

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

In attendance were Bodish, Dee, Hermany, Kern, Luckenbach, Santoroski, Grotoholksy, Mayor Bundra, PWD Boyle, Chief Emerich, and Asst. Fire Chief Fenstermaker

EMA Zelena was absent

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance:

Hearing of person: N/A

PWD Boyle reported normal operations, met with public works committee, Paul will be meeting with Acela Engineers to get an estimate for paving the Bridge Street parking lot. Mr. Dee thanked Public Works Director Boyle and staff for their hard work during the last storm.

BCO Helman- No report

Chief Emerich- reported 10 parking tickets, 12 written warning, 5 traffic arrests. 168 Calls, 5 arrests. Proposed an ordinance change for parking tickets separate from the fee schedule. Portable radios are in but need to be re-programmed. Cadet agility was rescheduled due to weather, waiting on Nelson Denny testing.

Asst. Chief Fenstermaker -reported 33 calls for November, total 291, Department meeting on Monday, Dakota Fenstermaker as Fire Chief, David Buchfuhrer as Deputy Chief, Tyler Bell as Assistant. Mr. Hermany congratulated the fire department on receiving the CDBG grant for new air packs in the amount of \$160,335.85

Benson read resignation for letter for Faye Schreiner, she does not want to seek another term on the library board, Holly Harry from Aerobics is requesting to use the gym Tuesday & Thursdays from 8:30-9:30 in January, February & March. Acela rate increase was received on Tuesday and read at workshop. Melvin Procanyn & Janie Gillespie are seeking an additional 3 year term on the Coplay Library board.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Mayor reported that he will be swearing in newly elected and re-elected council members at the Regular Meeting on December 9th after the meeting. Mr. Bundra also contacted Lehigh County to see if they could give him the name of the resident who received 11 write-in votes to be the 4th seat on council. He was nominated as Chairperson for the IRT, he will be stepping down as IRT Liaison for the Borough and he recommended appointing Councilman Michael Dee as he is already the alternate liaison. He reported the trail recorded 10,852 people on the trail for the month of November. The electronic counters count bikes, people and animals.

Dee reported emergency services met and approved overages to be transferred to Department Projects, Two cadets going to the academy and should be cleared for October.

Hermany reported Coplay Community days would like to donate funds to Recreation, He stated that he would like to investigate installing Benches at the basketball courts. Christmas Fundraiser is Friday December 5, hope to see everyone out. He stated bands for the Summer series have been contacting him for next year.

Santoroski reported Public works committee met last week about compliance for the 11th street paving grant. In January we will be scheduling the annual grant meeting with Vito, brainstorm on what you would like for your departments and bring it to that meeting.

Bodish reported committee agreed the transfers for the line items in the budget. Reminded everyone office and public works will be closed on Wednesday Dec 24th & Thursday 25th. Recycling pick up will be Friday December 26th.

Kern- Admin gave his Budget presentation, latest assessment from Lehigh County is \$201,477,300 for all properties in the borough. Changes in budget are as follows: Administration; 1.6% for salaries, solicitors, postage, training and engineering fees. Tax collector fees; 4% funds increase with funds collected. Property; increased 23.5% Borough building aging infrastructure, added line item for sidewalks on maple with the Multimodal grant. Recreation; no increase. Public Works/Streets; 3.1% increase for salaries for admin staff, and contractual obligations, overtime and increase of road material. Misc; increase 12.1% overall due to Workman's Comp 15.4%, Health Insurance Premiums 2.3%, added line item for Mandated radios, and added line item for Emergency Services. Police; increase 4.2% salaries and contractual obligations, additional technology for mandated radios. Sanitation; increase of 2.04% due to salary increases and contractual obligations, increase in solid waste, yard waste and recycling dumping fees. Overall budget 6.6% increase, Finance committee recommended a .25 of a mil increase for the 2026 year.

Hearing of Persons Present: N/A

At Regular Meeting:

Approve second reading of 2026 budget

Approve First Northern Bank & Trust, The Neffs Bank & Penn Community Bank as depositories for Borough of Coplay funds.

Approve the authorization of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Chair of the Finance Committee to sign checks issued against various funds of the Borough (two signatures required).

Approve the annual appointment of auditor Kirk & Summa to audit 12/31/2025 financial statements.

Approve no rent increase in 2026 for Coplay AC and Explorer 101 Train Club.

Approve transfer of funds for all the departments:
Streets Road Construction in the amount of \$160,525.
Streets Parking Lot Paving in the amount of \$25,000.
Streets Road Materials in the amount of \$ 9,000.

Admin Office Furniture in the amount of \$2,000.
Admin MS4 Project in the amount of \$10,000
Admin Engineer in the amount of \$40,000.

Police schooling in the amount of \$6,000
Police Firearm in the amount of \$2,000
Police Community Engagement in the amount of \$3,900
Police Uniforms in the amount of \$500
Police Technology in the amount of \$5,000
Police Radio/Cellular in the amount of \$27,000
Police Vests in the amount of \$1,000

Transfer from Garbage Fund to Garbage Money Market Fund
Garbage Contingency/Landfill Maintenance in the amount of \$25,000
Garbage New Truck Fund in the amount of \$10,000

Approve removal of handicap signs for parking spaces at 25 North 4th Street and 30 North 4th Street.

Accept Resignation of Fire Chief Joseph Britt effective 1/1/2026.

Approve Fire Chief Dakota Fenstermaker as Fire Chief effective 1/1/2026.

Approve David Buchfuhrer as Deputy Fire Chief effective 1/1/2026.

Approve Tyler Bell as Assistant Fire Chief effective 1/1/2026.

Approve use of gym for Tuesday and Thursday mornings aerobics (9:30am to 10:30am) during winter months of January, February and March 2026.

Approve use of gym for Juvenile Probation Friday, December 12th 8 to 4pm, and Monday, December 15th 12 to 4pm.

Approve Resolution 1532 increasing Borough's Noncontract employees' pension contribution from 6% to 10%.

Accept resignation of Faye Schreiner from Coplay Library Board.

Approve Janie Gillespie for another 3-year term on the Coplay Library Board.

Approve to pay out the remaining balance of \$3,898 to the Coplay Library from the building maintenance line item.

Approve to transfer balance of \$334.27 from the IRT Trail Maintenance budget line to the Recreation Fund.

Approve Reappointment of Melvin Procanyn to Coplay Library Board for additional 3 year term.

Approve to replace commercial hot water heater at the Coplay Fire Station.

Approve to install Heat Pump compressor mini split for Administration Office in the amount of \$7,868.

Approve Thomas Morris III to be hired as a police cadet starting January 2026 pending physical agility and the Nelson Denny test at Allentown Police Academy.

Any other items for Discussion:

Regular Meeting December 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Special Meeting Monday, December 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Reorganization Meeting Monday, January 5, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Motion by Kern, second by Hermany, to enter executive session for litigation at 7:45

Motion by Santoroski, second by Hermany, to adjourn meeting at 7:53 PM.