

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Sodl.

In attendance were Dreisbach, Molitoris, Eisenhower, Kern, Luckenbach, Sodl, Chief Emerich, Joseph Britt, PWD Boyle, EMA Grim,

President Bodish, BCO Helman, Mayor Burkner were absent.

Vice President Sodl led pledge of allegiance

Hearing of Persons Present: Joe Bundra – Presented the IRT Calendar year in review from 2022.

Mr. Bundra also expressed he was made aware of damage that was done from the NYE run that was held at Saylor Field, there was a lengthy discussion, Mr. Bundra made it clear that the funds to fix the damage will come from IRT Funds and not the Borough of Coplay. It will be followed up on to make sure it is taken care of.

PWD Boyle- Normal Operations, received preliminary truck route signage.

BCO Helman – Absent -for the Month of December there were 11 permits in the amount of \$1,320.00.

EMA Grim – Absent

Chief Emerich - 252 Incidents, 13 Parking Tickets, 3 Police Reports – 2021 year in review total crime incidents 2,149. 2022 end of year crime incident number was 2,189. E-grants for Police department – All forms have been sent for body cameras, room upstairs is up and running and first class starts on Wednesday, there will be cars in the back lot to assist in the training class on Thursday. Rick Kern thanked the Police and Fire Department for all their help during the Coplay Sports Santa Parade.

Joseph Britt for Fire Dept – 33 Incidents for month of December, 85 for end of the 2022 year. Joseph asked council to add a motion to the Regular meeting agenda to add himself as Fire Chief 501, Mark Schuster as Deputy 502 and Jacob Wertz as Assistant Fire Chief 503. Charlie Sodl stated that Brandyn must submit a resignation letter first.

Benson – read a letter from Pediatric Cancer foundation requesting the use of the Pavilion for a Kids Fun Run on September 9, 2023. They are requesting the fee be waived. Barry submitted a letter thanking the Borough for the opportunity to be of service for third party permits.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Michael Dreisbach – Nothing for IT. Michael Dreisbach read a letter recommending council to approve the conditional waivers solely for the subdivision of lots for 26 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Kern – nothing for grants, Mr. Gallo and Rick would like to meet with each committee on Friday January 20<sup>th</sup> 11:30-4PM to discuss needs for about 30 minutes and stated a “snow date” of January 27<sup>th</sup>. Rick will send out a timeline for each committee.

Eisenhower- Library – in process of developing fundraising list, all part time positions are filled and still looking for Library Director. -Administration – Janet stated Tiffany and Heather are aggressively training in the office. Kim's last day will be Friday January 13, 2023. Office will be sending out Committee letters for vacant openings.

Luckenbach – Nothing to report

Mayor- Absent

Molitoris- Park and Rec is in the process of talks with Catty YMCA. They need more information from the office on operations and expenses.

Sodl – Mr. Sodl thanked Chief Emerich for his service and thanked Joe Britt for helping out at the meeting.

Bodish –Absent – Paul stated that Christmas Tree pick-up will run the first three Fridays in January. January 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Rick Kern thanked Paul and employees and thanked Chief Ryan Emerich on the classroom upstairs.

Hearing of Persons Present:

Anne Killeen: Thanked everyone who answered her questions during meetings, she thanked Tiffany and Kim in the office for helping her and thanked council for helping the Borough Residents.

Joe Bundra: Thanked the Police Chief for continuing to patrol the IRT for the safety of residents and nonresidents that use the trail. He thanked the Fire Department for responding to fire events that have happened at the IRT property.

At Regular Meeting:

Approve Tiffany Benson as Right to Know Officer.

Approve waivers for length, width ratio and plan scale for the subdivision of property located at 26 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street based on Acela Engineers letter of approval with conditions.

Approve to waive the \$175.00 fee for the Pediatric Cancer Foundation (501c3) to use the Pavilion for their 5K Walk/8K run on September 9, 2023

Approve Joseph Britt as Fire Chief

Approve Mark Schuster as Deputy Chief

Approve Jacob Wertz as Assistant Chief

Approve Resignation of Brandyn Bechtel as Fire Chief

As there was no further business, no vote to be taken, motion to adjourn into executive session for Personnel. Motion by Molitoris, second by Kern at 7:50 PM.

Meeting will not reconvene due to no further discussion. Next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7 PM.