

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bodish. In attendance were Burkner, Eisenhower, Luckenbach, Molitoris, Royer, and Sodl, as well as Mayor Molitoris, Police Chief Genovese, PWD Boyle, and BCO Helman. Fire Chief Buskaritz and EMA Coordinator Buskaritz were absent. Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

At this time, bids for the Roof Repair project were opened by Secretary Gynecsek. Three bids were received as follows: Kaylor Contracting, LLC \$249,900.00, Alan Kunsman Roofing & Siding, Inc. \$210,225.00, and Boyle Construction, Inc. \$477,000.00. Bids will be forwarded to Keystone Consulting Engineers for review and awarded at regular meeting.

Hearing of persons present:

Karen Kratzer-Shields, 130 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St., admitted to council she did not read notice received from borough which stated utilities were to be turned on within fourteen (14) days; just called PPL and NBMA this date to have electric and water turned on at property. Explained to members did not get approval for loan, will attempt to pay taxes first and then work on repairs. Pres. Bodish stated will need to discuss with Solicitor to determine next procedure. Sodl commented, at April meeting questioned what repairs were needed at property and Certificate of Occupancy inspection was set up, however since no utilities on at property inspection cannot be done and this you were told by BCO Helman at inspection and through mailed notice, but utilities were still not turned on. Ms. Shields responded has done outdoor maintenance and some indoor cleanup. Sodl responded must follow ordinances and payment for services provided just like all other residents. Ms. Shields stated has set up payment plan for garbage fee and real estate taxes; takes full responsibility for not reading written notice received which indicated time for utilities to be turned on, has been in contact with PPL who will need to inspect prior to turning electric on, NBMA owed past due bill and need plumber to fix pipe break prior to having water turned on, also contacted Holencik to make some of the outside repairs. Molitoris questioned if van removed and situation with cats. Ms. Shields responded van has not been removed and cats are down to allowed amount. Pres. Bodish stated since utilities are not on, follow violation notice wording for necessary repairs, etc., council will discuss with solicitor at regular meeting.

Denise Continenza, Communities That Care program, updated council on status of program, action committees and strategies. There are five priorities being addressed, handout to member regarding same. Botvin Life Skills Training program will be given to 6<sup>th</sup> graders in 2016-2017 school year. Pamphlets were included in the annual WHS musical program re: "Parents Who Host Lose the Most", copy of same given to members. Kids expressed need for some type of recognition program, same would be beneficial. Additionally "The 4W's for Parents of Young Teens" leaflet was passed out to members. Eisenhower took extra copies of all handouts for at Coplay Library.

Mel Procanyn, 7 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St., as bids received for roof repair work over what insurance company has paid, should forward bid to insurance company for possible additional funding of claim. Pres. Bodish stated Secretary already reported same will be forwarded to insurance after bid is awarded.

PWD Boyle reported April completed work included inspection of storm drains for damage and repairs of same along Front Street, block wall repaired at 1 Bridge Street property to secure area for storage, water turned on at Coplay Parkway, Saylor Field and Town Square, old electrical shed at Parkway and main power line removed, temporary power to pavilion installed, electric in pump house removed, new meter base installed at Parkway, new awnings installed at CFC and fire department, pool pumped out and wall repairs started, routine lawn maintenance, routine building maintenance, routine sanitation pickups and routine street work. Painting at fire department has begun. Hokendauqua storm sewer project with Whitehall Township should begin in mid to late summer. Tire drop off scheduled for Saturday, 5/7 at 1 Bridge Street property. Street Sweeping scheduled for Wednesday, 5/11 and Thursday, 5/12.

EMA Coordinator Buskaritz was absent, no report.

Chief Genovese reported 162 calls for April, 2016 with 1 arrest, 7 traffic violations, 5 written warnings and 18 borough parking tickets issued. All photos for identification badges are complete and have been sent out, awaiting receipt of same. Officer Wolfer was hired full time by North Catasauqua; Officer Emerich has passed appropriate background checks and is in training, he also has EMT certifications and will send him for CPR and First Aid instructor training in order to provide annual instruction on same to police, public works and office employees. Requesting approval to hire additional part time Officer Nicholas Hartman, again upon passage of background checks. And, department will be assisting public works with street sweeping.

Fire Chief Buskaritz was absent, Sodl read April, 2016 report, 10 calls for month. Two volunteers will attend emergency vehicle driver training course in May and 1 Bridge Street building has been used for training exercises. Department is requesting approval from council to hold annual fund drive Coin Toss on Saturday, May 28 from 10 am – 3 pm. No questions by members, motion at regular meeting.

