

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Pres. Bodish. In attendance were Burkner, Eisenhauer, Luckenbach, Molitoris, Royer and Sodl. Mayor Molitoris, Engineer Witczak, and Solicitor Preston were also present. Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

At this time, bids for 38 South 4th Street were opened by Secretary. Secretary reported no bids were received in the office. Discussion by members, will rebid with bids due at June workshop. In addition to advertisements, Craigslist and sending to local realtors requested Secretary prepare/purchase signs for in yard and at civic plaza announcing sale of same.

Minutes from regular meeting of March 8, 2016 were approved as presented to council by secretary – carried.

Hearing of persons present:

Karen Shields, 130 S. 9th St., obtained proposals to make necessary repairs to property, questioned process after repairs are made to move back into residence. Code Enforcement Officer Helman responded property will require a full Certificate of Occupancy inspection. Ms. Shields continued, currently cleaning house, not there after dark, has overnight job which is where she sleeps. Pres. Bodish questioned if utilities are on at property with negative response. Discussion regarding past due taxes through Portnoff and past due garbage fees through G.H. Harris, Ms. Shields obtaining loan to make repairs and pay all owed fees. Pres. Bodish requested she contact Helman as progress is made for inspections, etc. and asked what time frame is estimated to complete repairs, response of 1-2 months. Pres. Bodish also reminded Ms. Shields that only 5 cats are allowed in the residence. Rich Kromer, friend of Ms. Shields, questioned if grandfathered for 5 cat maximum with negative response from Solicitor Preston. Solicitor Preston added, property is governed by International Property Maintenance Code and is enforced by Helman, his job is to bring properties up to code. If Solicitor's office must get involved they will, however it is in property owner's best interest to work with Helman to comply with IPMC codes. Sodl stated according to health report, property has been in noncompliance since November, 2013; nothing was done for 29 months. Why are you prepared to comply now, and within 60 day time period. Ms. Shields responded finances and health has improved. Sodl questioned if she would be willing to sign agreement stating compliance within 60 days, discussion on same. Solicitor Preston advised Helman can impose time line without any agreements, he is enforcement officer. Molitoris questioned if residence is safe for animals this evening with no heat and freeze warning with positive response from Ms. Shields; however animals will be removed from property on Wednesday and will not return. Molitoris questioned if she also has a dog, yes same is service dog and is always with Ms. Shields. Discussion between Ms. Shields and members continued. Council requested Helman issue specific timeline to Ms. Shields regarding repairs and clean up on a notice of violation with deadline to correct. Solicitor Preston recommended Helman inspect to prepare notice of violation. Sodl requested date/time of inspection at this time. After discussion between Helman and Ms. Shields, inspection will take place on Thursday, April 14 at 5 pm.

Rich Kromer, 5383 Chapmans Rd., Orefield, added Ms. Shields should be given sufficient time to correct issues at property.

Dean Fenstermaker re: 301 Center St., requested additional parking spaces at Milander's Deli, questioned status. Sodl stated three spaces to front of business should be sufficient for business traffic, and Chief Genovese recommended no increase at this time. Mr. Fenstermaker responded, concerned with baseball business on 2nd Street employees parking up spaces in area. Pres. Bodish added Chief Genovese also compared to other businesses in town, i.e. Bacon Strip on North 2nd Street only has two allotted spaces for parking.

Anne Killeen, 32 S 4th St., UGI, NBMA and CWSA should replace/repair any necessary pipes prior to reconstruction of North Front Street. Pres. Bodish responded same are notified approximately 1 year in advance of bid, however borough cannot make them do repairs prior to repaving.

Reading of correspondence:

Milander's Deli re: request for two additional parking spaces.

Girl Scouts of Eastern PA re: use of pavilion at no fee on 5/24/2016.

Mayor Molitoris reported received email and then spoke with Front Street resident regarding curb and sidewalk replacement. Questioned if curb/sidewalk is not replaced prior to street reconstruction how would Borough award contract to complete same. Engineer Witczak stated curb and sidewalk would be completed by awarded bidder, i.e. Herman at prices included in bid which is not favorable to residents as Borough had to pay prevailing wage rates based on cost of project.

