

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

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

Absent was Molitoris, EMA Grim and BCO Helman

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance:

Hearing of person:

Richard Hess- letting council know that the Halloween Parade will be on October 18th at 7 PM with no rain date

Tim Grohotolsky- Attending the meeting on behalf of Coplay Sports with regards to changes that may be addressed to lease with the new lights that the borough will be installing with the grant. President Bodish stated they have not done anything with this we were just notified about the grant.

Jane Gillespie- Spoke about Officer Emerich that they would of not none what to do without him. He is a very positive person and they are grateful for his service. She stated that Council should be very grateful for him and make him the Chief of Police. He cares about the residents!

PWD Boyle – Reported the work completed for August along with normal routine street maintenance, routine building maintenance, routine grass cutting, routine pool maintenance and routine sanitation collection. For the month of September Public Works will work on finishing the spackling at the new public works building, take core samples on roads for traffic survey, start boiler work at the borough building and demo the Tot-Lot for the installation of the new playground equipment. Eisenhauer wanted to thank public works department for their help with all the books the library received. Emerich asked Boyle if he could see if the lines could be repainted with it getting darker it is harder to see the lines. President Bodish asked if the paint is available, this is why it hasn't been done because the product was not available. Boyle stated he will make a phone call and see if he can arrange the lines to be painted.

BCO Helman- Helman was absent Bachman read report. Month of August 2022- 10 permits with a total of \$870.00.

EMA Grim- absent

Interim Police Chief Emerich reported 224 calls for August, 2022 with 7 arrests, 2 driving under the influence, 1 simple possession, 1 criminal trespass, 1 indirect criminal contempt, 1 false identification to Law Enforcement authority and 1 unlawful use of medical marijuana. 30 traffic arrest for the month, 20 written warning issued and 17 borough parking tickets. Cabela's in Berks County is holding a recruitment on September 24th from 1 PM to 9 PM and is free of charge to the borough. Officer Emerich would like to attend this with a Coplay Police vehicle and see if the borough could get some interest to come aboard the police department. Officer Emerich would like to have a meeting with the Police Committee and discuss the hourly wage for part time and 32 hour police officers.

Chief Bechtel reported –19 incidents – total incidents for the year 185. Normal operations. The fire department was awarded a FEMA AFG Grant for \$39,761.90. This requires a match of \$1,988.10 which will be utilized out of the fire departments fund raising account.

Bachman – Stated the Central Teamsters will be on October 3, 2022 for their 2- year audit, explained the reason for the new Ordinance 856, the coal bids will go out this month and will have for the October meeting. The sale of the rental home at 38 South 4th Street is complete and loan has been paid in full. The borough has received the grant money for the Breathing equipment from Lehigh County. Read two letters one from Meals On Wheels Of The Greater Lehigh Valley asking for a donation and one from Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board asking for a \$500 dollar donation. Also, read a thank you note from a Coplay resident thanking them for the staff at the pool,

stating it has been a pleasure to deal with them all. Sodl stated next month Bachman will have information on the pool which will consist of revenue and expenses. Eisenhower asked if we received a letter from Meals on Wheels last year, Bachman replied yes, the borough did and the borough donated \$500.00

Discussions- Nothing

Mayor- Coplay Community Days had a great year. Also stated the Boyle and his staff at Public Works made it possible for this all to come together. Without their help it would nearly be impossible for this event. Coplay Community Days staff would like to have a little get together for the Public Works department around Christmas time and it will be on CCD.

Dreisbach- Reported that the cameras have been installed at the Public Works building.

Sodl –Thanked Chief Bechtel for his service to the department. Sodl stated he would like the committee to meet and start to talk about what needs to be done with the fire department on side of the building. Sodl, Bodish, Luckenbach and Bechtel will meet on September 21st at 11 AM to discuss the future of the building.

Molitoris- absent

Eisenhauer

Finance- Eisenhauer said she would like everyone to continue working on their budget for 2023. She would like drafts returned to her by September 30th. We cannot wait this year we need to be ahead of schedule and not last minute. Eisenhauer said she needs everyone to think of what if's outside of the budget. She said the borough needs to tighten up the budget. With the prices of coal and electric going up like they did it will be a challenge this year with the budget. This year's budget is doing well. We received notification for Trexler Grant that we can apply and is due December 1st. Eisenhauer stated that the Secretary-Treasurer position will be open.

Library will be doing a hoagie sale until September 16th and will be delivered on September 21st. The library also received notification that they were accepted for a grant to put handicapped accessible doors in the library. Eisenhauer received a letter for the last seat on the library board. The library just celebrated an employee that has been with them for 20 years. Book and bake sale will be October 7th and 8th. Fall hours will start shortly.

Luckenbach- Nothing to report at this time.

Kern- Spoke about the LSA #2 Grant, there is a quote in front of everyone from Charles Herman for repaving of the basketball courts in the amount of \$19,500.00. Kern stated it is his recommendation that we accept the money from the State and have the existing basketball court done. President Bodish replied is there any work the public works department has to do. Kern replied from what he understands no. Office Emerich and Kern will be meeting tomorrow for more information on the body worn cameras grant.

Bodish – President Bodish stated that on October 7th leave pick up will start. This is only **LEAVES ONLY** to be picked up. The grass bin will still be available at the public works drop off.

Hearing of Persons Present: N/A

At Regular Meeting:

Approve 2023 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 18th, beginning at 7 PM with no rain date

Approve Trick or Treat on October 28th from 6-8 PM, with a rain date of October 29th from 6-8 PM

Approve Ryan Emerich as Chief of Police on September 14th, 2022

Approve Ordinance 856 approving appointment of solicitor interest assessment, and attorney fees and collection fees added to the amount collected as part of unpaid real estate taxes for delinquent accounts.

Approve the quote from Brosky Insurance for Cyber Security Insurance in the amount of \$5,750.00

Approve donation of \$500 to the Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board.

Approve donation of \$500 to Meals on Wheels Of The Greater Lehigh Valley

Approve Officer Emerich to attend the First Responder Festival at Cabela's in Berks County on September 24th from 1 PM to 9 PM.

Approve Katrina Klinger to the Coplay Library Board.

Approve LSA Grant # 2 to reduce the scope of work just to the grant amount of \$30,774.00

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn to executive session for discussion of personnel by Eisenhauer, second by Sodl at 7:57 PM. Meeting will not reconvene due to no further discussion. Next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 13th, 2022 at 7 PM.