11th Workshop Meeting
Municipal Building

November 3, 2026
105th Council

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

In attendance were Mr. Bodish, Mr. Dee, Mr. Grohotolsky, Mr. Hermany, Mr. Kern, Mr. Santoroski, Mr. Read, Chief Emerich, Fire Chief Fenstermaker

Absent: Mayor Leiner, PWD Boyle, and BCO Helman

Council President led pledge of allegiance.

Hearing of person: Annie Killen, questioned if Council saw Allentown Mayor receiving $14 to $17 million dollar to help people replace lead pipes. Encouraging Coplay to look into funding for pipe replacement especially for leaking pipes on 4th Street.

Beth Trexler, Coplay Postmaster, Coplay Post Office is donating existing rusty-damaged 2-lid dumpster to PW, replacing with one trash can for weekly pickup. PO Recycling will be taken to LHV plant location. Requesting reduction rate for 2027 garbage.

Renee Reinhardt discussed frustration of noise disturbance from Living Springs Praise Arena. Music is heard Friday until 11pm, all day Saturdays, and all-day Sundays. Chief Emerich encouraged resident to contact PD at time of occurrence to measure noise.

PWD Boyle: Absent. Report provided

BCO Helman: Absent. Report provided

Chief Emerich: Month of October $454.00 collected. 289 incidents with 9 arrests. Brief overview handout of 3rd quarter of Emergency Services being even with last year. No issues with Halloween Parade, Fire Police were given donation to help. Hosted several training courses last month: DUI refresher for 10 officers. District Attorney office very interested in and excited to participate. 2-day Taser training. 28 Officers (maximum attendance). Second police bicycle delivered. Looking for an IPMBA course. Decals need to be added and a hitch to vehicle. Bikes will used on IRT or other events to help Officers be more mobile. Officer on leave is coming back to resume training 11/16, and should be cleared by March 2027. Officers agreed to bid-style schedule of 12 hours starting Jan 1. Officers will rebid every 6 months. Covering all hours with exception of some overtime while last Officer coming back from leave. Once last officer is cleared in March SP will be notified. Emergency Services meeting rough draft handed out. Awaiting for Towing contracts.

Fire Chief Fenstermaker: October 27 calls. Waiting on dealership for the new utility truck. Friday house fire in Boro. Another FD arrived first due to being at a restaurant in town. The fire was contained in the garage.

Ms. Chadwick: Correspondence from (PCFLV) Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley requesting use of the pavilion September 18, 2027. Waving fees except $100.00 cleaning fee and refundable $100.00 key deposit. Correspondence from Laura Monteverde DeWalt requesting to serve another three years on the Library Board.

Discussion of any problems/matters: Yearly leases for building-Coplay Athletic Club, Explorer Post 101 & Coplay Sports (no increase in 2026). Discuss renewal of lease for Balliet Stadium with Coplay Sports. Recommended for Property committee to meet and discuss Coplay AC and Explorer Post lease agreement and Park & Rec committee to meet and discuss Coplay Sports lease agreement. Discuss at December workshop meeting.

Mayor: Absent

Dee: Emergency Services/IRT: No meeting due to Halloween parade. No report.

Hermany: Recreation: No meeting due to parade. 8 dates for 2027 music series. Starts 6/2 ends 9/8. Dates to be added for approval on next week's agenda. Next meeting 11/17.

Bodish: Admin/finance: Proposed budget of Administration: $364,480.00; 2.3% increase. Tax Collector: no number yet. Building: $170,250.00; 2.8% increase of $4700.00 Streets: $687,740.00; increase of $2040.00; .3%. Rec: $151,200.00; $15,500.00; 11.4% increase. Insurances under discussion. $411,654.00; a $25,800 difference. No final number yet. -1.7%. State Aid $90,166.00; 14.3% increase. Police: $745,507.00; a negative .2%. Health: $14,800.00; decrease 6.3%. Sanitation: $637,784.00 increase of $25,459; 4.6%. Proposing a $50.00 increase on Sanitation, contract isn't completed yet. Fire & Water: $174,804.00; a negative of $12,622.00; 6.3%. General fund: .25 Mil tax increase. 8.71%; a negative of $100,000. 2.5% increase on real estate tax would add $47,500.00.

Santoroski: PW/Grant. PW Contract proposal will meet again next Tuesday. PW business as usual. Great job helping with parade setup/cleanup and helping with water main break on 4th Street. New Lifeguard stand for pool purchased. Grants: Still working on Multimodal grant. Looking to apply to State LSA Grant to renovate Pickleball Court pathways and bathrooms. Boiler started successfully and clock at Town Square repaired.

Grohotolsky: Prop: Trees removed at pool and ball field. Clock was fixed at Town Square. Normal maintenance on building. Boiler was started without issues.

Hearing of Persons Present: None

At Regular Meeting:
Approve the first reading of the budget.

Approve Secretary to advertise special meeting, final budget reading, ordinance setting tax rate for 2027 and resolution adopting receipts and expenses per new budget.

Approve December 14, 2026 6:00 PM for the special meeting to approve the 2027 budget.

Approve the annual appointment of auditor Kirk & Summa to audit 12/31/2026 financial statements.

Approve Coplay Community Days to lease Civic Plaza property located at 2nd & Chestnut Street from November 01, 2026 through January 20, 2027.

Any other items for Discussion:

- Reminder of date change approved in September- Recreation & Welfare annual tree lighting and holiday concert on Wednesday, December 2, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Regular Meeting November 10, 2026 at 7PM

Motion by Mr. Hermany, second by Mr. Bodish to adjourn into executive session for Personnel at 7:36 PM. Reconvened at 7:59 PM

Motion by Mr. Bodish, second by Mr. Hermany, to adjourn meeting at 8:00 PM.
All in favor 7; Opposed 0 Abstain 0 **Carried**/Denied