Solicitor Preston reported beverage license agreement signed by Coca Cola has been forwarded to Legion representatives for their signature, Borough will sign only after Legion and are only listed on the agreement to allow Legion use of the property.

Engineer Witczak reported two bids received for the North Front Street project, continuing to work on MS4 mapping of stormwater inlets, outlets and piping, prepared rendering for DCNR grant submission. Discussion at this time to accept low bid from Herman of \$281,570.00, which was reviewed and approved by Engineer Witczak and CDBG administrators at Lehigh County or to rebid project after receiving 3 month extension approval from CDBG administrators. Eisenhower reported funding is available to do project at bid received and still have funds to also complete storm sewer project on Hokendauqua Street in conjunction with Whitehall Township, however this would deplete current excess for future road construction projects. Engineer Witczak stated review showed concrete pricing was significantly higher than PennDOT estimating prices and the \$52,000 in repair work quoted may or may not be needed, unfortunately won't know that until the road is opened up. Pres. Bodish questioned CWSA Chair Schreiner, in audience, regarding status of S. Front Street project. Mr. Schreiner responded same has been resubmitted to CDBG for funding and will not be completed until funding is received, possibly next year. Members questioned Engineer Witczak re: opinion to accept current bid or rebid project. Engineer Witczak responded concerned that only two bids received and bid price significantly higher than estimated pricing, however never sure if pricing will go up. Engineer and Secretary contacted number of contractors regarding bid with no response, based on follow up phone calls may be related to most bids following same time line and completion date. Sodl questioned if three month time line granted to other CDBG recipients as well with negative response, only Coplay per CDBG coordinators. Discussion by members, will not accept current bids and requested Secretary change motion to rebid project.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Sodl read March, 2016 health report, 8 health licenses issued, 2 new reports with 14 ongoing and 6 resolved.

Royer reported fire department painting should be completed by end of month.

Burker reported Park & Recreation Board meeting last night, Coplay Sports and Legion Baseball working together to resolve scheduling issues at Stadium. Coplay Sports Opening Day scheduled for Saturday, April 30 at 11am. DCNR grant prepared for submission, thanked Engineer Witczak for help preparing rendering for submission, copy reviewed during meeting, members very pleased with results. Burker continued, grant submission is for \$460,000 total and is a 50/50 grant. Pres. Bodish questioned how much funding currently set aside. Eisenhower responded will have to review for exact amount. Sodl added submission can be made to other programs, private, etc. for additional funding. Eisenhower questioned who will be looking into those grants with response of Sodl and Burker. Eisenhower suggested utilizing intern program as forwarded through email by Secretary Gyecsek being offered through Lafayette college.

Eisenhower reported submitting for CDBG 2017 funding for replacement of approximately 14 storm sewer boxes. Library book/bake sale fundraiser raised over \$1,000, biggest fundraiser of year. Thanked all for their support.

Bodish reported annual tire drop off scheduled for Saturday, May 7 from 10 am – 2 pm at 1 Bridge Street location. Street sweeping scheduled for Wednesday, May 11 and Thursday, May 12, watch for "No Parking" signs. Received notification this date from Whitehall that we will be proceeding with joint storm sewer project on Hokendauqua Street with repaving sometime in 2017. Engineer Witczak requested information on storm sewer project for his review, Secretary will obtain same. Sodl requested review of number of stops report prepared by Secretary and Sanitation Driver, shows approximately 275 homes not recycling, a 20% increase is not unreasonable. Molitoris suggests educating homeowners on cost savings of recycling versus garbage, maybe some type of flyer to be sent out to residents.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Molitoris to rebid North Front Street project – carried.

Motion by Sodl, second by Luckenbach to disallow request for two additional parking spaces for Milander’s Deli on North side of Center Street across from business – carried.

Motion by Royer, second by Eisenhower to approve use of pavilion by Girl Scouts of Eastern PA on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at no fee – carried.

Motion by Sodl, second by Molitoris to approve Coplay Library Policies for background checks and personal appearance as presented by Coplay Library Board – carried.

Motion by Burkner, second by Eisenhower to hire Ryan Emerich as part time police officer in the Coplay Police Department contingent on passing necessary background checks – carried.

