris regarding driveway patching, light pole to rear of property and borough's purchase of 1 Bridge Street property. Met with Chief Genovese this past month to discuss and get familiar with police department operations.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Sodl thanked Chief Genovese and fire department for service this month. No additional concerns at this time.

Royer stated already discussed 38 South 4th Street sale, painting at fire department and installation of fence around municipal building generator, nothing additional on property. CWSA annual meeting will not be held until May 19, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the sewer authority building, all members and Mayor invited to attend.

Burker reported Coplay Sports opening day scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2016. Received a couple of applications for pool manager, expect to hold interviews shortly and Bacon Strip has asked to continue concession stand lease for 2016 season. Grant submitted for upgrades at Saylor Field and parkway area was denied, however met with representative from DCNR who reviewed our submitted application and showed us what additional information is needed to improve grant submission for possibly a more favorable response of future grant applications. Pres. Bodish questioned PWD Boyle regarding status of electrical upgrades at pool. PWD Boyle stated pole is to be installed by May, electrical upgrades will follow and should be installed prior to opening of pool. Burker continued, beginning work on 150th anniversary celebration, met with fireworks company, just beginning this process, only a possibility at this point.

Eisenhauer had no report on finance. Library report, announcement sign damaged during last week's rain, new panels will be ordered to repair sign. Library was denied Crayola grant, however will receive supplies for use during summer reading program activities; still awaiting response to submission of Trexler grant application.

Bodish reported normal operations in streets and sanitation departments, stated possibility of snow this Friday. Borough office and public works will be closed Friday, March 25, 2016 for Good Friday Holiday. All residents should have received garbage bills from Tax Collector Deutsch.

Hearing of persons present:

Anne Killeen, 32 S. 4th St., should consider run on IRT for 150th anniversary celebration. Also, DNL trail from Cementon to Coplay Kilns is to be opened for bicycle riding; Mountain Top to Coplay is 67 miles and from Coplay to Philly another 60 miles, council should consider opening parkway to allow cyclists to camp out, use shower facilities and bathrooms at pool house, maybe issue some type of permit.

AT REGULAR MEETING:

Vote to advertise sale of 38 South 4th Street property.

Vote to waive fees for Coplay Sports and Legion Baseball 2016 health licenses.

Vote on any changes to fee schedule.

Vote on 10 year lease of Balliet Stadium with Legion Baseball.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Sodl, second by Burker. Meeting adjourned until next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 7 PM.

Borough Secretary