

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

In attendance were Bodish, Dreisbach, Eisenhauer, Kern, Sodl, Mayor Burkner, Boyle, Luckenbach, Chief Emerich and Interim Fire Chief Schuster

Molitoris, EMA Grim & BCO Helman were absent

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance:

Hearing of person present: Mick Dee- asked about the 2nd street repaving project, Mr. Boyle is waiting to hear when that street will be done.

Jacob Wertz – stated they have 18 members for the fire department, he inquired about the cameras being installed and questioned the one being installed in the “lounge”. He stated the members are asking that the camera not be installed since there has to be an established sleeping area. He stated that they will need to replace attack and supply hoses in the amount of \$15,000.00 each. He asked council to consider putting in the budget to replace the apron/curb outside the fire department.

Anne Killeen – stated she was happy to see that the Parade and Trick or Treat was happening this year. Anne asked if the Humane Society was Lehigh County and questioned if the Cyber Security approval was in case of computer hacking. Mrs. Eisenhauer answered yes.

PWD Boyle – stated normal operations, Herman has started the milling work on 6th Street project. UGI will be in soon to finish the work on roads they did work on. Three trees are being removed by Borough building that are causing issues with roof drainage. Mr. Dreisbach asked if the trees on wooded side of Front Street, Mr. Boyle stated it belongs to Holencik & Walawakovitz property.

Mr. Kern thanked and applauded Paul and Public works for all the Outstanding work they do for Coplay Community Days.

BCO Helman- Absent

Chief Emerich – reported 257 calls, 2 DUI arrests, Chief asked council to reconsider a contract with an animal facility to pick up stray dogs, so we don't have the same situation with the dog we held for 10 Days. Dog went to new home and owners asked to remain anonymous. On the agenda is to hire two Police officers for Part-time 32-hour position.

Interim Fire Chief Schuster - reported 17 calls, Safer grant preparation has begun, working on staffing, prepping for October Fire Prevention. Mr. Schuster asked how long the title of Interim Chief will stand, Mr. Bodish said it can last a while. Mr. Sodl questioned why the Fire Department had 4 credit cards issued. Mr. Schuster stated that the bank suggested that they switch to credit card instead of debit card so they could get a full refund if their account got hacked or frauded.

EMA Grim - Absent

Benson – read a thank you card from James Hahn for the flowers that were sent, read donation request for Meals on wheels, read letter from Lehigh County Humane Society stating they would remove 60 felines for the cost of \$1,500.00. Mr. Bodish asked if they could be contacted to see what the cost would be if we started the program. Mrs. Benson will call them and get more information.

SBA Contacted borough again about selling Cell tower at Balliet Stadium. Read Planning commission interest letter for Gary Colatta.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Mr. Sodl would like to discuss an incident at Balliet Stadium in Executive session.

Mayor – Thanked Public Works Director Boyle and Public works crew for all their help with Coplay Community Days. Mayor Burkner read a letter from Sharon Dougherty from the Library thanking Public Works, Mrs. Eisenhauer and the community for the kindness and compassion they have showed her

during her tenure as the Library Director. Her last Day will be September 15, 2023. She will be missed, and we wish her the best of luck.

Dreisbach – IT – Cameras will be ready to be installed on Monday of next week, the one camera will be discussed in executive session.

Kern- reported the Grant Committee, Mrs. Benson, Mr. Gallo and himself met last week to go over compliance and the upcoming Statewide LSA Grant, He asked Mr. Boyle for an updated quote by end of September from the vendor for the Street Sweeper. Waiting on Multimodal transportation grant to come open.

Eisenhauer- Library – Mrs. Eisenhauer thanked Public Works Director Boyle and his crew for all the help they provide at the Library. Trexler Grant is now available, will be getting a list of things for operational costs to apply. Library is back to winter hours, Thursday is Vince's Cheesesteaks in the Pool parking lot from 3-7PM. Next week is Book and Bake sale for Library.

Administration- Office will be Audited on Thursday for the yearly Liquid Fuels state fund. Office and Police Dept have been cross training for payroll.

Luckenbach-nothing reported

Molitoris- Absent

Sodl – Nothing to report

Bodish – Public Works normal operations, 6th street milling in progress.

Hearing of Persons Present:

Anne Killeen – asked if the Humane Society that was discussed was on Dixon Street, she stated that she contacted the same place and they told her they don't come out this far. She questioned the letter that was read and their willingness to Trap and release these cats and to get it writing.

At Regular Meeting:

Approve 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Coplay Non-Uniformed Employees' Defined Contribution Plan, the Coplay Non- Uniformed Employees' Money Purchase Plan and the Coplay Police Pension Plan.

Approve the Halloween Parade on October 17th, beginning at 7 PM with no rain date.

Approve Trick or Treat on October 27th from 6-8 PM, with a rain date of October 28th from 6-8 PM.

Approve renewal from Brosky Insurance for Cyber Security Insurance in the amount of \$5,535.00.

Approve TNR (Trap & Release) fee to Humane Society to remove 60 felines from the Borough in the amount of \$1,500.00. **Tabled**

Approve to hire Juan Araujo for Police Department 32 Hour Part time Position.

Approve to hire Christine Trauger for Police Department 32 Hour Part time Position.

Approve \$500.00 Donation to Meals on Wheels.

Approve Gary Colatta 3 year appointment to Coplay Planning Commission.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Luckenbach, second by Kern into executive session at 8:55 PM.

All in Favor 7 Opposed _____ Abstain _____ Carried/Denied

Next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7 PM.