

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President.

In attendance were Mayor Leiner, Mr. Dee, Mr. Grohotolsky, Mr. Hermany, Mr. Kern, Mr. Read, Mr. Santoroski, Fire Chief Fenstermaker, PWD Boyle, and Chief Emerich.

Absent: Mr. Bodish, BCO Helman

Council President led pledge of allegiance:

Hearing of person: None.

PWD Boyle: Running under normal operations.

BCO Helman: 3 Zoning \$225, 8 Building \$800, 2 Dumpster \$100, 1 Sidewalk \$180. 2 Electrical, 3 Plumbing, 0 Mechanical. 12 C/O \$1475.00. Rental Zone C is almost complete for 2026. 3 houses, & 1 apartment; and 24 of 48 units of the IRT trail apartments.

Chief Emerich: August took in \$552.00 for various fees. 279 incidents, 14 arrests, over 70 traffic stops, 32 traffic arrests. Arrest includes DUI, fugitive from justice, person not to carry or control a firearm. Thief by deception over \$1000.00 Dogs at large. Keep dogs on a lease please. MCI training at the Mall with Whitehall PD. Mandatory & all officers went. Consortium is 19th. No open fulltime spots available. Coplay PD participate every 6 months to keep list up to date and active. Current active 3 day "Interrogation and Interview" training. Search and Seizure Training: Sept 8th & 9th; a DUI refresher: 10/14- not a full class, may be cancelled, Taser Oct 26 & 27. The 2 donated bikes from Bethlehem PD: "Trout" from Crown Bikes in Catasauqua may possibly donating bikes, he is having a hard time getting the bikes functional and is honoring his commitment to the Boro. PD is giving away bracelets, coloring books, and magazines for Halloween Parade. Notices for parade will go out tomorrow to local departments. 4 officers will present with possibility up to 10-15. Bus stop checks are being done. Last year two parents were arrested for stepping onto a bus. Mr. Santoroski will speak to (Vito) the Grant Writer about LSA grant. All portable radio are programmed to the best to the ability of "Ecco" what the PD chose as a vendor

Fire Chief Fenstermaker: 33 calls in August, 23 in Coplay, 10 outside the Boro. Requesting approval \$4200.00 for turnout gear "Fire Gear" (jacket, pants, helmets and boots) reimburse with a Safer grant. Community days turn out was low. New Radios in vehicles are complete, waiting for coding for new portable radios; the current portable are failing. New 911 system is currently not being used due to a vendor coding delay. Anticipate Jan to April 2027 for activation.

Chadwick: Read letter of sincere appreciation from Redeemed Christian Church of God Living Spring Praise Arena for support & presence at the Community Cook out & Back-to-school give away August 16th.

Discussion of any problems/matters: Engineer report for traffic study for stop sign on Chestnut. Borough has to abide by the Engineer's report and Penn Dot. Borough can patrician denial.

Mayor: No report

Dee-Emergency Services/Planning Commission/IRT: Chief Emerich covered report, No report for Planning Commission and will have report for IRT next week. Commented CCD it was a great weather weekend with a disappointing low attendance, people seem to leave early at 830-9pm. Again, thanked PW for great job. Thanked Chief and Officer Miscanick for visible police presence all weekend making a great impression for residents and visitors. Parking was an issue again in the Giant parking lot.

Hermany-Recreation: Pool is closed. Thanked PW for hard work, pool manager and pool employees. Excellent and profitable year. Report on pool next week. Pickleball court is used every day. Music series last two shows this month 9th & 23rd.

Bodish- Admin/finance: Absent. No report

Grohotolsky- Property: No report. Waiting for Tree at pool house and ball field to be removed. FD parking lot lines look great.

Santoroski- Streets/Garbage/Grants: Paul Boyle covered PW report. Working on LSA grant with grant writer, Vito. Outstanding grants will be worked on. Todd will look into CBDG grant for next year with Vito. Chief Emerich stated current Bodycams out of warranty, and had previously shown some of council that the cameras are literally 'blowing up on our chests'. PCCD grant was used the last time. Chief Emerich received a \$50,000.00 Quote for 10 new cameras, including new warranty, new redaction software and would be able to reuse batteries.

Hearing of Persons Present: None

Any other items for Discussion: David Read & Council congratulated Heather Chadwick for achievement of Certified Borough Official title.

Office and PW closed for Labor Day Sept 7th. Garbage collection is delayed one day, Monday's is picked up Tuesday, Sept 8 and Tuesday's is Wednesday Sept 9; recycling and yard waste is normal schedule.

At Regular Meeting:

Approve 2027 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 20, 2026 at 7 PM with no rain date.

Approve Trick or Treat on October 30, 2026 / 6-8 PM, with a rain date of October 31, 2026 / 6-8 PM.

Approve \$500.00 donation to Coplay Sports for the Baseball Program.

Approve \$500.00 donation to Rec & Welfare for the Halloween Parade.

Approve Juvenile Probation to use the Gym on September 4th, & September 9th-11th from 8-4PM.

Approve Coplay Saengerbund to hold a Block-Party for a fundraiser on October 4, 2026 from 11AM to 6PM and to close 5th Street, Schreiber Avenue to self-storage facility on 5th Street.

Approval of Ryan Emerich's appointment as alternate Right to Know Officer.

Approve Recreation and Welfare Tree lighting Ceremony on December 2, 2026 from 5PM -10PM.

Approve Purchase of Turn out Gear for Safer Grant in the amount of \$4,200.00. Reimbursable through the safer grant.

Regular Meeting September 8, 2026 at 7PM

Motion by Mr. Hermany, second by Mr. Grohotolsky to enter executive session for Personnel at 7:27pm. All in favor 6; Reconvene 8:10pm Motions Y/N

Motion by Mr. Santoroski, second by Mr. Hermany to adjourn meeting 8:10pm.

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