

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

In attendance were Bodish, Mayor Burkner, Dee, Hermany, Kern, Luckenbach, Santoroski, Sodl, Boyle, Chief Emerich and Fire Chief Britt

EMA Grim & Helman were absent

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance:

Hearing of person: N/A

PWD Boyle- reported normal operations, the Hometown Hero banners will be going up this week, Main Pool is up and running but wade (baby) pool will be about another week.

BCO Helman- Absent

Chief Emerich- reported \$990.00 collected for tickets, police reports & street sweeping. 58 Parking tickets are down, feels we are doing better with getting the word out and people moving their vehicles. 273 calls, 4 arrests.

Cadets will graduate this week with 93% & 95 % averages. Act 89 reimbursement has been activated and in the approval process for their academy tuition, wages, uniform & evaluations. Chief reported he got a new quote for the Durango's and its less than the charger. Looking to set a new Civil Service test. Mr. Sodl asked if the date had been set for the test, the answer was not yet.

Fire Chief Britt -reported 21 calls for May 109 total. Training 5 in water rescue operations, they will be certified June 9th, 3 enrolled in Pump ops 1 & 2. Coin toss held on May 25th yielded around \$2,000. Fire Chief Britt thanked all that donated and read information on recruiting new members to the Fire Department.

EMA Grim- Absent

Benson – Read senior citizens Letter from Dale Simon letting council know that the Senior Citizens Association will be dissolving due to low membership and nobody to take over. Their Last meeting will be July 3rd. He thanked Borough for all their Support. Read Street Closure request (Block Party Permit) for June 29th from 9AM-5PM. Pastor Bola asked if he could speak, He was asked to sign in and state his name and address.

- Bola Akomolede 17 N 3rd Street, Coplay introduced himself and his spouse as Pastors for the RCCG Living Spring International Center, he spoke on the events for their 20th Anniversary. Festivities from June 27th @ 4pm through Sunday June 30th at 10:45AM. They requested a block party permit to close 3rd Street from Hall Street to Coplay Street in front of the Church. They invited all to join, he stated they are working with the Senior Citizens invited them to their event on Thursday night to provide a meal after finding out that they will be dissolving their association. Mayor Burkner thanked him for coming to speak and inviting him for the 20th anniversary ribbon cutting. PWD Boyle made aware that the sidewalks were being removed and the Shade tree will be coming down on June 13th, sidewalks replaced in time for their event.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Mike Waldron from Acela Engineers spoke on the MS4 & PRP program for the Borough of Coplay. Drafted a new Storm Water Ordinance, it is currently with the Solicitors for approval. Working on Stream bank restoration, Raingarden to keep in align with our Storm Water management and DEP permit. Mr. Kern advised council, the DEP mandates that are required have no funding provided except for any grants the borough goes out for. Stream bank restoration will be 375 feet of dry riverbank rehabilitation and a raingarden installed by new public works building by the outfall to help keep sediment out of the river.

Mayor- updated on the previous request to host an open forum, looking to have it in September or October with our State Representatives. Community Days is heading in the right direction. Chief Emerich asked if Community Days has lined up security, The answer was yes.

Dee- N/A

Hermany- Thanked Tiffany and Sally for all the work in getting the pool staff their clearances, paperwork and ready to go. We will be opening on June 8, 2024. Thanked Public works for getting it up and running, he also asked if we are open on July 4th. Answer was yes, we don't close the pool for Holidays. Chief Emerich asked if

any tenants were located for the Snack Stand, he asked if it would be possible for it to be on a rotating schedule with local clubs, answer was no, the issue is the Liability insurance.

Kern- reported from finance, met with Principal for the Police Pension

Administration- he asked for all of council to

Luckenbach-nothing reported

Santoroski- submitted 2 grants, Greenways, Trail and Recreation for overhead Pavilion doors, Borough match would be \$9,600.00 - Borough match for Rail Trail restoration is – \$3,214.00, Borough also submitted Flood Mitigation Grant for Stream bank Restoration.

Sodl – Sodl thanked the Fire Department and Fire Chief Britt for their services and commended him for keeping up the training, He also thanked Chief Emerich.

Bodish – Public works committee met to discuss repaving 2nd from the Rail Trai to Keefer, we are allowed to use the Interest from Street Opening account as match or funding.

Hearing of Persons Present: Anne Killen S. 4th Street asked if the utility companies will be notified when they start the project. Mr. Boyle informed Ms. Killen that there is only a sewer line and we let all utility companies be aware that work is being done.

At Regular Meeting:

Approve to hire Jarrod Afflerback & Thomas Dunleavy as Full Time Police Officers for the Borough of Coplay at rate of \$27.24 per hour effective June 28, 2024 pending firearm qualification.

Approve to amend PCCD Recruitment and Retention grant for the restructuring of bonus assignments.

Approve Resolution #1512 authorizing Louis Bodish & Tiffany Benson as signers for Flood Mitigation Program Grant (FMP).

Approve Resolution #1513 authorizing Louis Bodish & Tiffany Benson as signers for Greenway, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant.

Approve Kacee Medei as lifeguard at \$13.00 per hour for 2024 pool season.

Approve street closure on June 29, 2024 from 9AM to 5PM from Hall Alley to Coplay Street in front of Redeemed Church on 3rd Street for Praise Arena.

Any other items for Discussion:

Regular Meeting June 11, 2024 at 7PM

Motion by Sodl; second by Hermany; to adjourn meeting 7:50 PM.

All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**