

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

Seven bids for storm sewer project were received and read: Dirt Work Solutions \$185,896.00, Land Tech Enterprises \$188,250.00, Ankievicz Enterprises Inc. \$204,455.50, Professional Site Management, Inc. \$213,704.60, RGC Development LP \$237,973.39, S Asphalt Service, LLC \$279,362.43, and Charles D. Herman Inc \$355,020.00. Bids will be forwarded to Engineer Witczak for recommendation at regular meeting.

A discussion with Kimberly Fitzpatrick of Coplay Town Watch regarding status of Feral Cat Committee was to take place, however she was not in attendance.

Hearing of persons present: None.

PWD Boyle was absent for family situation, report read by Pres. Bodish. Completed projects for March include rebuild of storm drain on 2nd Street at IRT, removed fence at ballfield, picked up cabinets and worked on locker room for police, snow removal and clean up, repaired snow plow on S3, replaced radiator hose on 750, clean up and set up for Protective Safety Systems training, clean out of pavilion, extended pipe for exhaust on fire department brush truck, new pump on fire truck, patched IRT, routine sanitation pickups, routine street maintenance and routine building maintenance. Projected work for April includes drain and start of pool prep work, complete locker room, continue grounds clean up and start storm drain replacements on Front Street. Storm drains on Hokendauqua Street are moving along, air conditioning has been installed at CFC, ABE alarm is continuing to install alarm system at fire building, one side of boiler is repaired and running and Community Days paid for fence installed at ball field and we thank them. Sodl questioned why alarm system at fire building is not fully installed, wires are hanging, nothing is cleaned up, this should have been installed, we put pressure on CFC to install hood and fire suppression, but our project is not complete. Should have date to be completed by in all projects, not just whenever the contractor completes it. We have a lot of communication issues ongoing, especially with bridge project, Saylor Park grant and CFC alarm, these issues need to be communicated to council since we get most of the questions from residents.

BCO/CEO Helman reported 32 permits issued in March. 6 new reports, 7 resolved and 3 ongoing for code enforcement. 130 South 9th Street property will be inspected on April 11. Pres. Bodish questioned court deadline with response of June from BCO Helman. Gynecsek stated this topic on agenda, same can be reviewed at this time. Solicitor Harrison is asking for discussion by members to approve ammonia inspection for cat urine situation at cost of \$973.00; explained to solicitor no inspection since November, council will not approve expense when no one from borough has been in residence for 6 months. As such, inspection originally scheduled for 4/4, rescheduled for 4/11. Will report on same at regular meeting and have discussion by council re: authorize ammonia inspection. Inspection will be completed by BCO Helman with Gynecsek.

EMA Coordinator position is being filled on interim basis by Mayor Molitoris, no report.

Chief Genovese reported 187 incidents for March with 1 juvenile arrest, 10 traffic violations, 4 written warning and 27 borough parking tickets issued. Requesting council give conditional offer of full time employment pending passing of physical agility and certification of list by Civil Service Commission. All members agreed with same, motion at regular meeting.

Fire Chief Buskaritz was absent, report read by Sodl. 11 incidents for March, hosted annual hazardous materials operations refresher and two personnel completed basic fire police course

Administrator Gynecsek questioned if there were any suggestions or requests from council for submission of CDBG grant with no response, due 4/13. Copy to all members of information received from local municipalities who have cell towers on their property, also requested information from PSAB with no response and aware light is still out, follow up phone call to site manager and awaiting call back. We receive more than most of the municipalities, except for Whitehall, who renegotiated the lease receiving a signing bonus, this is site at Mulligan's golf course. Suggesting we start negotiations asking for \$25,000.00 signing bonus, an increase in monthly rent to \$3,000 with 4% increase yearly, and include language requiring any maintenance be completed within 8 weeks of notice or a penalty of \$100 per day will be assessed. Molitoris questioned "25% of revenue" that Kutztown receives; Gynecsek will attempt to obtain that information. Sodl stated should be requesting more than a 1% increase change (current lease has 3% yearly increase rate). Gynecsek responded will only discuss light situation when call back received and obtain additional information per council request and bring to back to next meeting for further discussion. Received information from Lehigh County re: 2018

