

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bodish. In attendance were Burkner, Eisenhauer, Molitoris, Luckenbach, Royer, and Sodl, as well as Mayor Molitoris, Police Chief Genovese, and PWD Boyle. Fire Chief Buskaritz was absent. EMA Coordinator position is being filled on interim basis by Mayor Molitoris. Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

Hearing of persons present: None.

PWD Boyle reported projects completed in September included completing spraying of weeds along curb lines, finished mulching at Town Square, pumped out pool water and removed all motors and pumps to be worked on over winter, winterized pool, parkway and Saylor Field, painted flag pole at borough hall, moved salt pile and cold patch to Bridge Street property, installed handicap parking with signs at 121 S Front and 22 S 4th, replaced signs at Parkway parking lot, trimmed bushes around Tot Lot, started preparing CFC parking lot for paving, routine sanitation, routine building maintenance and routine street maintenance, curb painting was done in Manor and Tepes. In October, go over snow plows and blowers, library carpet job, Halloween Parade set up and clean up, start boiler at borough building, work on CFC parking lot, and crack sealing. Met with CWSA regarding Front Street sewer main replacement project. Storm sewer replacement on Hokendauqua Street still awaiting work from UGI. Received CFC air conditioning bid package from Engineer, reviewing same. Two Christmas trees needed for borough hall and civic plaza, Secretary will advertise in next newsletter. Sodl clarified, section of Front Street being worked on by CWSA is not same as section currently being paved.

EMA Coordinator position is being filled on interim basis by Mayor Molitoris, no report.

Chief Genovese reported 185 total incidents with 1 arrest for September, 2016. 8 traffic arrests, 4 written warnings and 20 parking tickets. Received request from Tony's Hobby Shop for one additional one hour parking space on Center Street. Molitoris questioned difference between this request and denied request from Milander's Market. Chief Genovese responded Milander's already had two spaces, requested additional two spaces across street from business; Bacon Strip has three spaces, News Agency has two spaces, giving Hobby Shop one additional space would conform with other businesses. No further questions by members, motion at regular meeting.

Fire Chief Buskaritz was absent, Sodl reported fire department personnel will paint squad room as public works will not have time prior to Open House. 14 incidents reported for the month of September, 2016. Fire Department Open House on Monday, 10/10 from 6 – 9 pm. Department will be in Whitehall, Coplay, and Northampton Halloween parades.

Secretary Gyecsek reported copy to all re: proposed changes to Street Opening Ordinance prepared by Engineer Witczak, requests council review changes and questioned if discussion at next week regular meeting or request he attend November workshop for discussion. Council will be prepared to discuss at regular meeting with Engineer in attendance. Received thank you letter from Senior Citizens for use of pavilion for picnic, they were very happy. 38 S 4th Street, contacted realtor and explained our situation, she still agreed she could help us. Set up appointment and went through the home. She then brought a standard agreement of sale to be signed, after reviewing I submitted to solicitor who stated we absolutely cannot sign. Called her back, explained we cannot sign agreement; they cannot place listing on MLS without signed agreement. Realtor recommended using auctioneer. Could also look into "for sale by owner" online listing site costs and Craigs List, will of course also have to advertise and must receive sealed bid no matter which way we try. Sodl stated did not want to go auctioneer route yet. Mayor Molitoris commented may want to at least get costs involved in using an auctioneer, help to know all of our options. Secretary stated Liberty Auctions holds annual municipal equipment auction in November, will contact them, see what they say and also get costs to list on "for sale by owner" sites. Received email from Wells Fargo questioning if Coplay had in place a vacant property ordinance; after looking into same, purpose of ordinance is to require registration of vacant buildings to prevent blight and for security of abandoned and foreclosed properties. Wondered if council would like to pursue passing an ordinance of this nature. Received annual development report and outlook from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, same is on file in borough office for review. 130 S 9th Street, after last month's discussion with Solicitor Pereira determined Secretary and BCO Helman are only borough officials able to conduct reinspection of property on 10/18. At this time, Pres. Bodish questioned members if interested in vacant property registration ordinance with positive responses from Sodl and Eisenhauer, check out Freemansburg and Hanover as they have passed similar ordinances. Pres. Bodish requested Secretary pursue preparing an ordinance of this type.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Boards and Commissions – application received from Melvin Procanyn for open appointment on Coplay Zoning Hearing Board with term expiring 12/31/2018. No questions or comments by members, motion at regular meeting.

Proposal received from Attorney William Fries to serve as Solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board in place of retired Attorney Jeffrey Matzkin. Secretary reported that in addition to being short of members, when Zoning Board Secretary Richard Hess contacted Attorney Matzkin regarding the zoning variance application, he was told he had retired. Attorney Matzkin recommended Attorney Fries who submitted resume. 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 had nothing to report.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Sodl thanked Chief Genovese for his work last month. Will be reviewing the speed and traffic count information collected by the street signs along South 2nd Street and Chestnut Street with Chief and Mayor.

Royer reported property committee met to discuss 2017 budget, same prepared and submitted to finance committee, included funding toward heating upgrade.

Burker reported still awaiting decision on submitted DCNR grant, expect to hear approval/denial prior to election. Fundraiser planned at American Club of Coplay Pavilion on 12/9, additional information to follow. Coplay Community Days numbers not finalized at this time, however was a very good year; committee discussing purchase of additional security cameras for around pool and parkway area. Park & Recreation Board meeting last week, unable to attend, requested Molitoris run same and requested Molitoris report to council on discussion. Molitoris reported discussion at meeting revolved around upgrades at pool, i.e. diving board being replaced, maybe installation of a sliding board, and definitely replacing the wooden life guard stand. PWD Boyle stated, along with office, obtained costs for each of those items for next year. Secretary Gycsek added, will review recreation budget for 2016, see if there is anything remaining that could be used to purchase at least one of the items from the 2016 budget and not have to include for 2017 funding.

Eisenhauer reported held preliminary budget meeting; requests all budgets and wish lists are submitted to Secretary by next Tuesday. So far budget meetings have resulted in deep discussions and forward thinking; first reading of budget will be at November meeting. Library collected food for Food Bank, Book/Bake sale this Friday and Saturday. Average monthly circulation = 700 books, 800-900 foot traffic, 3200-3400 of web traffic and 600 hours of computer usage. Awaiting installation of carpet. Also, Trexler Grant beneficiaries included governments, especially for recreational purposes. Grant period opens up on November 1st. Secretary Gycsek stated same could be used toward borough's portion of DCNR grant; will review and prepare submission of grant.

Bodish reported Engineer Witczak reviewed CWSA project on South Front Street, estimates cost of \$80,000 for us to install underdrain and pave; compared to \$280,000.00 for North Front Street project. No changes in sanitation pickups for October. Received Thank You from owner of A Cut In Time for reinstallation of parking space. Submitted streets and sanitation budgets to Eisenhauer, forgot to include \$20,000 in each budget for building fund. Secretary will add same for finance committee review.

Hearing of persons present: None.

At this time, Sodl commented on dedication at Legion this weekend to rename after Stanley Reinhard; had a very good turnout and good program, was glad attended same.

AT REGULAR MEETING:

Vote on appointment to Zoning Hearing Board.

Vote on appointment of Attorney for Zoning Hearing Board.

Vote on additional parking space for Tony's Hobby Shop on Center Street.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Sodl, second by Molitoris. Meeting adjourned until regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2016 7 PM.

Borough Secretary