

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

In attendance were Bodish, Dreisbach, Eisenhauer, Kern, Sodl, Mayor Burkner, Boyle, Luckenbach, Chief Genovese and Chief Bechtel

Molitoris, Grim and Helman were absent.

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance:

Hearing of person:

Mr. Bundra – Joe wanted to express how happy he was that the crossing at the trail has been done. Numerous people have expressed how nice and safe they feel since this is done. He wanted to thank the borough for the job well done.

Chris Wolfer- North Catasauqua Sergeant Wolfer has requested to hire 2 Coplay Borough Police Officers for an event that they have in their borough on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Chief Genovese stated they have a MMO with some surrounding departments.

Anne Killeen- Anne wanted to know why her address was on the document. If we could please remove it. Wanted to know if there were any complaints about the fireworks. Mayor Burkner said he was out with two officers on July 4<sup>th</sup> and stated there is no way we can stop everyone in the borough from shooting off the fireworks. She also asked why she couldn't get agendas for the past. Eisenhauer said she would check into this.

Rich Stevenson and Javier Ortiz- Rich and Javier wanted to thank council for allowing them to have the block party. Everyone had a great time and everyone had helped clean up. Again, thank you very much!

Tim Gross- Mr. Gross has asked about the property on 30 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street. There are trees hanging down and will take down the transformer if the trees come down. He has called PPL and Lehigh County and they all referred them to call the borough. The borough will look into this and see if they can resolve the problem.

PWD Boyle – Routine Streets work, Sanitation run and Building Maintenance all normal operations. June completed work was to set up Bridge Street for open house, set up pavilion for movie night, clean up Parkway for dedication, finish up pool work for opening day, assist IRT with cross over at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Rail Trail, replace chem pro at the pool, removed down trees at the Rail Trail. Jobs for July will be to finish the boiler work, hang drywall at Bridge Street and install new Parkway sign and normal operations. Boyle had a meeting with Carlisle for the borough roof and it did pass and we will be finalizing the project. Sodl has asked where the road study is at, Boyle responded he will contact the engineering firm tomorrow.

BCO Helman- Helman was absent Eisenhauer read report. Month of June 2022- 14 permits with a total of \$1,355.00. Kern stated a resident has come to him about metal sticking up from the sidewalk and is dangerous. It is on Chestnut Street and he will get the correct address and report it to Helman.

EMA Grim- absent

Chief Genovese reported 218 calls for June, 2022 with 1 drug paraphernalia, 1 small amount of marijuana from vehicle stop. July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup> 2 fireworks complaints called into the Police station. 25 borough parking tickets issued and 4 police reports requested. 42 traffic arrest for the month, 20 written warning issued and 19 borough parking tickets.

Chief Bechtel reported –26 incidents – total incidents for the year 119. Normal operations. The fire department will be using the pool on July 18<sup>th</sup> for training. He has asked council if the fire department

may use the social hall on November 12<sup>th</sup> for another fundraiser. It will be the same version of the prior fundraiser.

Bachman – Absent Eisenhower read report. The borough received the grant money for the Parkway playground in the amount of \$81,422.00. The credit card is installed and up and running. The audit for 2021 is completed by Kirk & Summa. Final charges for the upgrade on the server for the borough in the amount of \$70,875.19. This money was used from the COVID money received.

Discussions- Nothing

Mayor- There is a concern from the Police Department that the Coplay Borough Council will eliminate the Police department. It was brought to the Mayor that the council is going to eliminate the department. Mayor Burkner stated this is not true, they serve and protect the citizens in the borough. Sodl stated we have a plan in place to advertise for a new Chief of Police and have a Chief from outside interview them. He also said at no time are we going to eliminate the Police Department. Bodish stated that there is an advertisement in the Morning Call and Whitehall-Coplay Press for the position of the Chief of Police. There are many rumors in the neighborhood about this and it is not true.

Dreisbach- On behalf of the IT committee- the camera project is still on going, they will be doing three phone bids for that.

Sodl – Sodl thanked the Police Department and the Fire Department for their services.

Molitoris- Absent Eisenhower read report. Park & Rec would like to offer free swim for children 12 and under from 6PM—8PM on movie night July 21<sup>st</sup>. Keith Sodl proposed painting the Coplay logo on the wall at the east end of the pool/shower building. Coplay Sports would like permission to repaint the sign near the entrance to Samuel Balliet Stadium.

Eisenhower- Library –Mrs. Eisenhower, stated there has been a new attorney for the library. Summer reading program is going well. Storytime has started again and the library is getting a good turnout for this program. Still looking for a library director and a board member.

Finance- Eisenhower said they have to start looking at their budget for next year. We tend to do things at the last minute and we can not do this. So please start looking at your budget for next year. You have a handout about the expenses for all three buildings, please look at this carefully.

Luckenbach- Nothing to report at this time.

Kern- Mr. Kern had nothing to report at this time.

Bodish – Stated the borough has made the final payment to the contractor for the Public Works Building. Total for the Public Works building is \$2,881,254.00, the borough did receive \$200,000.00 in grant money for removal of dirt. Total cost of \$2,681,254.00. The repaving down on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street cost the borough \$18,676.00, with the help of Whitehall Township doing the work.

Hearing of Persons Present:

Mr. Bundra- Mr. Bundra wanted to say he is impressed with council that they work together.

Tim Gross- Has asked if they have looked into LinkedIn to post the Chief of Police position.

At Regular Meeting:

Approve to accept resignation of Chief Genovese effective September 2, 2022

Approve the lease of the Parkway from August 22<sup>nd</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup> to Coplay Community Days.

Approve \$500.00 donation to Coplay Community Days

Approve the Rotary Club for their 5K Jingle bell run the use of the pavilion with the fee waived on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

Approve the Coplay Fire Department to use the pool for training on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 7 PM to 9 PM.

Approve Reynaldo Martinez to run the concession stand at the Coplay Pool for 2022 year, pending all required paperwork.

Approve North Catasauqua using two of our police officers on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Approve Fire Company to use the Social Hall on 11/12/2022 for a fundraiser.

Approve Free Swim for children 12 and under from 6-8PM on Movie Night July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Approve having an ice cream truck parked on Chestnut Street during events at plaza.

Approve Keith Sodl to paint Logo on East wall of Pool House.

Approve Jenny Hackett Duo at the Plaza July 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-9PM.

Approve Dynamic Duo at the Plaza July 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-9PM

Approve Sue Rabenold & Michael Scherer August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-9 PM.

Approve for Coplay Sports to repaint the sign near the entrance to Samuel Balliet Stadium

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn to executive session for discussion of personnel by Luckenbach, second by Kern at 8:00 PM. Meeting will not reconvene due to no further discussion. Next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7 PM.