

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

In attendance were Bodish, Dreisbach, Molitoris, Eisenhauer, Kern, Luckenbach, Sodl and Mayor Burker, BCO Helman, Chief Genovese, Fire Chief Bechtel and PWD Boyle.

EMA Grim was absent

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance:

PWD Boyle – Routine Streets work, Routine Sanitation pick up and Building Maintenance. PW department is reporting at the new facility. PW is moving things to new building when time is permitted.

BCO Helman –Month of January 2022- 9 permits with a total of \$880.00

Chief Genovese reported 205 calls for service, 2 frauds, 1 Sex offense, 1 Public Drunkenness, 1 Ordinance Violation for snow shoveling and 3 Crime Mischiefs - 15 traffic violations, 4 written warning and 21 borough parking tickets.

Chief Bechtel reported –25 incidents for the month of January –Training- All members completed multiple classes.

Bachman – Bachman stated that all reports for January, February and March have been completed that are reported to liquid fuels, DCED, auditor general and Costars. Read letter from Craig Snyder requested additional time for the gym, Monday and Wednesday from 8PM to 10PM for his adult basketball team. Received a letter by email on Tuesday, February 1st at 3:17 PM from the CFC organization the letter read; After many discussions we have decided not to continue to rent the social part of the Coplay Fire Company building. We would like to be given until March 31, 2022 to vacate. We have some obligations for the next two months. We would of course pay the \$500.00 rent for the month of March. If you could let us know about your decision, we would appreciate it.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Council discussed the possibility of selling the home owned by the borough located at 38 South 4th Street. All council members agreed to look into the selling of the home, to do the back ground work for the appraiser. This is not saying that the borough will sell the house but just to do the background work and see what the home is worth to get a fair market value.

Mayor- Mayor Burker states that Dale Simons has invited him and anyone else that would like to go to their function on February 16th they have concerns that they will not have a place to go with CFC terminating their lease. The senior citizens rent the space from CFC for \$1,000.00 a year. President Bodish suggested they go to the meeting on February 2nd for the senior citizens to discuss the problem that they are concerned about. Burker will be having a meeting with Chief Genovese to see what the daily operations of the Police Department. Burker will be meeting with Lehigh County Executive Mr. Armstrong to see what concerns or problems are for the borough. The 21st of February Coplay Community Days will start to hold their monthly meetings for the event.

Sodl – Thanked Chief Genovese and Chief Bechtel for their services this month. Sodl stated they are still in negotiation with the police department. Mr. Sodl stated that Chief Genovese and himself had a meeting with the Borough of Catasauqua Chief Kish and Chris the boroughs weight transportation employee to discuss what their borough does with overweight trucks and truck route. Sodl said it was a pleasure to meet with them and they were very helpful. There are steps to follow up on and Sodl would like council to let him follow up on the steps.

Dreisbach-Nothing to report. Thanked council for giving him the opportunity to sit on the council.

Molitoris- Park & Recreation- Mr. Molitoris stated they had their meeting and discussed the wages for the pool employees. We are going to have to be competitive in order to get employees. They also discussed about having someone paint the fence around the pool area, with the new playground equipment coming and the park looking nice it would be nice to have the fence painted instead of the rust. Will be holding a craft fair again April 23rd and 24th and waiving the fee for the pavilion for the fair.

Luckenbach- Nothing to report

Eisenhauer- Library –Thanked everyone that donated to the library with that donation it has raised over \$2,200.00. The board wants to thank everyone. She named all the officers that were nominated and that this will be her last year of President for the library. The library has also hired their first teen to work at the library and as soon as they receive all her paperwork she can start. Mrs. Eisenhauer, stated that the library still has 2 positions open. One is for a part-time employee and the final one is for a Director of the Library.

Admin- There is a Project open items list in front of you if you could review this and put your name behind it and give back to Kim and she will update the sheet. The Hailstone Economics packet in front of you, this group specializes in the COVID 19 funds. I suggest we hire this company to work with the borough to identify what the funds can be used for. They have dealt with many other municipalities for the funds. Sodl suggested when this meeting takes place that one person from the Finance Committee be there.

Kern- The fire department submitted a grant for gas meters and thermo imaging, it was submitted correctly. Received a quote for the Tot-Lot project under the Greensway grant. In the process now into looking into a grant under the PA Crime and Delinquency for a grant submission for body camera and possibly a vehicle. Also, looking into a grant for the MS4 concerns

Bodish – Running under normal operation. The Public Works department is about 75% moved into the new building. Still waiting on somethings to be repaired from the contractor on the building. Trash and recycling will be running normal operations for the month of February. Mr. Molitoris asked President Bodish when the ribbon cutting will take place, President Bodish replied this will happen in Spring.

Hearing of Persons Present: N/A

At Regular Meeting:

Approve Ordinance #851 amending Chapter 4 of the Code of the Borough of Coplay “Codified Ordinances”, by adding certain sections to Chapter 4 Buildings dealing with certificates of occupancy and repealing all ordinances inconsistent therewith.

Approve Craft Fair at Saylor Park on April 23rd and 24th, 2022

Approve Officer Nathan Smith from 32 hour part time position to full time police officer position

Approve Quentin Knecht for full time police officer in March

Approve Hailstone Economics to work with borough on Covid funds

Approve Craig Snyder’s basketball team to use the gym on Monday and Wednesday from 8PM to 10PM

Approve a realtor to appraise the borough owned home at 38 South 4th Street

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Kern to adjourn meeting 8:00 PM.