

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

Hearing of persons present:

Barry Gabel, 8723 Summit Circle, Slatington, here regarding previous residence at 19 S. Front Street. Received letter from borough instructing him to replace curb and sidewalk at his property prior to 6/30/2016; work was completed according to instructions. Then, four days before settlement for sale of house, received bill for \$404 for additional work completed by borough contractor to curb and sidewalk. Just because the neighbors did not do the work they were supposed to, should not be penalized, and, didn't agree with Engineer to allow additional work, but work was done anyway. Molitoris questioned BCO Helman who explained due to linear feet size of curb, additional curb on 19 S Front property of 4' needed to be replaced. Mr. Gabel stated his credit is now at risk. Sodl questioned if additional work was on property with response of unsure based on past, but believes same to be part of his property. Discussion between Sodl and Mr. Gabel continued. Mayor Molitoris questioned date of house sale settlement with response of 9/24. Mr. Gabel stated received call from Engineer around 9/16, however told him that he did not want the additional work completed, but it was done anyway. Mr. Gabel restated he completed the work he was told to have done in the original letter, does not feel he should be charged for additional work after the fact because the Engineer wanted more corrected and should not be required to pay \$404 charge for the work, should be reimbursed by borough. Sodl responded, you want the borough taxpayers to pay for your curb replacement? Why is it their responsibility? Mayor Molitoris also commented. Royer stated many times jobs are changed and additional work is needed after work starts due to unforeseen circumstances.

PWD Boyle reported public works completed maintenance and stored all snow equipment, painted upstairs bathroom, water is turned on at all borough recreation sites, speed timers were reinstalled, slides put together for install at pool, pumped water out of pool and are beginning prep work, boiler is shut down and cleaned out next will pull grate to determine repair or replacement of same, finishing police locker room, routine sanitation pickups, routine street maintenance and routine building maintenance. To update council on projects – storm drain work on Hokendauqua Street is complete, however no update on paving schedule at this time. CWSA work on South Front Street is still ongoing and borough needed to complete storm pipe work within the project that will be done by AEI. UGI is starting installation of new mains and service connections along Front Street, they will be bringing main from 2nd Street down Lehigh Street to South Front. The alarm system at fire building is installed and running; scheduling training date with CFC, fire department and public works staff. Sodl stated some tools still there from ABE Alarm. PWD Boyle responded saw same and ABE is aware. Sodl commented likes idea of training day and requested Burkner comment regarding statements with Giant today. Burkner stated spoke with store manager regarding installation of mesh to stop trash from blowing into civic plaza who responded Giant will be good partner and neighbor to borough. Sodl requested PWD Boyle obtain estimate for mesh to be presented to Giant by Burkner and Sodl. Sodl also questioned Administrator Gynecsek regarding grass clippings being blown into street by Giant's landscape company who responded has not received response to date, however due to comments by store manager will contact manager directly to discuss same.

BCO/CEO Helman reported 20 permits issued in April. 2 new reports, 4 resolved and 5 ongoing for code enforcement. Sodl added three health inspections completed at Gigi's Pizza, The Bacon Strip and Coplay News Agency.

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Chief Genovese reported speed signs reinstalled and receiving compliments on same. Officer Ryan Emerich has been hired full time and Officer DeAngelo is expected to return from injury on 5/24. At this time, looking for someone to move into 32 hour position. Have had a busy week including naloxone save and traffic stop at Giant led to warrant and drug violations. 178 incidents for April with 2 arrests, 6 traffic violations, 1 written warning and 15 borough parking tickets issued. Getting ready for street sweeping in conjunction with public works department.

Fire Chief Buskaritz was absent, report read by Sodl. 6 incidents for April, new truck estimates received and will be reviewed between department and council committee. Three personnel will attend hazardous materials class hosted by Whitehall Fire department, two completed module 3 firefighting classes, two completed module 1 firefighting classes and two personnel will attend basic vehicle rescue class hosted by Weisenberg Fire department. New gear purchased with grant funds has arrived at station.

