

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, Public Works Director Boyle and BCO Helman. Fire Chief Buskaritz and Police Chief Genovese were not in attendance. EMA Coordinator position is being filled on interim basis by Mayor Molitoris. Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

Hearing of persons present:

Rick White, 3113 Hokendauqua St., Whitehall re: 20 Tapler Drive property violation notice. Spend an average of 8 hours a day at Sodl farm. Reviewed violations noted in letter, 1) abandoned vehicles on property can't be parked in barn due to 3' of water when it rains; 2) > 5 animals at property, this is completely false, previously had cats in area trapped same and removed, haven't seen cats in five months; 3) disrepaired buildings and accumulation of rubbish and garbage, why does it matter what I have in buildings on my property, it's mine; 4) high grass/weeds on property, same is cut weekly. There are 19 code violations listed on this paperwork. Vehicles and other possessions are mine, 95% of damage at property and to possessions is due to high water, don't complain to council about that, shouldn't complaint about my property and possessions. Have spent more than \$15,000 to do upgrades at barns on property only to have water cause additional damage. And, there is no tree growing through any of the barns and again stated can store whatever he wants to in barns, they are his barns. Sodl questioned Helman regarding same, Helman stated all complaints/violations are legitimate and ongoing, have pictures over years. Sodl suggests onsite visit with White, Helman, and three members of council to discuss remedies to correct situation. Mr. White added wall at Abruzzi's property creates additional problem with water situation and asks that public works leave two barricades at his property, he or son will put same up to block roadway during heavy rains when road floods. Mr. White did thank PWD Boyle, over last three years drains in this area are checked at least daily, and more, if rain is forecast.

Richard Hess, on behalf of Recreation & Welfare Association Food Pantry, there is one fridge, two upright freezers and one chest freezer in food bank which only requires the one fridge, wanted to make sure none of these appliances are owned by borough as Rec & Welfare would like permission to have them removed. Pres. Bodish not sure of ownership, will review and respond. Eisenhower questioned Mr. Hess if organization has received non-profit status. He responded 501c(3) is in process, submission done, now supplying additional information requested by IRS.

PWD Boyle reported pool was closed and winterization started, pulled two filters for replacement, new water heater and sewer ejection pump installed at borough building, finished storm drain project at Front & Center St., tree work done on IRT, painted cross walks at IRT and 2nd Street, stop bars were painted on 2nd & Hokey, 2nd & Center and 2nd & Chestnut, routine building maintenance, routine street maintenance and routine sanitation pickups. Projected work for October includes finishing winterization at pool/parkway/town square/Saylor field, finish curb painting, start crack sealing, start 4th street storm drain, prep for Halloween parade, and install boiler grate and fire up same. Front Street project is moving ahead slowly and should be coated by winter. CDBG stormwater project almost complete, UGI patchwork after complaining to Great Western is getting completed, and thanked residents for their understanding during all of this work which is necessary for borough to continue to move forward. Sodl questioned contractor Dirt Works, CDBG stormwater work, not satisfied with their work. Luckenbach stated job wasn't that bad and, as usual, ran into problems once roadway was opened. Sodl and Luckenbach continued to discuss this project and contractor.

BCO/CEO Helman reported 7 health inspections at American Club of Coplay, American Club of Coplay Hoagie Shop, American Club of Coplay Pavilion, Coplay Home, Petite Scholars Learning Center, Coplay Sports and CFC completed, three new code enforcement complaints with 11 ongoing and 3 resolved for September. 4 zoning, 6 building, 1 commercial, 1 electrical, 1 plumbing, 1 mechanical, 3 sidewalk, and 16 certificate of occupancy permits issued in September, 2017 for total of \$3,834.75. No questions or comments by member.

EMA Coordinator position is being filled on interim basis by Mayor Molitoris, who had no emergencies to report, requested Administrator update on EMA replacement. Administrator Gynecsek reported left message for North Catasauqua EMA Coordinator with no response, spoke with Sodl this date, will attempt to contact Catasauqua coordinator next. Mayor asked that attempt to have resident fill position be made again through advertisement in November newsletter. Burkner questioned where emergency shelters are located within borough with response of CFC, St. Peter's Church basement and municipal building.

Chief Genovese was absent, Mayor read police report, 168 incidents in September with 6 arrests, 8 traffic arrests, 11 written warnings and 13 parking tickets issued.

Fire Chief Buskaritz was absent due to work, Sodl read August and September fire reports.

Administrator Gyecsek reported call received from PA Dept. of Agriculture, Coplay is now under quarantine for Spotted Lanternfly, information will be included in upcoming newsletters, all were given pamphlet and some at desk for any interested audience members. Yard waste facility was contacted, they are already treating incoming waste for this pest so there is no issue in receiving Coplay's yard waste. RFP for Architectural/Design Services was advertised, two phone calls received from interested firms. Coal telephone bids will be received for approval at regular meeting. Calendar year 2015 performance grant received in amount of \$7,928.00. PWD Boyle, Chief Genovese and myself attended meeting last week at Northampton regarding bridge, they will be blowing up two spans of structure on 10/11 and center span in November, there is no safe viewing area for the public, however same will be videotaped and accessible on their website, we will include link to same on borough website. No questions or comments by members.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

106 Chestnut Street handicap parking space can be removed, no longer own a vehicle. Motion needed at regular meeting. No questions or comments by members.

