

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

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

BCO Helman and EMA Grim were absent.

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

Hearing of Person:

Anne Killeen- Questioned the transfers on the agenda. She didn't understand what they meant in the wording. President Bodish explained the transfers are from the General Fund, Streets and Garbage Fund transferred to the Department Projects Fund for use at a later time to purchase equipment or road construction.

PWD Boyle-Informed Council that in front of them are several sheets with information. The completed jobs for November and projected jobs for December. There is also an email pertaining the follow ups with Acela Engineering for projects the engineering company is working on for the borough. There is another word document which states Projected Jobs 2022 and 2023 needs for the borough. Boyle also had an estimate for the replacement for the pool pumps for the upcoming year.

BCO Helman- Bachman read report since Helman was absent. For the month of November there were 17 permits in the amount of \$1,945.50

Chief Emerich- 15 traffic arrests, 8 written warning and 6 Borough parking tickets. There were 2,575 calls for the year and this is up 367 from 2021. Chief Emerich stated the training room for the police is coming along and the class scheduled for January 2023 is filled.

Fire Chief Bechtel- Running under normal operations. There were 22 incidents for the month of November with a total of 251 year to date. Chief Bechtel also reported they have received the FEMA grant in the amount of \$39,761.90.

Bachman – Read letters from Jane Gillespie and Mel Procanyn each asking to serve another 3-year term on the Coplay Library Board. Bachman also stated the yearly calendars have been sent out to the residents for 2023. This project is from the 902 grant funds to educate our residents on recycling and garbage.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Discussed raising the rent for Coplay Athletic Club and Explorer 101. Spoke about previous years how the borough has raised rent every other year. Due to the circumstances that everyone has encountered with COVID 19, council has decided no rent increase for either club for 2023.

Mayor- Nothing to report

Dreisbach- Nothing to report on Technology

Eisenhauer- Library –Mrs. Eisenhauer, stated that the library has sent their Thanks for giving flyer to the residents for donation for the library. The library has had a class called the Internet is our friend and have had a good turnout. They also have a lady coming in and teaching crochet in the afternoon, it has gone from one person to seven people now. The library will have an open house this Saturday the 10th for people to come in and see what the library has to offer. There is an average of 500 people that come into the library, the circulation is up from 2021. The budget for the library is up this Thursday at the board meeting. There is an increase of \$10,000.00, the budget is set for \$112,850.00. The library has also asked Trexler for a \$30,000.00 grant to help with expenses.

Administration- The number for the budget are good and are trending in a positive note. RJ Hall was in for the police pension and all is good. Most of the investments are in a safe fund which include real estate. The office has hired a new office clerk and she will start on December 12th.

Mrs. Eisenhower finished her report with that she will not be running at the end of her term. She will finish out her term which ends 2023. Mr. Sodl stated it is a big disappointment for the council but he understands that you would like to spend your retirement with your husband. He also stated you have been a very big asset to the borough and thanked Mrs. Eisenhower.

Luckenbach- Nothing to report

Molitoris- Molitoris stated the Coplay Sports Santa Parade will be this Sunday the 11th. Rain dates have been set for the 17th or the 18th. Hoping the fire department and police department can support this as well. Coplay Sports will also be a drop off location for the Toys for Tots.

Park and Rec had their schedules meeting and discussed some ways to keep the pool open and those suggestions were, possibly closing the pool on Monday's which would keep the expense down for payroll, raise cost for Aqua Zumba, charge the senior citizens a small fee for entry and possible for the month of July close the pool at 7 PM instead of 8 PM. Closing the pool an hour earlier will also cut the cost of wages. Also maybe consider doing a lottery calendar in the month of April. Any little way we can contribute to keep the pool open for our residents will be appreciated.

Social Call Event at the American Club was a success, the borough has raised \$2,432.39 after all expenses have been paid. Which will be deposited into the Recreation Fund, Planning Commission for the Plaza.

Sodl- Explained about the accident with the fire truck. The trainee was driving the fire truck and got to close to the pole and hit the right side of the fire truck. The estimate from the insurance company is \$72,000.00 to fix the truck. It will take about 6 months for the truck to be repaired. Northampton Borough is allowing Coplay Borough to borrow one of their trucks for now until ours is repaired.

Kern- Mr. Kern wanted to Thank PWD Boyle and his crew on the installation of the tot-lot. Hopefully in Spring we can do the dedication of the new Tot-Lot, when weather breaks. Kern will be meeting with Grant writer Gallo to go over year end reviews and some plans for upcoming year.

Bodish – Streets and Sanitation are running under normal operation. Last day for leaves will be December 16th, 2022. The borough office and public works will be closed on December 23rd and the 26th, 2022 for the Christmas holiday

Hearing of Persons Present: N/A

At Regular Meeting:

Approve second reading of 2023 budget

Approve First Northern Bank & Trust as depository for all Borough of Coplay funds

Approve the authorization of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Chair of the Finance Committee to sign checks issued against various funds of the Borough (two signatures required)

Approve reappointment of Acela Engineering for engineering services to the Borough of Coplay

Approve reappointment of Broughal & DeVito Solicitor for the Borough of Coplay

Approve to authorize First Northern Bank & Trust to process the following request 1.) remove Kimberly Bachman as an authorized signer on all checking/savings accounts, 2.) Remove Kimberly Bachman as the Control Manager on all checking/savings accounts, 3.) Add Tiffany Benson as the Control Manager on all checking/savings accounts, 5.) Add Tiffany Benson as an authorized signer

on all checking and savings accounts, 6.) Remove Kimberly Bachman as an authorized user of the online Banking and Bill paying program.

Approve Ordinance 858, amending Property Tax Penalty Waiver Provisions.

Approve North Catasauqua Police Department to use the gym for a defensive class along with the Borough of Coplay Police Department on January 16th and 17th, 2023 from 8 AM to 4 PM.

Approve Jane Gillespie for another 3-year term on the Coplay Library Board.

Approve Melvin Procanyn for another 3-year term on the Coplay Library Board.

Approve Heather Chadwick for the borough office clerk position

Approve the remaining balance of \$3,053.89, to the Coplay Library from the building maintenance line item

Approve to transfer funds from General Fund- Streets-Road Construction to Department Projects in the amount of \$99,521.00

Approve to transfer funds from General Fund- Streets-Technology to Department Projects in the amount of \$3,375.00.

Approve to transfer funds from General Fund- Streets-Equipment Fund to Department Projects in the amount of \$6,500.00

Approve to transfer funds from Garbage Fund -Truck Maintenance to Department Projects in the amount of \$8,000.00.

Approve to transfer funds from Garbage Fund -New Truck Fund to Department Projects in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Approve to transfer funds from Garbage Fund-Technology to Department Projects in the amount of \$5,000.00.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn to executive session for discussion by Luckenbach, second by Molitoris at 8:15 PM for Personnel and Property.

Meeting will not reconvene due to no further discussion.

Next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7 PM.