

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

In attendance were Bodish, Dreisbach, Eisenhauer, Kern, Sodl, Mayor Burkner, Boyle, Molitoris, Luckenbach, Bechtel, Emerich, and PWD Boyle

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance:

Hearing of Persons Present –

Rick Hess- On behalf of Coplay Rec & Welfare he would like to thank Public Works, Fire Department, Police Department and Council for another successful Halloween Parade.

Tara Miller – Aqua Zumba Instructor asked council to consider the health and wellbeing and community instead of a financial decision for the Vote on closing the pool.

Barbara McConaughy – Aqua Zumba participant, and Coplay homeowner asked council to consider not closing pool.

Raymond Smith – asked council to move sign behind Giant with weight limit restrictions to be visible when entering Coplay from Northampton by new apartments on Coplay Rd. President Bodish stated the engineering report came in and we are waiting on state regulations to proceed with moving traffic pattern for large trucks. Mr. Smith asked when the roads were going to be worked on.

PWD Boyle -routine streets, sanitation and building maintenance, also reported that they are having a meeting on which streets will be worked on next year. Boiler will be fired up on Thursday, just waiting on a gear.

BCO Helman – read BCO Helman for the Month of October - 26 Permits in the amount of \$2,128.75

Chief Emerich reported 229 Calls, 3 arrests, 2 DUI, 1 harassment, 19 traffic tickets, 16 written warnings and 3 borough parking tickets. Will be aggressively pushing reminders about burglary and theft on Coplay Police FB page.

Chief Bechtel – 24 incidents, participated in 3 Halloween parades, 5 fire prevention trainings and covered Whitehall during their Haunted Parkway events along with multiple trainings at burn tower. Matthew Haedrich resigned as of 10/5/2022. Coplay Fire department has 16 active volunteers and looking for more people to join.

Bachman – read letter from Faye Schreiner to continue another 3 year term on the Library Board. Explorer Post 101 is asking for additional dates and times for their Seasonal Holiday open house. Explorer also asked to use the Auxiliary Room for train display. Email from resident was read asking if Coplay will ever hold an electronic and shred day. President Bodish read Kimberly Bachman's letter of resignation. She will be moving, members of audience wished her well.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Engineer submitted report for \$8,700.00 to survey property for lights at Samuel Balliet Stadium.

Mayor- stated that he wanted it on record that should the vote go in favor of closing the pool, he will execute his right to veto councils' decision. The Park and Rec committee should be granted time to figure out if they can come up with ideas on fundraising, look for grants, and asks that it be put on a referendum in May to allow the taxpayers to decide if they want to pay a tax to keep pool open.

Michael Dreisbach – Nothing to report for IT

Kern- Mr. Kern reported that the borough needs to get the application in for Trexler Grant that is due on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Looking to council to give ideas on what is needed. PCCD Grant was successfully submitted. RCAP is also available to apply for Building upgrades. Mr. Boyle stated the Pavilion could use rubber coated and or Handicap accessible picnic tables for Trexler Grant.

Eisenhauer- Library – Library is working on Trexler Grant, Asking for \$30,000.

Admin – received new Xerox machine, Mrs. Eisenhauer reviewed the 2023 budget. Various items from each category were reviewed. Council is recommending no mill increase for the 2023 budget.

Luckenbach – nothing to report

Molitoris- asked for the vote to be tabled, spoke on possible corporate sponsors, referendum and to just give Park and Rec time to see what can be done to minimize the number of deficit and come up with an end number that is suitable.

Sodl – reported that he would like to see the Fire Building start being used by the Fire Department, they would pay rent and a set board would decide how the funds would be distributed, Financial books would be open, Fire dept is getting prices on equipment. Mr. Sodl brought up painting of the lines in the borough.

Bodish – Running under normal operation. Received Performance grant notification in the amount of \$19,21.98. Borough Office and Public Works Closed Thursday November 24, 2022 and Friday November 25, 2022 for Thanksgiving. Recycling will be on Wednesday 23, 2022, Turn Clocks back on Sunday November 6, 2022 and Election is Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Approval from Monsignor to place Putz at St. Peters.

Hearing of Persons Present:

Anne Killeen-stated that Fb had two advertisements, one for the Fire Department looking for volunteers and will accept 14 year olds. Anne wanted to know what was in the budget for MS4 Engineering fees. Anne questioned the lines on the bridge not being painted, President Bodish replied this is a Lehigh County issue.

At Regular Meeting:

Approve the first reading of budget

Approve to authorize Secretary to advertise special meeting final budget reading, advertise ordinance setting tax rate for 2023 and resolution adopting receipts and expenses per new budget.

Approve December 19, 2022, 6:00 PM for the special meeting to approve the 2023 budget.

Approve the annual appointment of auditor Kirk & Summa to audit 12/31/2022 financial statements

Approve the use of gym by Recreation & Welfare for annual tree lighting and holiday concert on December 1, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Approve Coplay Community Days to lease Plaza property for \$250.00 from November 25, 2022 thru January 31, 2023.

Approve Explorer Post 101 to have their Holiday open house Tuesday, December 15, 2022 through January 8, 2023 with numerous dates and times through that time period.

Approve 2023 contract with The Sanctuary at Haafsville for stray animal assistance for the Borough

Approve the resignation of Secretary-Treasurer Kimberly Bachman, effective December 31, 2022.

Approve Resolution 1492 making Tiffany Benson, Secretary-Treasurer effective January 1, 2023.

Approve Reappointment of Faye Schreiner to Coplay Library Board for 3 Year Term.

Approve Acela Engineering professional services for Balliet Stadium Lighting Project in the amount of \$8,700.00

Regular Meeting November 8, 2022 at 7PM

Motion by Eisenhauer second by Luckenbach to adjourn meeting at 9 PM.