Motion by Sodl, second by Burkner to purchase two solar radar speed signs and poles utilizing funds from Departmental Projects Account, Police, Technology – carried.

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Eisenhower to authorize benefit for 32 hour Police Officer position of 75% Single health care coverage after 6 month probationary period – opposed by Royer – motion carried.

Motion by Eisenhower, second by Molitoris to pay off loan for crack seal machine from State Fund – carried.

Motion by Sodl, second by Burkner to approve donation of \$500.00 in memory of Whitehall Fire Chief Benner to Fire Training Grounds – carried.

Motion by Royer, second by Burkner to hire Ronald Jany as pavilion cleaner for the 2016 summer season – carried.

Motion by Molitoris, second by Burkner to hire Dawn Sellers as pool manager for the 2016 Coplay municipal swimming pool season – carried.

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Burkner to hire Courtney Dragovits, Brynn Delvecchio, Jarred Walker, Jenna Eberhardt, Samantha Molitoris and Rebecca Kosar as lifeguards and increase first year salary to \$7.75 per hour and to hire William Decker as cleaner for 2016 Coplay municipal swimming pool season – carried.

Building inspector report for March, 2016 read by Secretary. 3 zoning, 31 residential building, 2 commercial building, 3 electrical, 3 plumbing, 5 mechanical and 13 certificate of occupancy permits issued for total amount of \$4,024.25.

Motion by Burkner, second by Royer to approve police, building, fire, and health inspector reports – carried.

Motion by Eisenhower, second by Sodl to accept treasurer Sandra Gyecsek’s report for March, 2016 as presented to council – carried.

General Fund	\$ 115,399.60	General Fund MM	\$ 318,614.60
Garbage Fund	\$ 41,903.84	Garbage Fund MM	\$ 174,081.02
State Fund	\$ 97,800.51	Police Pension Fund	\$ 6,323.53
Street Opening Fund	\$ 104,526.12	Recreation Fund	\$ 61,280.07
Emergency Services Fund	\$22,732.58	Garbage Truck MM	\$ 90,853.49
Dept. Projects Account	\$ 281,453.82	Payroll	\$ 14,239.02

Motion by Royer, second by Eisenhower to pay all approved bills as submitted to members of council by secretary – carried.

Resolution and Ordinances: (roll call vote)

RESOLUTION NO. 1416

A Resolution approving application to DCNR for the Saylor Park Rehabilitation Project.

Motion by Burkner, second by Sodl to approve Resolution No. 1416. Roll call vote resulted in 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1417

A Resolution authorizing and adopting the collective bargaining agreement between the Coplay Borough Council and Coplay Borough Police Officer's Association and authorizing the implementation of its terms.

Motion by Sodl, second by Burkner to approve Resolution No. 1417. Roll call vote resulted in 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1418

A Resolution adopting revisions to the fee schedule of the Borough of Coplay, amending and confirming municipal costs and fees for licenses, services, inspections, rentals, user fees, and other charges and costs set forth by the Borough Council.

Motion by Molitoris, second by Eisenhower to approve Resolution No. 1418. Roll call vote resulted in 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1419

A resolution designating the agent authorized to execute all required forms and documents for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance for the Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm on January 22-23, 2016.

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Royer to approve Resolution No. 1419. Roll call vote resulted in 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 823

An Ordinance reducing the pension contribution required from the Borough of Coplay Police Officers to fund the Police Pension Plan to zero percent (0%) as authorized by actuarial study.

Pres. Bodish asked for any public questions or comments on this Ordinance. Mr. Procanyn questioned if audit completed on police pension plan. Secretary responded audited yearly and actuarial study completed prior to preparation of Ordinance.

Motion by Eisenhower, second by Burkner to approve Ordinance No. 823. Roll call vote resulted in 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

As there was no further business, motion by Molitoris, second by Sodl to adjourn meeting to executive session at 9:00 pm for discussion of personnel. May reconvene for motions if necessary.

Meeting reconvened by Pres. Bodish at 9:30 pm.

As there was no further business, motion by Sodl, second by Burkner to adjourn meeting until workshop meeting Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 7 pm and regular meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7 PM.

Attest
Borough Secretary