

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

In attendance were Bodish, Dreisbach, Molitoris, Eisenhauer, Kern, Luckenbach, Sodl, Mayor Burker, PWD Boyle and Fire Chief Bechtel.

BCO Helman were absent.

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance

Hearing of person:

Anne Killeen: Asked council how they are preparing for the preparation of electrical vehicles in the borough. Molitoris stated it would have to go under the National Electrical Code and BCO Helman

PWD Boyle – Routine Streets work, Sanitation run and Building Maintenance. Street sweeping will be Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The roof project is about ¼ of the way done with no complications so far. June 11<sup>th</sup> will be the annual tire drop in the upper Parkway lot with the hours of 10 AM to 2 PM. Traffic study is in progress. Kern thanked Boyle and his department for the work they have done at the Parkway with the new playground equipment.

Bachman reported for Helman –Month of April 2022- 38 permits with a total of \$4,157.50

Grim – absent

Chief Genovese reported 192 calls for March, 2022 with 1 thief, 4 criminal, 1 DUI, 1 weapon fired and 1 sex offense. 18 traffic violations, 8 written warning and 16 borough parking tickets. Request for a handicap parking space on Chestnut Street, all paperwork has been submitted and is approved through the Police department with correct documentation.

Chief Bechtel reported –29 incidents – Normal operations. Two members have started their Fire Instructor 1 class. Chief Bechtel has asked for approval for a coin toss on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Bachman – Reported that Portnoff Law has sent out the 2021 delinquent unpaid taxes on April 19,2022, received check from Lehigh County Housing Authority in the amount of \$7,747.00 in lieu of taxes and Hailstone Economics has completed the first quarterly report for the COVID ARPA funds. Read a letter from Mr. Michael Dreisbach resigning from the building board of appeals. Received an email from Wes Christman from Coplay Sports inviting Council to Coplay Sports opening day on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Received an email from Kurious Kids Learning Center in Cementon requesting council to waive the fee for the use of the pavilion on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 8 pm for their graduation ceremony. Mrs. Bachman opened the envelope received from Tony Sayegh for the bid of 38 S.4<sup>th</sup> Street in the amount of \$160,000.00. Eisenhauer asked how many people came to look at the house and Bachman replied there were four people that were interested.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Council discussed the fund raiser that the Fire department would like to hold on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the fire department. This would be held from 10 AM to 3 PM. The fund raiser would consist of a craft fair and aquarium equipment. Kern asked Bechtel how the fund raiser works that the fire department will make a profit from it. Bechtel replied the fire department will be selling food and will have a raffle for items from the aquarium vendors that have donated to the fire department. This event is run by Lehigh Valley Aquarium and they are the ones that charge for the space at the event.

Mayor- Mayor Burker has been working with Magistrate Todd Heffelfinger, Burker is asking if the borough would be interested in working with him for lesser crime people for community service. Burker stated we would need to ask other questions and go through the borough solicitor. Burker has asked Council if they would like to follow up on this. PWD Boyle said in the past the borough has worked with other programs for community services. He also stated that if the individual did not work

out that they would be released from the community services in the borough. Sodl suggested they could do work at the new facility for the work that needs to be done.

Sodl – Nothing to report

Dreisbach-Mr. Dreisbach stated the IT Committee meet with Acela Engineering for the cameras at the new public works facility and they are awaiting the bid package from the firm.

Molitoris- Park & Recreation-

The craft fair was a huge success. The committee has talked about giving a \$100.00 donation to the American Club for the use of the tables. Coplay Rec & Welfare and Coplay Sports will be receiving a little under \$620.00. This amount came from the basket raffle and the charge for the table space at the craft fair. He wanted to thank Tiffany Benson and Keith Sodl for putting the event together. Along with the help from our Public Works department, Coplay Sports and Coplay Rec & Welfare.

The Catasauqua pool will not open again for the season. He believes it would be the neighborly thing for the borough to discount the pool passes for Catasauqua. Mr. Molitoris suggested the following rates for the Catasauqua borough residents (ONLY) in the amount of; \$90 for student, \$100 for adults and \$200 for a family of four, each additional person would be \$20.00.

May 11<sup>th</sup> will be the first twilight series kick off held at the Gazebo/Plaza area across from Samuel Owens Restaurant from 6-9 PM featuring The Chas Band. Also, May 25<sup>th</sup> the Cataways will be playing at the Gazebo/Plaza, along with the dedication of the town clock.

