

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Pres. Bodish.

In attendance were Bodish, Dreisbach, Eisenhauer, Kern, Molitoris, Sodl, Mayor Burkner, Boyle, Luckenbach, Chief Emerich, and Interim Fire Chief Schuster

EMA Grim and BCO Helman were absent

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance:

Hearing of person: Resident Joey Cooper spoke: Noise issue & Public drunkenness and drug use (day & nighttime) since he moved in March 2023. Police called several times. Loud music from speakers inside and outside the home. Residents will turn down music when police approach and will turn back up after police leave. Chief Emerich answered that Coplay PD has staffing problems and stated no other municipalities can enforce noise ordinances. Chief proposes a (3 paged) DRC- Disruptive Conduct Report which a fine would go to landlord after numerous calls.

Anne: Last month council voted on settlement check \$36,000.00. Is it coming out of taxes or from the Borough's insurance company for a claim. Lou stated cannot discuss personnel.

Annie's second question was "hearing of people present" wanting to have opportunity to ask questions when council is voting on what is to be discussed next month.

PWD Boyle- July running on normal operations. Shade tree: 3 trees removed. 2 sidewalk repairs. Property: A/C Library replaced; CFC A/C repaired. New 50' roof drain spout was replaced on Borough Hall & another one needs to be dug up. Touch up work on boiler being done for winter heating season. Estimate for removal of "Tree of Life"; Moving up work due to roof issues at Borough hall. UGI service line to Municipal building at Bridge Street will be a \$5,851.39 fee to convert building from LP to NG to save money. Email from Acela on outstanding projects: Truck route completed except line painting. Borough installed 20 "No Truck" signs (unless local deliveries) on perimeter of town. 6th Street Paving Improvement. Notice to proceed was sent to Herman. Substantial completion date to be Sept 11, final completion date of 10/11. Work will consist of Coplay to Chestnut, intersections of 6<sup>th</sup> and Schreiber to Hockey. All utilities have been notified and all work needed to be done is accomplished; we're good to start milling. No start date noted. Police station feasibility study. Acela met with Chief 7/6. Walk through week 8/14. Expecting final report mid-late September for the study. Fire Department surveillance and security update Mike to cover. The majority of UGI work in town is done. Repair for damage incurred will be completed end of August to early September. Road to be repaired to original condition. Chief requests mark sidewalk of speed lines.

BCO Helman- N/A

Chief Emerich- reported Collected July \$235.00 for fees and reports requested. 15 traffic arrest, 9 warnings by parking tickets. 231 calls for service. 7 arrests, includes simple possession of narcotic, theft by unlaw taking and offensive prohibited of weapons and several DUIs. As of today, August running over normal operations. We were able to qualify Isacc Jimenez; waiting for MOPEC. Asking for Amanda Segurra to be hired for part time officer, have approved at council meeting. Quarterly reports for grants, submitted DRC consulting fee, asking \$2,500 to come back from PCCD. Curb painting-5th & Chestnut and area near Church 3rd and Coplay on the north side. Looking for volunteers to hand out flyers for consortium testing. New vests from Grant. Normal \$8000; PD got for \$800. Feasibility study for CFC, sounded like not to use building. Better to go behind building. Tennis courts owned by recreation, donated by LaFarge. Could/have to use parking lot, Lafarge will give as an impound lot. Grievances filed, 3 council members invited PD to a meeting to hear grievances and try to work it out, no one from PD showed up. It felt disrespectful, especially finding out they PD had an association meeting held afterwards.

Interim Fire Chief Schuster -reported July 16 calls: 1 NVA, 2 assist lift, 1 EMS, 2 CO alarms, 2 structure fire, 1 traffic, 1 odor in dwelling. Thanked Paul painting of lines at station in front of bays and signs for NO parking in front of bays. Problem with people parking from across the street. Agenda: community days biggest fund raiser of the year. Safer grant= attending meetings to get on right track. Normal operations. Charlie asked: re: grant able to take workman's comp out of grant. Grant slated for staffing and specific items requested when filing for grant.

