

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

M.Molitoris, BCO Helman, EMA Grim and Mr. Witczak were absent

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance:

PWD Boyle – Routine Streets work, Sanitation pick up and Building Maintenance. June completed jobs were, placed new mulch at tot-lot and Parkway playground, paint fence at Saylor Field, install new PTO switch on C-5 trash truck, install new signs at Saylor Field, basketball courts and Parkway, install men’s bathroom doors at ball field, and remove sidewalks on 12th Street for shade tree removal, cut grass at 47 North 2nd Street. Projected jobs for July are as follows; add electric to Town Square gazebo, install clock at Town Square and repair storm drain at upper lot at Parkway.

BCO Helman –Month of June 2021- 33 permits with a total of \$3,045.00.

Chief Genovese reported 199 calls for service, 6 crimes- 2 animal complaints, 2 domestic disturbances, 1 harassment and 1 disorderly conduct- 17 traffic violations, 4 written warning and 30 borough parking tickets. Genovese has asked Council’s approval to hire a new part time police officer.

Chief Bechtel reported –17 incidents –The department has eight members that have completed their water rescue operation class. The fire department is preparing to schedule the boat operator class and water rescue technician class.

Bachman – The borough has received their first payment of the COVID 19 ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The SALDO account for the Coplay Storage Facility has been set up at the bank with the escrow funds, read a thank you note from Janet and Bob Eisenhower. Bachman read two quotes received for painting and flooring for the police department. Reported resident season passes for the pool which are 35 family, 5 adults and 58 student passes which include the daycares. Non-residents are as follows, 4 family, 3 adult and 2 students. Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Department has sent an email requesting the use of the gym (downstairs) from 7/20/2021 thru 7/24/2021 for training, along with the email the certificate of liability was attached. Coplay Sports has now added field house/refreshment stand building onto their insurance policy.

Discussion of Problems/matters –

Mayor- Nothing to report

Sodl – Thanked Chief Bechtel and Chief Genovese for their services to the community. Discussed the fire truck being sold on Municibid. Eisenhower has asked where that money would go, Sodl replied we should put it in the budget for Emergency Services for new equipment. Talked about the quotes that were received in the borough office to remodel the police station and we need to move forward.

Burker- Pool is doing good and Aqua Zumba has a lot of participants. The summer series has had their biggest turn out this past event. Reported a lot of happenings in the borough and will submit them in the office so we can advertise for them.

Molitoris- absent

Eisenhower- Finance- Wants everyone to start thinking of their budget for the 2022 budget. We don’t want to wait till the last minute. As you start thinking and having your information turn it in to Kim.

Library –The library will be looking to do a book sale hopefully sometime in October. Summer program is going well a lot of residents for storytime and the games. Eisenhower stated to stop by the library on July 17 at 11:00 they will be having an animal and reptile presentation.

Kern- Mr. Kern reported on grants and they are as follows; LSA Grant moving forward with the equipment through GameTime. There will be 5 pieces replaced at Saylor Park Playground. Mr. Kern had passed out a diagram with all the new equipment, where it will be placed.

Kern stated they are still waiting to hear back from the Community Block Grant for the equipment for the fire department.

Greensway Trail Grant still waiting to hear back.

Kern, Gallo and Bachman will be working on the 902 Grant together.

Bodish – President Bodish reported that the new garbage truck delivery has now been pushed back to August. The borough should look for an assistant zoning officer for next year when the borough's zoning officer is on vacation. If we could not find an assistant maybe the borough could use Lehigh Valley Inspection Service or Barry Isett & Associated.

Hearing of Persons Present:

Randy Bachman President for the Coplay Athletic Club is asking for some kind of forgiveness for rent relief. Due to COVID19 they have lost a lot of members due to the club shut down and told members that when the club was closed they did not make members pay the gym fee. Stated if they would pay the rent for July-December 2021 of \$1,320.00 it would take the clubs balance down to a couple of hundred dollars. This would cause a problem with getting repairs done or new equipment. They have not had any income for the last year. Randy has asked where the money goes that they pay for rent. Council said the money goes into the general fund.

Kim Rader Secretary-Treasurer for the Coplay Athletic Club stated she had sent a letter to go to council to ask for rent forgiveness or waiver for the club due to COVID19. President Bodish said that Mrs. Bachman did present this to council. She stated they would like to have six months of rent waived or an extension for the rent due to the funds. A lot of members in the community use the gym due to the hours, time the gym is open and the fee for the gym is lower than any other gym. Rader has asked for one or two months of rent free due to the circumstances.

Mr.Kern has asked if they have an email address so that people can email them asking about joining the gym. This would have a trail of paperwork that people would be trying to contact you for joining the gym and make it easier for them to apply.

Mr. Sodl asked how many members there were. Rader said she could not tell them how many members at this time. Sodl said he looks at Coplay Sports that they were hit with COVID as well and they survived. Sodl replied all other clubs or renters have paid their rent on time and in full. Sodl did say he would like a plan of action taken before the council members would vote. Randy Bachman replied a plan of action would take a period of time till they have all their members together to get a plan together.

President Bodish asked if they have applied for any relief for the club. Bodish did reply if there was something they could pay instead of paying the whole amount at one time. There was no reply.

Mayor Molitoris asked if this is something that council could consider with helping the Coplay Athletic Club.

At Regular Meeting:

Discuss Coplay Athletic Club 2021 rent.

Approve the lease of the Parkway from August 23rd through August 29th to Coplay Community Days.

Approve Juvenile Probation to use gym downstairs from July 20th thru July 23rd to train 3 new hires in defensive tactics.

Approve the bid of the 1986 Mack Pumper on Municibid in the amount of \$5,200.00

Approve \$500.00 donation to Coplay Community Days.

Approve to hire Rebecca Saborsky as a Part Time Officer.

Approve L & M Painting to paint the Police Station for the fee of \$1,900.00 for labor and \$300.00 for paint.

Approve Sherwin Williams to install new sub floor and new flooring for the Police Station for the total of \$8,469.80

Any other items for Discussion:

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As there was no further business, motion to adjourn to executive session for discussion of property by Sodl, second by Kern at 8:20 PM. Meeting was reconvened at 8:45 with no further discussion. Next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7 PM.