

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

In attendance were Bodish, Mayor Bundra, Dee, Hermany, Kern, Santoroski, Chief Emerich, and Fire Chief Britt

EMA Grim, Sold, Luckenbach & Helman were absent

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance:

Hearing of person: Anne Killeen inquired if there was an ordinance or resolution into the nuisance policy for the Borough with landlords and tenants. Bodish answered with, not yet all that has to be done through solicitors.

PWD Boyle- ABS – Bodish read completed jobs provided by Brad Snyder

BCO Helman- 22 Permits for a total revenue of \$6,255

Chief Emerich- reported 264 calls, 14 parking tickets, 13 arrests. 29 Officers including Coplay officers attended Training on Evidence, went well.

Fire Chief Britt -reported 23 calls this month for a total of 250 for year. Coin Toss held on Black Friday resulted in \$2,000 in donations. He thanked everyone for their continued support.

EMA Grim- Absent

Benson – Reported read a Condolences from Senator Nick Miller on the Passing of Steve Burkner. Engineering fees for 2025 were provided from Acela. Ms. Benson read a condolences card from the Whitehall Chamber of Commerce on the passing of Steve Burkner, email was read on behalf of a resident regarding a motorhome concern. 2024 notes – Skid Steer paid off, received 902 grant in the amount of \$13,126.00 for bins and recycling education materials provided to residents for our Mandated program. Borough Office collected \$7836.31 in Delinquent garbage. Received certified payroll sheets for both Pool Pump & Balliet Light grants, can now submit for reimbursement. Received and signed Street Sweeper grant and CDBG Grant for Street repairs.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Mayor- Mr. Bundra thanked the governing body for electing him for the remaining 14 months left in the Mayors term. He sat down with Police Chief to get a better feel for what both are looking for going forward. He stated his concern for those who meet up with people during purchases. Be very careful who your meeting when purchasing off marketplace.

Dee- IT is moving forward with Migration, and looking into having cameras installed at Social hall due to issue during a rental.

Hermany- park and rec had a meeting, they discussed the Balliet Stadium contract and the lighting. They contacted to Solicitor to see if any verbiage needed to be changed. They did not believe they have to due to documentation on discussions held about the lights prior to the signing of the contract. Mr. Hermany discussed the Coplay Sports Santa Parade on December 15th and requested Police and Fire presence to ensure the safety of both residents and participants.

Kern- reported no budget changes, still no increase to Real Estate Tax. \$20.00 increase in garbage. \$440.00 Regular & 400.00 Senior with 10% discount if paid early and 6% increase to businesses.

Luckenbach-Absent

Santoroski- Thanked Ms. Benson for reading the Condolence from Senator and wished the missing Council members well.

Sodl – Absent – report read thanking PW. Matt Stoisits for investigating and changing emergency lighting at the Library.

Bodish – leaf pick will continue till next week and will extended days will depend on the amount of leaves left on trees.

Hearing of Persons Present:

At Regular Meeting:

Approve second reading of 2025 budget

Approve First Northern Bank & Trust and The Neffs National 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 reappointment of Acela Engineering for engineering services to the Borough of Coplay.

Approve reappointment of Broughal & DeVito as Solicitors for the Borough of Coplay.

Approve reappointment of Tiffany Benson as Right to Know Officer.

Approve reappointment of Tiffany Benson as Secretary-Treasurer.

Approve reappointment of Joseph Britt as Fire Chief.

Approve reappointment of Ryan Emerich as Police Chief.

Approve \$2,000.00 for 2025 Trap and Release Animal Contract through Helens 501c-3 Rescue.

Approve Neil DeWalt for 3-year term renewal for Coplay Library Board.

Approve to hire Police Cadet Clint Wambold as a full-time police officer pending Police Academy Graduation effective 12/16/24.

Approve no rent increase in 2025 for Coplay Athletic Club.

Approve no rent increase in 2025 for Explorer 101 Train Club.

Approve updated fee schedule.

Transfer of funds for the following departments:

Approve to transfer Streets Technology in the amount of \$4,900 to Department Projects.

Approve to transfer Streets Parking Lot Paving in the amount of \$ 25,000 to Department Projects.

Approve to transfer Streets Truck Fund in the amount of \$ 20,000 to Department Projects.

Approve to transfer Streets Road Construction in the amount of \$ 26,507 to Department Projects.

Approve to transfer balance of \$370.21 from the IRT Trail Maintenance budget line to the Recreation Fund.

Approve to transfer balance of \$3,285 to the Coplay Library from the building maintenance line item.

Any other items for Discussion

Mr. Dee requested to make a motion to change the titles for the Borough Secretary to Borough Administrator and Assistant Secretary to Administrative Assistant. Discussion was held over for Executive session.

Next Meetings:

Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 7 PM. Special Meeting scheduled for Monday December 16, 2024 at 6PM.

Motion to enter Executive session by Kern, second by Santoroski at 7:51PM

Motion to adjourn meeting by Hermany, second by Kern at 8:30 PM.

All in Favor 5 - **Carried**/Denied