

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

In attendance were Bodish, Burkner, Eisenhower, Kern, Sodl, Mayor Molitoris, Boyle, Luckenbach and Chief Bechtel

EMA Grim, Mr. Witczak, Helman and Chief Genovese were absent

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance:

PWD Boyle – Routine Streets work, Sanitation pick up and Building Maintenance. Mr. Boyle stated that FRCA will no longer except grass from the borough this season. Please either mulch the grass or put it in your garbage. The clock has arrived in the borough and the installation of the clock will be started in the next few days. Roof for the borough building is out for bid. Mr. Sodl wanted to make it clear that the borough did not make this decision on the grass it was the facility where we take it.

BCO Helman –Month of September 2021- 19 permits with a total of \$1,826.75

EMA Grim-abscent

Chief Genovese abscent, Mayor Molitoris- reported 201 calls for service, 8 crimes, 5 adult arrests- 22 traffic violations, 4 written warning and 14 borough parking tickets.

Chief Bechtel reported –15 incidents –of those incidents 4 were water rescues. Multiple members completed their Firefighter 2 prep class

Bachman – Mrs. Bachman read a thank you note from St. Peter’s Church thanking the borough for their donation for the basket raffle. Reported that the bidding ended for the 2000 GMC garbage truck and the bid that won was \$5,800.00. Hobel’s Coal bid was received in the amount of \$175.00 per ton. Read a letter from Broughal & DeVito that their hourly rate will increase in the amount of \$135.00 per hour. Received two emails from Karen Stoitsits stating she would like to join the library board and one from Gary Walbert stating he would like to remain on the library board for another term. The borough has received the 2021 Volunteer Fire Relief fund in the amount of \$14,769.36. Mr. Sodl reported that this is \$2,000.00 dollars less than last year. September 28th the borough received the 2021 State Aid allocation in the amount of \$69,080.19. Also received a letter from Coplay Lions Club asking for a donation for this club.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Eisenhower asked what was donation to the Coplay Lions Club was last year

Discussion of the increase of the rate for Broughal & DeVito, Council had asked what their rate was prior, Bachman stated she would look into this tomorrow. The rate we have been paying is \$120.00 per hour which Bachman had notified everyone in the morning after the meeting.

Discussed about the bid on the garbage truck

Mayor- Mayor Molitoris wanted to express that the decision not to pick up grass clippings was not the decision of the borough.

Sodl –Mr. Sodl said that Fire Company 1 will turn over the 501C to the borough so the fire department will have it. With that he would like a board set up so the borough has control over this 501C because the fire department belongs to the borough. With having the 501C the fire department would be able to have more fundraisers and apply for more grants.

Burker- Coplay Sports President Wes Christman reached out to Burkner to ask if Council has made a decision on the usage of the gym in the borough building. Molitoris asked if the borough has made a decision on opening the gym? Eisenhower stated that two meeting ago that the council agreed to

open the gym on November 1st. Aeorbics will be using the gym on their normal scheduled days. Burkner expressed that they had an awesome turn out with the Craft Fair over the weekend with 28 vendors. The proceeds will be going to the Coplay Library and Coplay Cemetery Association.

Molitoris- Stated that the Police Station is painted and the new floor is in. Wanted to thank Public Works for taking care of moving everything out of the office for these things to get done. Chief Genovese has ordered new desk and is awaiting information from the vendor to build the desks. Molitoris has received a call about trucks going on Ruch Street, he wanted to know if there were tonnage signs posted on Ruch Street. Council will ask Chief Genovese about the signage on the street.

Library –Mrs. Eisenhower, the reading program for the summer was very successful. The library had 28 programs and 221 people participated. The library has reached 172% of their reading minutes. The website has been updated and the library now accepts credit cards. The library had their Book and Bake sale this past weekend and had an amazing turn out. For the month of August the library had 540 people in the library, 323 people used the website, 251 PC users and 841 registered borrowers. Would like to encourage Council to accept Karen Stoitsits for the library board along with Gary Walbert. The library still needs one more board member.

Eisenhower- Finance- Wanted to thank everyone for getting their budgets for 2022 back so quickly so the Finance Committee can meet next week. Staff is getting ready with advertisements and letters to go out. Copies of reviews will be handed out in November so all Council members can work on them and return them in January.

Kern- Mr. Kern reported on grants and they are as follows; the LSA1 grant the equipment was ordered and Kern and Boyle meet with the gentleman that was awarded the installation of the equipment. Delivery time for the equipment is 14-16 weeks, the borough will have to store this equipment and it will be installed in Spring of 2022. Still waiting for the CDBG grant for the fire department will probably be in January of 2022. Greensway still waiting to hear on this grant, this would be for the Tot-Lot upgrades. Kern stated he believes sometime in November we should hear something.

LSA 2 Grant is for the upgrade to the tennis court to turn them into basketball courts through this grant. It was submitted last week in the amount of \$81,530.00. Coplay Community Days will be donating \$20,000.00 towards this upgrade.

Bodish –President Bodish wanted to Thank all departments for the flower arrangement sent for the passing of his sister- in- law. New garbage truck was received and is in service. The garage at One Bridge Street is moving along the floor for the garage will be poured tomorrow. The biggest hold up right now is the garage doors, they were ordered in June and will not arrive until the end of October. Once this is done hopefully the Public Works department will be able to move into the building in November.

Hearing of Persons Present:

Mel Procayn- asked about the pick up of the leaves for the fall for yard waste. Mr. Boyle said we have reached out to FRCA and they have not replied to us about the fall acceptance. This is out of the borough's hands for now just put in the garbage. Mr. Procayn wanted to state the replacement of the playground equipment is for safety reasons. Council expressed that this was already expressed in previous meetings. The last time the equipment was updated at Saylor Park was in 1991. The equipment at the Tot Lot was the only park that had got upgrades. Which the borough is hoping to do if the grant is approved through the Greensway grant.

Anne Killeen – wanted to know why we don't have on the calendar on the website when the Holiday lighting , Tree lighting at the borough building is. President Bodish responded that the borough does not do this event that the event is held by Coplay Rec & Welfare.

At Regular Meeting:

Approve Karen Stoisits to be on the Library board

Approve Gary Walbert to be on the Library board

Approve the bid of \$5,800.00 for the 2000 GMC T8500 garbage truck

Approve the rate of \$135.00 per hour for Broughal & Devito

Approve the coal bid from Hobel Coal in the amount of \$175.00 per ton for treated rice coal

Approve Coplay Sports to use the gym everyday with Friday on a as needed bases. If someone would want to rent the gym on Friday the borough would give Coplay Sports a 48 hour notice.

Approve Aerobics to use the gym Monday and Wednesday from 7 PM to 8 PM and Saturday 8:45 AM to 9:45 AM

Approve donation to Coplay Lions Club

Any other items for Discussion:

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Motion by Molitoris, second by Luckenbach to adjourn meeting 7:47 PM

As there were no other discussion council went into executive session regarding property