

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

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

EMA Grim & BCO Helman were absent.

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

Hearing of person: Anne Killeen questioned various things on the agenda for discussion.

Laura Vandergrift provided some suggestions on ways to attract more lifeguards, she asked if there were ways to reach out. She questioned whether it was a staffing issue or was an operational issue. President Bodish replied it is at this time a staffing issue, PW Director Paul Boyle stated that the Pumps are original from when pool was built, and they fired up and are running at this time.

PWD Boyle- Normal Operations for Public works, Lawn mover was rewelded and holding up for this year, but council should look at replacing it next year, Estimated at \$16,717.00 from Costar. A/C Unit at Library is not functional, quote to replace it was \$9,800.00. \$520.00 to repair A/c Blower at CFC needs to be replaced. Acela is almost complete with Street opening Ordinance, Multi Modal info will be forwarded to council as it was received last minute. Looking to clear Shade trees 2 off front street & 1st off 3rd cost estimate is \$1800.00, will review and look to see if we can take any more down. 6th street paving project out for bid a on Tuesday. From Chestnut to Coplay and 6th Schreiber to Hokendauqua. Traffic route – Mr. Herman has till July 25th to complete project. Feasibility study proposal for CFC came in at \$9,800.00, It will have to be put on agenda for council's approval.

BCO Helman- for month of May -30 permits \$3,657.50

Chief Emerich- reported Street sweeping tickets 66, 29 paid for, total amount of \$1,135.00 12 citations, 91 parking tickets total. Last candidate is going to go through polygraph. Body cams in use, upfitting for vehicles cost was \$15,000 through DRC. Mr. Sodl stated that this next coming year will be very difficult because we are not competitive in the Police and Public works departments with upcoming contracts. Council tried the academy, no part time workers.

Interim Fire Chief Schuster -reported 23 calls for May 92 Calls for Year, Coplay Fire Department was awarded the SAFER grant in the amount of \$194,140.66 over 4 years to help staff the dept with a stipend from FEMA. Guidelines will be followed, will meet with committee to discuss. Water training with Northampton at Beltsville, normal operations. PWD Boyle thanked the fire department for all their help with the fire panel issue at Bridge Street.

EMA Grim- Absent – Filled out EMC packet and returned.

Benson – read resignation letters from Keith Sodl and Tiffany Benson, read Ehrlich Pest services contract for 1 Bridge Street. \$125.00 a month \$418.00 for equipment that would remain the Boroughs. Mr. Sodl, Mr. Kern, Mr Bodish and Mrs. Eisenhauer agreed that it will be better to prevent an issue before it occurs.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Mayor- stated that the summer series has gotten very popular, he thanked Paul and his Public works guys for making the grounds look great. He thanked Mark for his help with the Park and Recreation committee.

Dreisbach- will have report in Executive session for Property.

Kern- reported the grant committee did not submit flood mitigation, the grant proposed was not the correct one. Vito and the Grant committee would keep an eye out for one that would be a better fit. Grant committee would meet tomorrow to go over library doors, interceptor vehicle, CDBG grant for Greenways. Mrs. Eisenhauer reported that we submitted a letter to Lehigh County requesting additional funding for the doors as the bid came in \$15,300.00 over the award granted.

Eisenhauer- Library – June 10th summer reading starts for Adults and Children. New director is bringing a lot of new ideas to the library, and still looking for a board member.

Administration- requested that everyone take a look at their fee schedules and let Tiffany know what fees you would like to look at revising. Mrs. Eisenhauer asked everyone to look at their budgets, it's not to early to start.

She would like the 2 offices to start writing up a daily task to see where we can start the cross training. Mrs. Eisenhower stated that the library would need the Air conditioner replaced and asked if the Borough would help split the cost as in the past with previous situations.

Luckenbach-nothing reported.

Molitoris- stated the Plaza events for June 7th Rock Steady, June 21st Subject to Changes, July 5th Pair of Aardvarks, July 19th Third Hand Trio. He asked if they could be added to the agenda for approval. Coplay sports asked to use the borough gym on Wednesday June 14th from 5:30-7PM, Thursday June 15th from 5:30-7:30, Wednesday June 28th from 5:30-7:00PM and Saturday June 24th from 10AM to noon. He thanked everyone who sold tickets, sold 479 total tickets. Profit \$3,595.00 if all tickets hit. Pool status is looking to hire 3 lifeguards and 3 gate guards currently, still taking applications. Looking into the possibility of rescheduling to a later opening date or on weekends only. The pool needs three guards at all times, 5 is acceptable but 6 total would be great.

Sodl – Stated that the Miller Pipeline has been using the social side of the FD for training, it was approved by previous Fire Chief and not approved through the Borough. Council agreed that their needs to be an agreement, with insurance certificate and the rental payment needs to come to the Borough and not the FD to cover costs of electricity. Mr. Boyle believes that the electricity is comingled between the two facilities even though the meters were verified. Main feed comes into the fire department. Generator runs the entire facility. Mr. Molitoris proposed \$100.00 a month for them to rent the facility instead of the \$75.00 that they pay now to the Fire Dept, and for the fire dept to contact Miller Pipeline to look into switching to a Wednesday that the seniors who also use the building, so the building is not running the Generators and A/C units in between weeks not being used. Mr. Sodl asked council to make a few suggestions to Chief Emerich on what they can council do as a group to help the Police Chief with the staffing issues within the police dept. Mr. Sodl thanked the Police and Fire Department for their services.

Bodish – Streets and Sanitation running under normal operations, Metal pick up is June 15th and a larger grass bin was created down at bridge street. Mr. Kern inquired about the dumpster at Balliet Stadium for repair or replacement.

Hearing of Persons Present: - Anne Killeen questioned about the fires on the IRT, she wanted to know if we have a declaration of pollution to recuperate funds, Mr. Emerich stated that a lot of the fires have been on the Whitehall side. She asked if we could go after taxpayers that are allowing homeless people live in their properties. Mr. Emerich stated that there needs to be a conservatorship with the railroad company.

Laura Vandergrift – asked if the police academy was solicited to see if we could hire candidates from there. Mr. Emerich stated yes, and the lists have been exhausted. She also asked if the Borough has considered reaching out to retired teachers.

At Regular Meeting:

Approve Ordinance #859 establishing a Handicap Zone at 51 S 3rd Street.

Approve annual donation of \$500.00 to Coplay Community Days.

Approve resignation of Tiffany Benson from Park and Recreation Committee.

Approve resignation of Keith Sodl from Park and Recreation Committee.

Approve to Advertise 2022 Completed Annual Audit & Financial Report from Kirk and Summa LLC.

Approve to hire: Alexis Quach, Rhiannon Roth, Alina Culver as Lifeguard for 2023 Pool Season.

Approve to hire: Arielle Nicholos, Logan Lemak, Sophia Andre as Gate Guard for 2023 Pool Season.

Approve a partial payment from the Brough to help cover the cost of the Air conditioning unit at the library.

Approval to fix the A/C Unit at the CFC

Approval of the Feasibility study for 165 Cherry Street in the amount of \$9,800.00

Approve Ehrlich Pest Services at 1 Bridge Street

Approval to use the Plaza for the Summer Series Entertainment for the following dates:

June 7th- Rock Steady, June 21st -Subject to Changes, July 5th -Pair of Aardvarks, July 19th -Third Hand Trio.

Motion by Dreisbach, second by Kern to adjourn into Executive Session for Property at 8:54

All in Favor 7 Opposed Abstain **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Kern, second by Eisenhower to adjourn meeting at 9:25PM

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Next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 7 PM.