Application to install handicap parking space on South 3rd Street to rear of 142 South 2nd Street. Administrator stated application received today, not reviewed by Chief Genovese as he is on vacation, will have him review and approve prior to regular meeting. No questions or comments by members, motion at regular meeting.

Received estimated cost of services from Acela Engineering of \$4,250.00 to review existing stormwater system and to develop conceptual plan(s) of solutions, along with a final report summarizing the findings regarding stormwater system at 12th & Tapler. Sodl stated for that amount no choice but to go ahead and find if there is anything that can be done, determine where all water is coming from and if we have done everything we can to alleviate water in area. All members agreed, no further comments, motion at regular meeting.

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

Mayor Molitoris reported met with representative from Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce to discuss local businesses and concerns while bridge is down, try to help them keep business viable during construction. Sodl questioned if borough is still member of Whitehall Area Chamber of Commerce, office supplying list of borough businesses to pursue same. Administrator explained WACC became part of GLVCC, yes still part of chamber, membership was just renewed in September.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Sodl thanked Assistant Chief Bechtel and fire department and thanked police department for their work this past month, nothing further to report.

Royer reported we have viable renter for home at 38 South 4th Street. Hobel will be installing new grate in municipal building boiler in next few weeks. CWSA, Front Street curb and sidewalk repair work has been awarded to contractor and will be completed in coming weeks. IRT is requesting use of borough truck, if needed, for Coplay and Northampton Halloween Parades, motion at regular meeting.

Burker reported all questions by council regarding bonfire at Coplay Sports were answered. At this time, Pres. Bodish had additional concerns including what type of material is being burned, how high will burn be and what type of accelerant will be used. Also, Assistant Fire Chief Bechtel in audience had no specific knowledge of the bonfire. Administrator Gyecsek reported contact was made with Fire Chief and was assured fire department was involved. After further discussion, Bechtel will contact Coplay Sports to discuss specifics and Burker will request Coplay Sports representative be present at regular meeting to answer any and all questions, with vote by council after concerns answered. Burker continued, Jeanne McNeill has been accepted to run for husband's State Representative seat, formal announcement tomorrow at 4:45 pm at Westgate Mall, requests members attend if able to show support of Jeanne.

Eisenhauer reported intergovernmental meeting held, attended with Royer, school reviewed their five year plan which was very interesting. Library, Bake & Book sale this Friday and Saturday from 11-4 daily; Summer Reading program had 51 participants this year which was very successful and more than they had in 2016; new windows will be installed with funds from Trexler Grant and will also be looking at new window treatments; next movie day will be Saturday, 10/21. Finance report, looking to have an alternate signer for Sandy, maybe Administration Chair, as no one can sign in her absence. RFP for loan will be advertised as of 10/12. Requests all departments submit budget numbers to borough office this week. And, after reviewing current budget information, requested Administrator add information regarding percentage of increase to budget review form. Job descriptions were prepared by Administrator and reviewed by myself, copies for all to review, same will be approved at November meeting. Sodl commented school district increases taxes 2-3% ever year and they do not justify that increase. Eisenhauer stated indicated increase was needed for roof replacements,

security, full time kindergarten and AstroTurf installation. There were additional comments and discussion on the topic of school district tax increases.

Bodish reported Freightliner sanitation truck went down today, still expect to purchase a new truck in approximately two years. Thanked public works for work on storm sewer at Center & Front. Hokendauqua and 4th Street storm sewer may not be able to install, some concerns with this project, still reviewing. Front Street pulverization done, excess material needs to be moved by contractor, not acceptable, goal is to replace curb and sidewalk along East side of Front Street and install binder coat prior to winter. Dirt Works project at 2nd/3rd/Schreiber has been tied into main storm sewer system, currently working on concrete restoration.

Hearing of persons present:

Mel Procanyn, 7 South 8th Street, questioned 12th and Tapler, already have engineer designs of what was done previously, if Whitehall will not enlarge pipe at Ruch Street spending \$4,250 won't make any difference. Pres. Bodish responded we can only work in Coplay, see if anything can be done with our facilities to improve situation or if there is nothing additional that we can do, worth the investment. Sodl agreed, shows we are willing to review for our benefit and benefit of our residents in that area, cannot worry about what Whitehall does or does not do.

At this time, Pres. Bodish added will be creating new committee to review Bridge Street municipal complex development. Committee will consist of Sodl as Chair, with Eisenhauer, Molitoris, Administrator and Bodish. Sodl commented this is very important committee and will be beneficial to the borough for many years, must invest the necessary time and effort into the project. Suggested committee set up specific monthly day/time for committee to meet as meetings will need to be advertised. Administrator will review current calendar schedule to determine what days and times are available and report to committee.

At this time, Sodl suggested three members should be chosen to go with Helman to White's property. After discussion, Molitoris, Luckenbach, Bodish and Helman will meet at White's property; determined will meet on 10/9 at 5:30 pm at Mr. White's property.

AT REGULAR MEETING:

Vote on coal bid.

Vote on removal of handicap space at 106 Chestnut Street.

Vote on installation of handicap space on South 3rd Street.

Vote on estimate for 12th & Tapler review by Acela Engineering.

Vote on use of borough truck by IRT in Halloween parades.

Vote on bonfire at Coplay Sports.

Motion by Sodl, second by Molitoris to adjourn meeting until regular meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7 pm.

Borough Secretary