Administrator Gyecsek reported update from Lehigh County General Services Rick Molchany regarding Coplay-Northampton Bridge project, contractor is working on preliminary construction plan and expects bridge closure by end of May. Engineer Witczak informed office about expansion of PA Dirt and Grovel Road Program to now include low volume roads; after making a few phone calls, determined program is administered through Lehigh County Conservation District. PWD must attend two day ESM Training Course prior to submission for funding, along with an on-site meeting, however, fund submission is ongoing, with no deadline and can be submitted anytime throughout the year. Closest two day course is not until 10/24 and 10/25 in Berks County. This program can be utilized for repaving of alleys and have quite a few in desperate need of repair. Interviewed for summer help position along with PWD Boyle, we are recommending hiring of Zyan Globosits and Nathan Wechsler with motion at regular meeting, start date of 5/22/2017. Resolution #1430 was prepared for signing of DCNR grant. Received letter from Lehigh County requesting support of D & L Trail grant application. Annual "Report to Our Citizens" is being printed at this time and will be mailed to all residents prior to end of May. 2 North 9th Street property is currently empty, received complaint regarding stagnant water in pool, since resident was removed and process of bank taking over property will take some time to transfer, requested pool water be treated by public works, which was done, so as to be unable to breed mosquitoes and others bugs. Finally received callback from new representative at SBA, asking that they install new light at ballfield tower and informed them that since it took almost two months to receive response to my numerous attempts to contact, extension of 25 year lease will need to have some changes; will see what they say to our initial terms and will keep council informed as negotiations move forward.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Received request from PSAB to adopt a resolution urging our Congressmen and US Senators to oppose elimination of CDBG funding. No questions or comments by members, okay to prepare resolution for approval at regular meeting.

Request received from Kimberly Fitzpatrick with Coplay Town Watch for use of pavilion at no cost to hold annual National Night Out celebration on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. After discussion by members, place motion on agenda for passage at regular meeting and include need to clean up after event or pay fee of \$35 to have borough pavilion cleaner clean same.

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

Mayor Molitoris reported did not receive a Feral Cat Committee report from Ms. Fitzpatrick. Administrator Gyecsek stated in request for use of pavilion, Ms. Fitzpatrick asked to forward her apologies for not having a report as her grandmother passed away and she was in New York to attend funeral. Mayor commented I guess there is no report as was promised. Administrator Gyecsek will request Ms. Fitzpatrick provide report for Mayor prior to regular meeting of 5/9.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Sodl thanked police and fire departments for their service this month. Burkner thanked Chief Genovese for work and save using naloxone.

Royer reported we have possible renters for house at 38 South 4th Street, awaiting further information before authorizing rental. CWSA opened bids for solar panel installation at Eberhardt station.

Burkner reported at 4/28 Park & Rec meeting members discussed pool hiring for the year and are recommending the following lifeguards – Rebecca Kosar, Robert Lamm, Courtney Dragovits, Samantha Molitoris, Paul Helman, Faith Schaffer, Darwin Cofield, Reynaldo Aquino, and Stephanie Setar, William Decker as daily clean up, and Gary DeAngelo as pool manager. Gary will work along with Kim and Sandy in the office to complete the pool manager job. Pool opens 6/10 and 6/11, with official opening day of Tuesday, 6/13. Aqua Zumba classes will continue this year, every Monday, but with new instructor Tara Miller. The Bacon Strip will lease concession stand again for 2017, however lease will end day prior to opening day of Community Days; Molitoris talked to owners directly regarding this change. Pool fees for 2017 are \$105 for resident family, \$190 non resident family, \$55 adult resident, \$80 non resident adult, \$40 resident student, \$50 non resident student, \$5 resident daily, and \$9 non resident daily. At this time, Burkner made statement regarding grant submission for lighting at Balliet Stadium. A grant was submitted @ 3 years prior for lighting which was denied and, when reviewed with DCNR, was told this would not fit their criteria and would not be approved as grants must "benefit the entire community." Suggests Legion Baseball pursue other means of funding and grants on their own, borough will fully support in any way they can, but Legion must take lead on this project. Reported Legion will have scoreboard dedication on Saturday, 6/24 at 12 noon, council and Mayor are invited to attend. Sodl questioned if pool rates were increased with negative response, rates remained same as 2016 rates.

Eisenhauer was absent, no report.

Bodish was absent, no report.

Hearing of persons present:

Anne Killeen, 32 S 4th St., okay with free pavilion to local groups but disagrees with charging only \$35 if borough has to clean up, public works employees wages are higher than that. Molitoris stated public works does not clean the pavilion, there is a separate employee for that who is paid \$35 per cleaning. Ms. Killeen opined they should be charged more for clean up.

AT REGULAR MEETING:

Vote to hire lifeguards, pool manager and (2) part time streets & sanitation for 2017 summer season.

Vote on use of pavilion by Coplay Town Watch.

Vote on Resolution 1430 re: DCNR grant signatory.

Vote on Resolution 1431 re: opposing elimination of CDBG funding.

Motion by Sodl, second by Molitoris to adjourn meeting at 8:20 pm to executive session for discussion of possible litigation, real estate and personnel until regular meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7 pm.

Borough Secretary