

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

In attendance were Bodish, Burker, Eisenhower, Kern, Sodl, Mayor Molitoris, Boyle, Molitoris, Luckenbach and Chief Bechtel

EMA Grim and BCO Helman were absent

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance:

PWD Boyle – Routine Streets work, Routine Sanitation pick up and Building Maintenance.

BCO Helman –Month of October 2021- 19 permits with a total of \$3,500.25

Chief Genovese reported 154 calls for service, 4 arrests, 1 DUI Arrest, 1 PFA Arrest and 1 Juvenile Arrest - 11 traffic violations, 3 written warning and 8 borough parking tickets.

Chief Bechtel reported –17 incidents for the month of October –Training- Multiple members completed their firefighter 2 testing and one member starting their firefighting 1 course

Bachman – Bachman thanked Council, Mayor and Paul for having the mini splits installed in the office and council chambers. They are very quiet and make a big difference in both rooms. The office has received an email stating that the 2020 904 Municipal Recycling Performance Grant award is estimated at \$6,976.76. Received a letter in the office indicating Kim Rader and Randy Bachman have resigned from the Coplay Athletic Club. Office also received a letter from the new board for the Coplay Athletic Club with new officers. Read an email from Acela Engineering that they will have an increase in prices of 7%, this is the first time the engineering firm has raised prices since 2020. Received a letter from Cetronia Ambulance Corps. thanking the borough for their donation to the ambulance corp. Received an email from Explorer 101 requesting dates to do their annual holiday open house for the train club with various dates and times beginning December 16<sup>th</sup> and ending on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Mrs. Eisenhower reviewed the 2022 budget. Various items from each category were reviewed. Council is recommending a ½ mill increase for the 2022 budget. For the average homeowner with a home of value of a \$140,000.00 increase of approximately \$70.00 would be assessed. Garbage would increase 10% for commercial accounts and for the homeowners would increase \$20.00, the discounts will still apply. The tonnage for garbage and recycling has increased dramatically over the past year. Mr. Sodl thanked Mrs. Eisenhower and Mrs. Bachman for all the time working on the budget.

Discussed the revision of the recycling grant which needs to be revised per DEP. The revision should have a section requiring persons hauling their own waste or contracting to haul waste to keep records of proper disposal for at least 60 days. Also, the borough should make it clearer that all persons must have waste services.

Council discussed the increase for Acela Engineering of 7%, Mr. Sodl said we should accommodate the firm. President Bodish stated that he would like to thank Acela Engineering for their services.

Mayor- Thanked Coplay Rec & Welfare for putting the Halloween Parade on and everyone that was involved including Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works. Also wanted to thank the Coplay Planning Commission and Public Works and anyone that was involved with the town clock, he stated he is very happy to see it installed and it looks great

Sodl – Mr. Sodl stated that the fire department will be having a fund raiser. Thanked the police department for all their services. Also stated that Sodl, Kern and Eisenhauer are in negotiation with the police contract and will be discussing with the police officers.

Burker- Park & Rec committee reviewed the gym use, to insure everyone understood rules and regulation. Coplay Sports will start using the gym on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Molitoris- Nothing to report. He will save his information for executive session. Sodl asked where we stand on the new phone system. He questioned if getting another quote for the system. Mr. Molitoris said he would reach out to RCN as well.

Library –Mrs. Eisenhauer, expressed that everyone should take a look at the library website to see all the events that are happening. The library will be doing a donation mailing for the library, they receive \$72,000.00 plus an additional \$12,000.00 from the State. The library depends on generous donation and fundraising to cover the budget expenses that the tax referendum and state funds don cover.

Kern- Nothing to report at this time

Bodish – Streets and Sanitation is running on normal operations. The Emergency Road Repair Intermunicipal agreement between Whitehall and Coplay is basically stating that they had helped the borough do road repair and are not responsible for any work done. Hopefully the new building will be finished before Thanksgiving. The contractor did receive a punch list of things that need to be done. There will be a construction meeting held on Wednesday to go over the punch list and the progress of what needs to be done with the punch list. Garage doors are all up but one. Eisenhauer has asked if we are in penalty time yet with the contractor. The penalty is \$500.00 per day exceeding the contract. President Bodish wanted to remind everyone that this Sunday to turn your clocks back for daylight saving time. The borough office and public works will be closed on Thursday November 25<sup>th</sup> and November 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving. Recycling will be picked up on November 24<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday. Mr. Kern asked if the borough found out if they were picking up leaves, President Bodish replied all grass and leaves are to go in the garbage which is stated in the newsletter`

Hearing of Persons Present:

Andrea Frisch- Questioned why a vehicle with a camper hooked up to it can be parked on the street in front of her home. It is right in front of her garage where she backs out of her garage and cannot see when she is backing out. She spoke with Chief Genovese about the situation and she observed school buses trying to avoid this vehicle. She had asked Chief Genovese if this was legal and his answer was yes if it is hooked up. If it is parked behind the yellow lines this is legal for them to be parked. Three days later the truck and camper did move closer to the curb. The owner lives four blocks away from where the vehicle is located. Chief Genovese said this was a civil matter. She is asking Council to please look into this. Chief Genovese did call the resident and ask him to move the vehicle and camper and he did move it closer to the curb. Eisenhauer had ask if there was an ordinance for parking a vehicle limit on the street. Mr. Sodl ask if they spoke to the owner and Chief Genovese said he was spoken to and said he has nowhere to park the combo. Andrea is concerned about this with public works for plowing. Mr. Sodl suggested we look into an ordinance for parking long term. Council will review the situation and see what can be done with the situation.

Rick Wargo-Asking if a four way stop sign can be put on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. He indicated vehicles roll or do not stop at the stop sign. Chief Genovese said in order to put a stop sign up you have to do a traffic study to see how many accidents there have been.

Joe Bundra- Requested for the borough to transfer the balance of \$500.00 from the IRT budget.

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

Anne Killen- Anne spoke about the pool if the borough has looked into for funding for a grant for summer educated the daycare. This is not a borough daycare so it could not be part of a borough grant.

At Regular Meeting:

Approve the first reading of 2022 budget

Approve to authorize Secretary to advertise special meeting final budget reading, advertise ordinance setting tax rate for 2022.

Approve December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6:00 PM for the special meeting to approve the 2022 budget.

Approve the annual appointment of Kirk and Summa, auditor to audit 12/31/2021 financial statements

Approve the use of gym by Recreation & Welfare for annual tree lighting and holiday concert on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Approve the revision of Ordinance 849 for solid waste and recycling

Approve emergency road repair intermunicipal agreement between the Borough of Coplay and Whitehall Township

Approve Acela Engineering rate increase for 2022

Approve Coplay Community Days to lease Plaza property for \$250.00 from November 26<sup>th</sup> 2021 thru January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Approve Explorer Post 101 to have their Holiday open house Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> through January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with numerous dates and times through that time period.

Approve C & S Enterprise to use gym on Sunday morning from 8 AM to 10 AM

Approve transfer of balance of IRT budget of \$500.00 from 2021 to 2022.

Any other items for Discussion:

Regular Meeting November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7PM

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn to executive session for discussion of property by Sodi, second by Burkner at 8:34 PM. Meeting will not reconvene due to no further discussion. Next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7 PM.