

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

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

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

Hearing of person: None

PWD Boyle – Routine Streets work, Sanitation run and Building Maintenance. Brush pick up starts this Friday and run through the season. Tire drop off May 13th in the upper lot 10-2. Street sweeping will be Thursday May 18th and Friday May 19, 2022. He read letters from Acela to the council regarding the Street opening ordinance update, fire dept security cameras, streambank restoration and street paving projects. Estimated engineer budget \$4500. This letter will serve as an official proposal.

BCO Helman: Permits for April total of \$1,114.00 in permits.

Grim – absent

Chief Emerich: April 192 calls to service. Up 35 from last year. 7 arrests, 13 traffic arrests, 3 cadets left to be interviewed on Thursday. Change and upgrade cell phones and coverage. Change from Verizon to First Net aka: AT&T. Price is cheaper currently paying over \$500, would bring cost down to \$468.89. monthly saving of \$42.80. \$513.16 per year.

Phones affected: Police, Helman, Boyle, Mayor, & Borough phone. Phone #'s will not change.

Interim Fire Chief Schuster reported 17 calls in April. 2 structure fires, 2 automatic alarms, 2 fire standbys, 3 police assists, 1 ropes and rescues, 1 unconscious person, 1 outdoor odor, 1 vehicle fire, 1 brush fire, 1 inside hazard, 1 elevator rescue. Tot lot dedication May 6th – Normal operations. Interim Fire Chief Schuster has asked for approval for a coin toss on May 27th.

Benson – Stated that Mr. Kern will discuss the forms received by council for Coplay's request for Greenways Grant, and letter of Support for Whitehall IRT repaving IRT Project. Nothing additional to add.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

The council discussed a feasibility study for converting Cherry Street into an emergency services building. Paul will contact Acela.

Mayor- Mayor Burkner spoke on the importance of the upcoming primary election and the open seats. Burkner spoke on the Dedication of tot lot and youth event, Jeanne McNeill, Nick Miller and Vito Gallo will be in attendance.

Dreisbach-Mr. Dreisbach stated he recommends switching phone carriers. Nothing to report.

Kern: Mr. Kern stated the compliance reporting is finalized for contaminated soil and roof for the grant received. ARPA Covid Grant audit finalized. Local heroes pay program, solicitors will review to move forward. Joint venture w/ Whitehall township to repave Rails to trails project 15% match w/ Whitehall. Harry Trexler declined grant for ADA benches to be placed at Tot lot, Parkway and Civic Plaza. Grant Committee will reapply for benches & pool pumps through Greenways Grant, it will require a 15% match in the amount of \$6,464.95. Both projects are estimated to cost \$10,000.00. The library doors are out for re-bid, the grant was approved.

Eisenhauer- Mrs. Eisenhauer stated a new library director was hired and Pamela Kopishke started today. Library was awarded Trexler grant of \$15,000 for operational cost. Tot Lot dedication will have activities from the library along with snacks. Library Fundraiser -Vince's steak truck next Tuesday, Upper lot Next Saturday 3-7PM, St Peter's dinner, with basket raffle. Food drive was successful last month. Thanked garden club for last Saturday weeding and putting mulch in front of library and tot lot. Administration: The staff is under vigorous training through the PA state association of boroughs. Acct rate looked at, may invest in a CD later. Borough fee schedule is to be evaluated: Health License, pavilion. Etc. Resolution will include all departments information for fee increases. Fee Schedule recommendations are to be submitted for discussion at July 5th meeting.

Luckenbach- Nothing to report

Molitoris- Park & Recreation- Gazebo/plaza for Wednesday (Jenni Hackett Duo) is cancelled due to cold/windy weather. May 10th the Cataways, May 17th Steve Brosky & Jimmy Myers, May 24th Pair of Aardvarks are scheduled at the Gazebo/Plaza.

No Lifeguards applications received. Have applications for gate keeper and pool manager.

Sodl – Thanked Interim Fire Chief and police for their services.

Bodish – Mr. Bodish stated Monday May 29th is Memorial Day Borough office & Public Works is Closed. Trash pick up for Monday will be Tuesday, & Tuesday's will be picked up on Wednesday. Street sweeping is May 18th & 19th. Tire drop off is May 13th from 10-2PM at Upper lot at Parkway and Brush pick up starts this Friday. Brush, Branches, flower waste and weeds. No Grass, No leaves.

Hearing of Persons Present:

Anne Killen questioned where contamination soil came from, Mr. Kern stated it was from the bridge street building. Anne was concerned about borough building and zoning if the Borough Building is put up for sale..

Mel Procanyn asked for an update to the Balliet Stadium light project. President Bodish stated that it has been tabled while we get new quotes due the original coming in at \$887,000.00.

At Regular Meeting:

Approve to advertise Ordinance #859 to add an additional handicap parking space at 51 S 3rd Street.

Approve Switching Cell Phone carriers from Verizon Wireless to First Net.

Approve Fire Department Coin Toss at 2nd & Chestnut on May 27th 9-2PM

Approve Resolution #1495 Authorizing Louis Bodish and Tiffany Benson as Authorized Signers for the Greenway Trails State Grant.

Approve Letter of Support for the Whitehall Greenways Trail Project application committing 15% match which totals \$3,214.21 will be cost of project for Coplay's portion of IRT.

Approve Resolution #1496 Authorizing Tiffany Benson as Coplay Representative for Berkheimer.

Approve Coplay Sports Annual donation of \$500.00.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn to executive session for discussion by Luckenbach, second by Dreisbach at 8:20 PM.

Meeting will not reconvene due to no further discussion.

Next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 7 PM.