

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

In attendance were Bodish, Burkner, Eisenhauer, Molitoris, Luckenbach, Kern , Sodl , Mayor Molitoris and Solicitor Preston.

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

Minutes from workshop meeting of April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were approved as presented to council – 7/0 **carried.**

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Hearing of persons present

Anne Killeen - Questioned when are the meetings going to go back into the council chambers? President Bodish replied that we need to follow the CDC guidelines and capacity of what council chambers can hold. The council members along with borough employees that attend the meetings almost puts the room at its capacity.

Matt Morrow- Mr. Morrow read a letter that he wrote thanking the professionalism and quick response from the Borough Fire Department and the Police Department. The resident had a fire at one of his rental homes and wanted to make sure that these departments get the gratitude they deserve. He expressed they deserve more credit than given. And frequently go unrecognized. Mr. Morrow expressed they are forever grateful of their response, and they thank everyone for providing them with the equipment, training, and means to continuously make a difference. He also wanted to thank Mr. Helman for his professionalism and knowledge through this difficult situation.

Reading of Correspondence: Mrs. Bachman reported that she reached out to the Cub Scout Pack 32 as requested by Eisenhauer to inquire if Coplay youths were able to join the Cub Scout Pack. The Cub Scout leader replied that all Whitehall- Coplay youths are more than welcome to join the Cub Scout Pack. Council will allow the Cub Scout Pack to advertise in the monthly newsletter and website.

Mayors Report: Mayor Molitoris expressed his gratitude to Mr. Morrow for recognizing the Fire Department and the Police Department. It is nice to hear gratitude instead of negativity.

Solicitors Report: Nothing to report  
Reports of Officers and Standing committees:

Sodl – Sodl thanked Mr. Morrow for the letter he wrote for his gratitude for the Coplay Fire Department and the Coplay Police Department. The fire department was very grateful for the letter. Sodl stated that the fire department asked about the purchase of a squad truck. This will allow six more people to be on scene at an incident. It will allow the air tanks to be filled instead of returning to the station to refill.

The Coplay Fire Department will be looking into obtaining a 501C, which will allow them to do fund raising for the department to buy additional equipment that is needed.

Burker –Received a letter from Northampton Swim Club thanking Park & Rec and council for looking into using the boroughs pool for practice. The swim club stated they did not at this time need the pool

but wanted to thank everyone for their time. Park & Rec will have their meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 virtual the phone number is 1-571-317-3122, access code is 584-145-461# at 7 PM.

Molitoris – Reported that the municipal building roof will need a bid packet put together. Acela Engineering will have to get involved to process the packet.

Mr. Molitoris also reported about the Explorer Post 101 and the Coplay Athletic Club returning to the borough building. He said as long as the clubs have their certificate of liability insurance, rent is paid and a new lease till the end of the year he feels we can open it up to them. They must follow all CDC guidelines. He also expressed that the CAC would like the 4 PM opening to be waived since they do have a lot of senior members that utilize the gym in the morning. Council reply was that would be fine. All paperwork must be submitted before opening. Mr. Molitoris also stated that at this time that the borough will not open the basketball court or aerobics since it is the boroughs liability. CFC will be holding their breakfast this Sunday and they would like council members to come. CFC also asked that when the fire department has activities or practice that it not be done on the Sunday's they have the breakfast. Mr. Sodl replied that all the fire department volunteers work full time jobs and this is the only time they can do training, practice and other things.

Eisenhauer – Reported that the borough is on track and moving in the right direction with the numbers presented this month. She also reported that the borough office is having computer problems with the windows 10. Two new computers have been ordered in the amount of \$3,262.00, which will be taken out of General Fund Administration technology.

Kern – Still waiting on the LSA grant. There was a letter of intent written for a grant for the cost of the soil removal at Bridge Street. Kern said they are doing the grant for the DCED for the fire department for the air tank and the portion of the grant for the roof at the fire department. Kern stated he will be attending the Park & Rec meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Bodish – President Bodish thanked Jeanie McNeil for getting us a grant in the amount of \$200,000.00. McNeil stated that this is a DCED Grant and \$100,000.00 will go towards the removal of the soil at Bridge Street, \$95,000.00 will go towards the roof replacement on the borough municipal building and \$5,000.00 for the auditor. She also stated she looks forward to getting the borough more grants in the future. President Bodish asked her about the money that was reported in the paper for townships/boroughs that they will be receiving. McNeil reported that she reached out to Susan Wilds office and the borough will receive \$325,000.00 from a COVID bill sometime at the end of May and along with that there will be guidelines for the disbursement of money.

President Bodish stated that the tire drop is set for May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Parkway Park and that this is only for borough resident. Street sweeping will be May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. It will be in the newsletter what streets will be done on each day. The new sanitation truck is on schedule for end of June or early July. President Bodish also reported that by the end of next week the footers should be able to be put in at the new public works building.

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report

New Business:

Motion by Sodl, second by Kern to approve police, fire, health and building inspector reports  
All in favor 7; Opposed 0 **Carried**

Motion by Sodl, second by Burkner to approve March 2021 Treasurers report.  
All in favor 7; Opposed 0 **Carried**

Motion by Sodl, second by Molitoris to approve all bills as submitted to members of council  
All in favor 7; Opposed 0 **Carried**

Motion by Molitoris, second by Burkner approve Explorer Post 101 Train Club to resume activities in borough building after receiving new lease and certificate of liability insurance.

All in favor 7; Opposed 0 **Carried**

Motion by Burkner, second by Molitoris approve Coplay Athletic Club to resume activities in borough building after receiving new lease and certificate of liability insurance.

All in favor 7; Opposed 0 **Carried**

Motion by Burkner, second by Kern approve membership to the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.

All in favor 7; Opposed 0 **Carried**

Motion by Sodl, second by Burkner approve the purchase of a used 1997 Squad truck with equipment for the Coplay Fire Department from Weatherly Fire Department in the amount of \$25,000.00.

All in favor 7; Opposed 0 **Carried**

Motion by Sodl, second by Burkner approve Resolution #1479 for the sale of a 1986 Mack MC Firetruck with 15, 859 miles.

All in favor 7; Opposed 0 **Carried**

Any other items for Discussion:

Total callers that logged in for the regular meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021- 17 callers

Next Meetings

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Workshop Meeting

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Meeting

Motion by Burkner, second by Kern to adjourn meeting at 7:55 PM.