

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bodish. In attendance were Burkner, Eisenhower, Molitoris, Luckenbach, Royer, and Sodl, as well as Mayor Molitoris, Police Chief Genovese, PWD Boyle, and BCO Helman. Fire Chief Buskaritz was not in attendance. EMA Coordinator position is being filled on interim basis by Mayor Molitoris. Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

Hearing of persons present: None.

PWD Boyle reported public works completed the following projects in July: tree work done at parkway and IRT, tennis court building painted and new face boards installed, began spraying weeds at parkway and borough streets, finished Community Days power pole, set up town square for entertainment, installed Community Days banners, installed no parking signs behind fire department building, routine building maintenance, routine street maintenance and routine sanitation pickups.

BCO/CEO Helman reported 13 permits issued for total of \$1,752.50. Code enforcement/health officer report being prepared for next week's meeting. Pres. Bodish questioned status of South 9<sup>th</sup> Street property clean up. Helman responded spoke with Attorney Periera this date who questioned same, abandoned vehicle has been removed from driveway and @ 80% of outside work is complete. An extension was granted at the June court hearing, have not heard any other specifics. Administrator will contact Attorney Harrison to provide answers and prepare an update to council members.

EMA Coordinator position is being filled on interim basis by Mayor Molitoris, who had nothing to report.

Chief Genovese reported 21 traffic, 6 written warnings, and 30 parking tickets issued, 192 calls in June with 9 arrests. New vehicle has been placed in service, only minor issue with radio still to be resolved, and have received only positive comments from residents. Part-time officer Joseph David will start this week. Mayor commented the new truck is impressive and useful to the department.

Fire Chief Buskaritz was absent due to work, Sodl read fire department report for July, 5 incidents for the month and 55 incidents year to date. 3 personnel have completed essential firefighter classes, they will have live burn training next. Hose, pump, and ladder tests were completed on vehicles. Sodl requested, from Asst. Chief Bechtel, a copy of test results be forwarded to borough office for files with positive response.

Administrator Gyecsek reported advertised for bids for sale of 38 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, ad will run in press on 8/3, 8/10 and 8/17 with bids due at 9/5 workshop, nothing has been heard from possible renter and I have one person who previously asked for bid documents. Fire suppression units at Coplay Sports and Balliet Stadium snack stands have been installed. Hokendauqua Street handicap curb cut bids will be opened in borough office on 8/8, engineer will review and provide recommendation to award for regular meeting that same evening. Main Street Lehigh Valley Grant Award Reception on Wednesday, 8/23 from 5-7 pm at Hotel Bethlehem, requesting someone attend in order to have check presented. Sodl and Luckenbach will attend, Administrator will send RSVP. Engineer has completed MS4 application and will review same next week, motion needed at regular meeting to approve submission.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Annual approval to lease Coplay Parkway, as well as Coplay Parkway Pavilion, to Coplay Community Days for annual festival event August 25 – August 27, 2017 from 12 – 10 pm daily. Administrator stated this motion was suggested by Solicitor a few years ago and is approved annually. No further questions or comments by members, motion at regular meeting.

Received request from resident to require installation of sidewalks along Coplay Street at 5 North Ruch Street property. Administrator Gyecsek explained when talking with this resident let him know that normally we only require sidewalks to be installed when a roadway is paved, however he was not satisfied with this response as he has health issues, including being blind, and has been asked to walk daily by nurses but doesn't feel safe with his walker in the grass or in the street. Pres. Bodish commented would not be fair to this resident as it is not the only property in town without sidewalks. Sodl commented, throwing out other suggestions to consider, should we change how this is handled and require all properties to install sidewalks within the next three to four years, realizing that this will affect the borough as well since there are no sidewalks around ballfield complexes at North 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Keefer/North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Pres. Bodish stated based on complainants call, uneven sidewalks would also be a concern and would we have to look at that situation as well. Sodl stated and don't forget the handicap curb cuts to nowhere; maybe situation should be further reviewed in committee even if we don't require the installation at this property at this specific time.

Pres. Bodish asked for any other items for discussion, there were none.

Mayor Molitoris received numerous concerns this month regarding the continuing Front Street project, including an email which was copied for all members. Reported he is sympathetic to resident concerns, unfortunately bulk of issues are not within our control. Pres. Bodish stated sewer line and all laterals are installed with storm drain project to begin soon, after that pulverizing the street and base coat will be installed; UGI is also complete. Sodl commented he has concerns with some aspects of contractor work, not our project but should learn from this. Pres. Bodish added there were many unforeseen circumstances and things that went wrong. Molitoris questioned if an estimated completion date has been determined with negative response from Pres. Bodish. Sodl added, realizes there were unforeseen issues, however residents should have been kept informed by contractor or project manager, may have alleviated some of the complaints. Eisenhower questioned Mayor Molitoris if he received any comments from Feral Cat Committee after council added Sanctuary at Haafsville to provide services at last meeting. Mayor responded nothing from FCC at all.

#### Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Sodl thanked Police Chief Genovese for his work to install cameras on civic plaza in time for entertainment event and thanked fire department for their work this past month.

Royer reported still awaiting findings and costs associated with boiler plate.

Burker reported there will be no Park & Recreation board meeting in August due to Community Days. Saylor Park Renovation project permits are moving forward. Molitoris added board is confident project is on schedule for completion next summer. Sodl commented members should consider the Front Street project issues when working on Saylor Park, keep residents informed.

Eisenhower reported Library has received \$4,000 grant from Trexler Trust to replace window. Reviewed audit of Occupational Privilege and Business Privilege, all good. Working with Administrator to make sure all employees have job descriptions and then will work on training manuals for those job descriptions, expects this task to take some time, but will be worth effort for employees. At this time, I am requesting Public Works Director Boyle, Police Chief Genovese and Administrator Gyecsek start preparing a five year plan for departments, same will be reviewed by council for implementation and financing implications, trying to anticipate needs.

Bodish reported normal operations in streets and sanitation departments. Again reviewed status of Front Street project, residents in area should start to see light at end of tunnel. Also, have heard numerous comments from residents questioning why bridge is closed since they are not doing any work, wants everyone to know contractor has done significant work underneath bridge to begin the project even if it isn't visible on top of bridge.

Hearing of persons present: None.

#### AT REGULAR MEETING:

Vote on lease of parkway to Community Days.

Vote on installation of sidewalks at 5 North Ruch Street, Coplay Street side.

Vote to award handicap curb cuts on Hokendauqua Street.

Vote to approve MS4 application as prepared by Borough Engineer Witczak.

Motion by Eisenhower, second by Molitoris to adjourn meeting into executive session at 7:45 pm for discussion of personnel until regular meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 7 pm.

Borough Secretary