EMA Grim- Absent

Benson – Reported JANPRO service for cleaning floors. Tiffany will look into re: Mark question about a lottery winner ticket holder not receiving their check. Discussed last week, cell tower lease. Given to Harrison to look over. Lisa stated it's the councils decision. Claudia Evans is contact for buy out. On the building: lower amount receives from \$1750. to \$1500. Last meeting asked for a report on pool revenue. June was \$1,301.00; July was \$4,864.00. On agenda to approve authorization for solicitor to start process filing municipal liens for Unpaid garbage bills. List is from 2017 to 2022 totaling \$29,836.80. The Solicitor fee would be included with the resident's cost, No fee to the borough. In review spreadsheet fee schedule current and proposed. Not much change. Dumpster fee to be added if requested within 24 hours notice to be increased to \$75 from \$25. Proposed rental agreement for Social Hall. Fire interceptor vehicle was approved through LH county after study done. Library door approved \$16,350.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Sodl: RE: Pool based on the numbers, what is strategy at end of season for losing money again. \$50,000 could be used elsewhere in the borough. Resident Charlene stated she is enjoying the pool, helpful for her upcoming knee surgery & asked to look into corporate sponsors.

Kern: Safety and security of the Borough Hall building: Incident of juveniles entering building. Proposing use of High security folding gate to shut down certain areas of the building. Proposed locking back door when office closes. The chief stating locking back door has caused complaints. PWD: \$100,000. to repair and secure the building. It was recommended to make a plan and decide to remodel or move elsewhere.

Used 2012 F512 Utility (40' lift) bucket truck: Want approval for Bid: \$59,000.00. In budget for \$70,000.00. The current truck is 1986 with a 35' lift. Downpayment was made.

Mayor- CCD: Pray for good weather.

Dreisbach- N/A

Kern- N/A

Eisenhauer- Library – August 19th is final day for reading program. Reptile coming Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup>. New director still in training and going well.

Administration- Reviews for Tiffany and Heather went well. Identify more training opportunities. Budget: Goal to have majority done 10/15. PW contract ends 2023, and Police contract ends 2024.

Luckenbach-N/A

Molitoris- Pool closed 4 full days due to staffing. Saturday, 7/22 pavilion rented and purchased pool passes. (Sports) Injured lifeguard has returned picking up a lot of shifts. Office staff not guaranteeing the pool to be opened. Needs to be made clear there are reasons for the pool to be closed. CCD offered to supplement pay additional \$5.00 per hour during CCD. Check prior minutes to see if pool closes prior to CCD. At the Plaza: Brosky & Myers on 8/16 & The Castaways 8/30.

Sodl – Office isn't responsible for telling customers what we can do/might do regarding the pool. Administration is responsible for selling passes and renting pavilion. Pool manager is responsible for staffing. The pool manager is paid a salary to run the pool facility.

Sodl thanked the Police and Fire Department for their services.

Bodish – Under PW: under normal procedures.

Benson: several calls residents coming to pool during aqua Zumba, register was closed already, unable to pay to enter pool. Register receipts state closed outs are all before 6pm.

Hearing of Persons Present: Charlene 109 S 8<sup>th</sup>: Parking in the back lot for Borough Employees from 6am-4pm. Parking of Borough Employee on street years ago and complaint from resident. Extremely Grateful and happy for pool being open. Recommend seeking sponsorship.

Annie: agree with everything heard. Bucket Truck purchase, vs 3 police car, one car battery needed to be disconnected prior to use. Chief stated the vehicle was fixed w/ a grant. Last payment for a #33 newest truck and next year will look into a 4<sup>th</sup> vehicle.

At Regular Meeting:

Approve the new fee schedule as proposed effective 9/1/2023.

Approve JANPRO Cleaning & Disinfecting's quote in the amount of \$1,700.00. Quote includes scrubbing and buffing borough hallway floors, bathroom floors and police station floors and to clean steam council chambers and office carpets.

Approve authorization for solicitors to start the process of filing Municipal liens for unpaid garbage.

Approve Resolution # 1497 naming Louis Bodish and Tiffany Benson as Authorized signers for PennDOT Multimodal Transportation fund (MTF) of 2023.

Approve Resolution #1498 designating depositories for Coplay Branch of First Northern Bank of Palmerton & The Neff's National Bank for borough funds.

Approve Resolution #1499 for submission of Plan Revision to DEP for New Land Development Sewer Module of Property located at 26 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Approve to hire Amanda Segurra as 32 hour part time police officer.

Approve purchase of bucket truck if bid comes in under \$59,000.

Approve Audio Video Specialists bid for Fire Department Cameras in the amount of \$12,948.00

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Eisenhower to adjourn into executive session for Property and Personnel.

All in Favor 7, Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Carried/Denied

Motion to adjourn meeting by Kern second by Dreisbach at 9:50 PM.

All in Favor 7, Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Carried/Denied

Next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7 PM.