

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

In attendance were President Bodish, Mayor Burkner, Eisenhauer, Molitoris, Dreisbach, Sodl, Kern and Solicitor -Preston

Luckenbach- absent

President Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

Minutes from June 13th Regular & July 5th Workshop meeting, 2023 were approved as presented to council.

All in favor 6; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Hearing of persons present:

Benson: presented Current /Proposed fee schedule to be discussed at August workshop. Seniors Citizen group called the office to let council know they will be using the social hall on Wednesday July 12, 2023 for a board meeting. Fireman's Relief reimbursed Borough for Crime Liability insurance in the amount of \$1,125.00.

Mayors Report: spoke on behalf of the Police department and addressed the documents Chief of Police provided to increase the sign on bonus. Mr. Sodl stated that the State Police are not a safety net for the Borough, other Boroughs are having the same staffing issues. Councilman Sodl discussed the overtime within the Police Dept.

Solicitors Report: Nothing to Report

Reports of Officers and Standing committees:

Dreisbach- Nothing to report

Kern – Grant Committee is going to wait and apply for the PennDot MultiModal grant at the recommendation of Senator Nick Miller and Representative Jeanne McNeill.

Eisenhauer – Nothing to report

Luckenbach- Nothing to report

Molitoris – Stated that the pool has wrapped up its lottery fundraiser with a profit of \$4,0450.00. Total payout will be \$725.00. Checks will go out next week from the office. He reported the Pool had been closed for four days due to staffing shortages and weather.

Sodl – Mr. Sodl asked for the increase to the sign on incentive for the Police Department to be added to the agenda. Lengthy discussion ending with the conclusion that our staffing shortage is an emergency situation and needs immediate action. Solicitor Preston advised that the agenda would need to be amended and notice to the public would need to be added to the Borough Website if action was going to be taken on the matter. Council President stated that items need to be brought to the Workshop meeting for discussion prior to the Regular meeting. Mr. Kern shared the stats about the application process from the consortium, Mr. Kern and Mrs. Eisenhauer agreed that it is in the current Police budget and a motion could be made.

Bodish- President Bodish asked for a motion to amend the current agenda to add the increase for sign on bonus from Three thousand to Ten thousand dollars with funds already in the Police budget with a maximum of 3 people. Motion by Kern and Second by Eisenhauer. Carried 6/0 in Favor.

Public works – Coplay Whitehall Sewer Authority is working on Chestnut Street to put a lining in from manhole to manhole. They will not be digging the road up again. Truck route is almost complete.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Motion by Molitoris, second by Dreisbach to approve police, fire, health and building inspector reports.

All in favor 6 Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Eisenhauer, second by Kern to approve June 2023 Treasurers report.

All in favor 6; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Eisenhauer, second by Molitoris to approve all bills as submitted to members of council.

All in favor 6; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Kern, second by Molitoris to approve the lease of the Parkway from August 21st through August 28th to Coplay Community Days.

All in favor 6; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Eisenhauer, second by Kern to approve Fire Departments use of the Social Hall & Coolers from August 20th through the 27th in preparation for Community Days.

All in favor 5; Opposed _____ Abstain 1 **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Dreisbach, second by Eisenhauer to approve Coplay Borough's proposed MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan as proposed Acela.

All in favor 6; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Molitoris, second by Kern to approve for Park & Recreation to reserve the Plaza Gazebo on July 19th, August 16th, and August 30th for Entertainment series.

All in favor 6; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Kern, second by Dreisbach to approve the Hiring of Alyssa Russell, Ciara Rogers & Gabriel Carey as Lifeguards for the 2023 Pool Season.

All in favor 5; Opposed _____ Abstain 1 **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Kern, second by Dreisbach to approve the hiring of Connor Lottimer and Zachary Kresge as Pool Admission for 2023 Pool Season.

All in favor 5; Opposed _____ Abstain 1 **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Molitoris, second by Kern to approve Vince's Cheesesteak in September as Fundraiser for Library.

All in favor 6; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Sodl, second by Kern to approve the hiring of Issac Jimenez to Police Department for a Part time Position.

All in favor 6; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Kern, second by Eisenhauer to approve 40 Hour comp payout for William Globosits to be added to next payroll.

All in favor 6; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Sodl, second by Eisenhauer to approve Rec & Welfare to use the Auditorium on November 30th for Tree Lighting from 4-10PM.

All in favor 6; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Sodl, second by Eisenhower to approve bid for 6th Street paving project from Charles D Herman Inc in the amount of \$104,252.50 pending approval from Engineer.

All in favor 6; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Sodl, second by Dreisbach to approve a Settlement payout in the amount of \$36,000.00 to Rebecca Saborsky.

All in favor 5; Opposed _____ Abstain 1 Carried/Denied

Motion by Sodl, second by Kern to increase the Police Department sign on bonus from 3K to 10K with funds already in the Police budget for a maximum of 3 people.

All in favor 6; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ Carried/Denied

Any other items for Discussion:

Next Meetings

August 1, 2023 Workshop Meeting at 7:00 PM

August 8, 2023 Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM

Motion by Sodl, second by Molitoris to adjourn to Executive session for Personnel/Prop. at 8:37PM.