June 18<sup>th</sup> there will be the grand opening of the new playground at the Parkway playground. More information will be given at the next meeting.

Luckenbach- Nothing to report

Eisenhauer- Library –Still looking for a director. The library has received a letter of interest for the director position and Eisenhauer will contact that person. The library is now open on Mondays again. The library will be holding their Spring Basket Social from May 7<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup> at the library. On May 14<sup>th</sup> the baskets will move over to St. Peter's Church to finalize the basket social.

Admin- The finance committee has meet for the proposal of the credit card machines for the borough office and the police department. Eisenhauer wanted to thank Mrs. Bachman for all her hard work on getting all the proposals for this. The recommendation that the committee would like to recommend would be Elavon, which is associated with Neffs National Bank. The machines would be free for both offices and there is no charge to the borough for the service. When the transaction is made it will consist of two transaction which are, the original purchase and then the second transaction made would be 3% of the total purchase which would go to the credit card company. Credit cards that will be accepted will be Mastercard, Visa and Discover.

Kern- LSA Grant for the Parkway playground project is complete. Kern thanked Bachman for doing all the paperwork for payment and follow ups and he also thanked PWD Boyle and his department for the work done there as well. 2021 CBDG for the fire breathing apparatus for the fire department is awaiting bids back. The 2022 CBDG grant has been submitted for the purchase of new doors at the library. Grant writer Gallo received an email for additional money through a federal grant towards body cameras. The grant would need additional paperwork for the submission, if the council agrees to move forward. Kern stated there is no body camera policy in effect. Chief Genovese stated there is a body camera policy already in place. Kern asked how we have a policy for body worn cameras if we don't have the cameras and council never approved the policy. Chief Genovese replied it was done for the future hoping the police department would get the body worn cameras and the policy did not need to go through council. The grant would need to be completed by May 9<sup>th</sup>. The federal grant would be no cost to the borough, the wages for the police officer would be the grant match.

Bodish – Running under normal operation. May 30<sup>th</sup> the Public Works Department and the Borough office will be closed. Garbage that goes on Monday will be on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday's garbage will go on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Again, street sweeping will be on May 19<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>, please look in the newsletter for details. President Bodish reported the borough has been granted the 902 Grant in the amount \$9,243.00. The committee will discuss the size of recycling can to be purchased. June 4<sup>th</sup> will be the grand opening of the new Public Works building from 10 AM to 2 PM.

#### Hearing of Persons Present:

Anne Killen stated she attended the Park & Rec meeting and was very impressed with the presentation of the meeting.

#### At Regular Meeting:

Approve to advertise ordinance for parking fine increases.

Approve Resolution #1490 to setting forth the use of The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds.

Approve Resolution #1491 to update fee for New Business Application increase. The fee is \$150.00 with the resolution it will be increased to \$350.00

Approve hiring 6 returning lifeguards, Rachel Havelly, Hannah Miller, Sabrina Kidulic, Sayegh Elizabeth, Lindsay Solderitch and Madelyn Kutney and 1 new lifeguard Nicholas Costantiono for 2022 season at the pool.

Approve hiring 3 returning admission keepers Quinn Wentling, Alina Culver, Madeline Scott and 3 new admission keepers William Loy, Sydney Wright, and Shavar Hussett for 2022 season at the pool

Approve Elavon through Neffs National Bank for credit card processing for the Borough office and Police station. There is no cost to borough for machine or services. Customers will be charged 3% in a separate transaction to use credit card services

Approve the following rates for the Catasauqua borough residents in the amount of; \$90 for student, \$100 for adults and \$200 for a family of four, each additional person would be \$20.00.

Approve the dedication of the new Parkway playground on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at noon.

Approve the resignation of Michael Dreisbach from the building board of appeals.

Approve to waive the pavilion fee for Kurious Kids Learning Center for their graduation

Approve the bid for 38 S.4<sup>th</sup> Street from Tony Sayegh in the amount of \$160,000.00

Approve May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 10 AM to 3PM for a fund raiser for the fire department

Approve May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 8 AM to 2 PM for a coin toss for the fire department from 8 AM to 2 PM

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn to executive session for discussion by Eisenhower, second by Sodl at 8:15 PM. Meeting will not reconvene due to no further discussion. Next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7 PM.