

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

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

EMA Grim absent

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance:

PWD Boyle – Routine Streets work, Sanitation run and Building Maintenance all normal operations. Mr. Boyle stated the Parkway playground equipment is installed and is waiting for the mulch to arrive this week. Boyle spoke about the new yard waste rules, beginning April 22 thru September 30th it will be **BRUSH** only, **leaves** will be collected from October 1st to weather permits. There will be **NO GRASS** collection for the borough. Boyle stated there will be a facility set up at 1 One Bridge Street for residents **ONLY**. It will be Monday through Friday 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Boyle stated please do the environmentally friendly thing and mulch your grass.

BCO Helman- Month of March 2022- 10 permits with a total of \$660.00 Helman spoke about an ordinance for housing numbers and the borough already has this in the property maintenance handbook that he follows. President Bodish suggested that it be put on the website and social media about the housing numbers that residents are aware of this. This is to help the resident that if there was an emergency that the emergency departments are able to find the location easily. Helman stated the open burn pit is listed in the boco book. He also stated he would like to increase the new business application from \$150 to \$350. The new business application is sent to zoning, building, electrical, fire and health, the cost of \$150 does not cover the expenses for the license.

EMA Grim- absent

Chief Genovese reported 195 calls for February, 2022 with 1 drug offense arrest, 1 trespass arrest, 1 harassment and 1 disorderly conduct- 19 traffic violations, 4 written and 19 borough parking tickets. Chief Genovese has asked council to increase the violation and fine prices, they have not been increased since 2004.

Chief Bechtel reported –13 incidents – total incidents for the year 62. Normal operations.

Bachman – DRC has been working on the computers in the police stations to correct their problems. Still gathering information for the credit card vendors. Eisenhauer and Bachman will review them in the next month. Broughal & DeVito is working on the ordinance for disruptive conduct that Chief Genovese has requested. Received and read two letters for the zoning board. Received letter for the Coplay Library Board. The calendar that was made for the residents has been updated with the new rules for yard waste and will be going out to the residents. Kirk & Summa, the borough auditors will be back in the office at the end of April.

Discussion of any problems/matters: Nothing

Mayor- Thanked Chief Genovese for his cooperation with the bicycles that were donated to a youth program. Mayor Burker has spoken with the Chief about fireworks that are coming up instead of pursuing the people shooting off fireworks, maybe the borough can pursue under the noise ordinance. Chief Genovese will be looking into other boroughs to see what they do for fireworks.

Dreibach- Nothing to report

Kern- Mr. Kern reported that the grant for the body cameras for the Police Department has been successfully submitted.

Sodl – Sodl stated the Police union contract has been settled but has not been returned with signatures to the borough office. Sodl suggested the emergency committee could look at 165 Cherry Street space for the use of functions for the fire departments. Molitoris stated the building needs a lot of work in the space. To rent it out there are a lot of restrictions, the fire department uses the building on Monday nights for their meetings and the Senior Citizens every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Sodl would like to see non profit organizations to utilize the area to benefit the community.

Molitoris- The Park & Rec committee has not found anyone to run the concession stand, the office has been advertising in the newsletter and on the website. Molitoris suggested we do what we did last year and just sell beverages again. Park & Rec was contacted from Catasauqua YMCA to use the pool for swim lessons. Still waiting for more details from the YMCA. Park & Rec was also contacting from Catasauqua Borough to use the Coplay borough pool for their residents. Catasauqua will not be opening their pool. Waiting for more information to make a decision. So far there are 32 vendors for the Craft Fair on April 23rd and April 24th. The proceeds from the rental of the tables and the basket raffle will go to Coplay Rec & welfare and Coplay Sports. Both groups will be available to help with the Craft Fair.

Eisenhauer- Library –Audit was completed at the library and they had a lot of positive feedback. Hopefully when council votes next week we will fill the last seat on the library board. Still looking for a director and two part time positions. The Book & Bake sale was a success the profit the library made was \$1,123.00. Mrs. Eisenhauer wanted to thank everyone for their support by donating and baking for the sale. The first day we had 106 people that came through the library and a lot of positive feedback from them. It was a surprise that a lot of people were not even from Coplay.

Luckenbach- On behalf of the property committee they recommend they sell the rental the borough owns. As far as 165 Cherry Street where CFC rented the committee does not have any suggestions at this time and looking for suggestions from all council members.

Bodish – Running under normal operation. New yard waste rules, beginning April 22 thru September 30th it will be **BRUSH** only, leaves will be collected from October 1st to weather permits. There will be **NO GRASS** collection for the borough. As Boyle stated a facility will be set up at 1 Bridge Street. President Bodish requested the residents mulch their grass. The changes to yard waste are not the borough's decision but the facility of where the borough takes their grass. The new public works building is finally finished. Hopefully do an open house sometime in May. Kern asked if there will be any drop off for Saturdays? At this time the borough will not have drop off hours on Saturdays. We understand that people work during the week but at this time this is what the borough will offer. The borough is asking that all residents mulch their grass. The facility where the borough takes the yard waste has chosen not to accept numerous townships or boroughs yard waste.

Hearing of Persons Present:

Anne Killeen- Questioned what it meant for the daycare charges. Also she does not know what it means about the Ordinance 853 for disruptive conduct is. Could council please explain what this ordinance is for.

Joseph Bundra- Mr. Bundra stated he is concerned about the four wheelers on the IRT trail. They have destroyed property on the trail. They have ripped up a lot of grass that is on the trail that they have worked on. His second concern is on 2nd Street by the park, asking council about the dip in the road where the cross walk is for the trail. Bundra stated there were 239,210 people that used the trail in 2021.

At Regular Meeting:

Approve Tiffany Benson for the pool manager position for the 2022 season.

Approve to raise daycare charges from \$40.00 to \$50.00 per child for the pool passes for the season

Approve to advertise ordinance 853, for disruptive conduct

Approve Lehigh County to use 165 Cherry Street for polling facility

Approve Dolores Ehly-Young for board position with the Coplay Library Board

Approve Todd Santoroski for appointed position or alternate on the zoning board

Approve Bill Ehritz for appointed position or alternate on the zoning board committee

Approve Resolution #1489 to place 38 South 4th Street up for bid for sale of property

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 Pm motion by Molitoris, second by Sodl.

Next meeting will be April 12th, 2022 at 7 PM