Secretary Gyecsek gave update on sale of 38 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, letter received from County of Lehigh re: submission of DCNR grant for D & L trail extension, invitation received from NBMA to tour water treatment plan on Saturday, May 7 if interested let office know to RSVP, copies of engineer report for April and answer to last month's roadway restoration question from Acela Engineering to all members, received email from PPL regarding LED distribution rate for lights changed over to LED began reviewing same for possible savings did find we were being charged for six lights in North Whitehall Township and those are being removed from our billing, hope to have further information by June meeting. CDBG submitted for storm sewer inlet box repairs, received request for additional information which was submitted this date, and update to personnel manual for insurance coverage for 32 hour police officer position was prepared and submitted to Attorney Harrison for review should be ready for passage by motion at June meeting. Sodl commented even with approval of new 32 hour police officer position, would still like to see study completed for additional benefits, hourly rate, etc. that could be offered in order to retain and attract officers to that position.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Request received from Lehigh County Juvenile Probation for use of auditorium/gym from May 17 – May 20, 2016 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm daily for training, at no fee. No comments or questions by members, motion at regular meeting.

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

Mayor Molitoris stated had nothing new to report.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Sodl stated should discuss with solicitor next week the situation and procedures for 130 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street situation, insulted that after being here last month, she did not even take time to read notice sent by BCO Helman.

Royer stated already reported painting at fire department has been started and "For Sale" sign installed in front yard of 38 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. property. Reminded members to consider heating "dinosaur" in municipal building, ideas needed for same: keep repairing, update, etc. CWSA annual meeting will be held Thursday, May 19 at 7:30 pm at Sewer Authority and Intergovernmental meeting to be held same night at 6 pm at Whitehall Township. IRT will be celebrating 20 years with events throughout the summer season including a ribbon cutting and 5K run on June 12 at new area in North Whitehall Township, trail is now 9.2 miles. IRT will also sponsor 10K race on August 27 in conjunction with Coplay Community Days.

Burker reported three additional guards interviewed by committee: Robert Lamm, Reynaldo Figuero, and Paul Helman motion at regular meeting to hire same, brings us to total of nine guards for season. Coplay Sports Opening Day on 4/30 attended well, thanked Mayor and Sodl for stopping by. Karen Murphy of PPL helping to get electric hooked up at plaza, requesting Secretary send letter to same stating all structures are permanent in order for PPL to waive installation fees. Planning Commission will also send Thank You letter to Karen for her help. Carl questioned if temporary electric hook up was an option with negative response.

Eisenhauer reported there is \$27,970 in recreation fund at this time for use toward Saylor Field project. Dividends received from insurance, Property & Liability of \$7,490 and Worker's Compensation of \$23,199. Renegotiated interest rate for 2009 general obligation note, were looking at increase from current 3% to a ceiling rate of 5.4%. Secretary Gyecsek contacted bank, rate of 2.5% for next five years again with ceiling rate of 5.4% after that, however can renegotiate again in 5 years. This will require motion at regular meeting and Ordinance at June meeting. Library report, May 14 basket social at St. Peter's Church; free blood pressure screening on 5/11 from 1–3pm; all yearbooks will be converted to disc at no charge. Traffic at the Library for April: 652 uses of the computers, 3,200 hits on the Library website and 919 in foot traffic. Received grant in amount of \$7,500 from Trexler Grant program for carpet replacement which must be complete by 11/1, spoke with PWD Boyle, this will require Library to close 1-2 weeks due to amount of work needed, but is a necessary improvement, fundraising funds will be used to complete the project total of approximately \$9,500. Next year will submit for two front windows to be replaced. Sodl questioned what amount of funds are received from LCB annually. Secretary responded, we receive \$1,050 yearly. Luckenbach questioned who was low bidder for carpet project with response of Tom Adams. Sodl commented borough is very fortunate to have group of board members in charge at Library, working very well with tax receipts and fundraising monies to stay on budget and keep Library programs in place.

Bodish reported 5/7 tire drop off at 1 Bridge Street from 10 am – 2 pm. 5/11 and 5/12 street sweeping, watch for “No Parking”. No garbage collection on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day Holiday. We will no longer be collecting electronics, they need to be taken to GER Solutions directly at 795 Roble Road, had to begin charging by pound which would require us to purchase a scale, too much cost involved.

Hearing of persons present:

None.

AT REGULAR MEETING:

Vote to award Roof Repair project.

Vote to approve hiring three additional lifeguards.

Vote to approve use of auditorium by Lehigh County Juvenile Probation.

Vote to hire part time Officer Nicholas Hartman.

Vote to allow Fire Department Coin Toss on 5/28.

Vote to approve renegotiated terms for 2009 General Obligation Note.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Sodl, second by Burkner to executive session for discussion of possible litigation. Meeting adjourned until next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7 PM.

Borough Secretary