tourism development grant, submitted question if could be used toward 150th celebration with positive response. Applications are due 5/6 will work with 150th committee on submission for an event. Funds must be used within two years, so 2019 is okay, should submit now as unable to confirm grant will be available in 2018. Letter sent to Jeff Morgan of Giant who we dealt with for the lease of civic plaza property, regarding garbage problem from employees and shopping carts in town, he assured me that he spoke with manager and situation should be resolved. If we have any further problems, we should call him directly. PSAB is asking for support from all municipalities on two issues 1) use of radar by local police, all members agreed with same, Resolution will be prepared for regular meeting, and 2) increasing ceiling for small games of chance profit from \$25,000 to \$35,000. Luckenbach stated no clubs with licenses in Coplay reach this limit; although members acknowledged Luckenbach's statement, agreed to pass Resolution in support of other communities within Pennsylvania. Gyecsek reported additional documents received from Rick Bogart re: Saylor Park grant along with request for conference call with PWD Boyle, myself and Engineer Witczak. Sodl requested council member be included, Gyecsek will forward dates and times for call to Burkner. Sodl also questioned where funds for project are coming from, line of credit needed. Gyecsek stated unsure of how grant works with regard to reimbursement, if entire project must be complete or requests can be done periodically, will question Mr. Bogart during conference call and proceed based on his response. Also, received verbal approval of the \$50,000 DCED grant for this project.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Handicap parking spaces – reviewed some of the older spaces to verify need, space at 43 S. 3rd will be removed, all others okay, and reinstall space at Center & S. 2nd for another resident who submitted proper paperwork after space was removed. No questions or comments by members, motion at regular meeting.

Boards & Commissions – received letter of resignation from Chris Schmidt as member of Park & Recreation Board. No questions or comments by members, motion at regular meeting.

130 South 9th Street – this was previously discussed during BCO Helman report, no further discussion.

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

Mayor Molitoris reported since Fitzpatrick not here to discuss, what can council do to help residents with cat situation. Chief Genovese stated Sanctuary at Haafsville will take cats that are dropped off by residents for a fee. Gyecsek added prior to feral cat committee project would be billed annually by Humane Society for cats taken there by residents. Chief Genovese stated Humane Society is no longer an option, they are no longer accepting cats. Mayor questioned how feral cat committee worked. Chief Genovese stated would trap cats, take to be spayed/neutered and then release. Gyecsek added, if cats are too young, need to be sheltered until they can be spayed/neutered which is how situation at 9th Street property occurred, too many cats in residence. All members agreed to pursue resolution. Chief Genovese will contact Sanctuary at Haafsville and Gyecsek will send email to local municipalities to see if they have any procedures in place that we could possibly use in our situation. Mayor stated since feral cat committee is no longer addressing this problem, it is up to officials to find resolution.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Sodl thanked police and fire departments. Attended Whitehall Active Lifestyle group, Whitehall has no senior citizens group in place. Coplay has a very good and active seniors' group and as a government should do more to support that group and their efforts.

Royer stated ½ of boiler is working, will need another new grate for other ½ to function at approximate cost of \$10,000. Council must decide if we want to continue to put money into improving this building; heating system, windows, electrical, and accessibility major upgrades are all needed. Eisenhower agreed, must prepare cost estimates and options for thorough review and make the decision. Sodl stated because of procrastination in past this council must accept the responsibility of this building and make the decision. Sees three options 1) stay and make necessary improvements, 2) new building for administration and police at tot lot and new public works at 1 Bridge St, or 3) all departments moved to new building at 1 Bridge Street property. Sodl and Molitoris favored option 3). Eisenhower requested a committee be named to obtain cost estimates of each choice, prepare findings and bring back to all members; must begin this process now, can no longer wait and in order to look at financing options, must have cost estimates. May need to bring in architect and engineer to help with review of options. Eisenhower, Sodl and Bodish named as committee to review options.

Burkner requested motion at regular meeting to rehire Ronald Jany as pavilion cleaner for 2017 season. No question or comments by members, motion at regular meeting.

Eisenhauer reported Liquid fuels receipt of \$94,000 which is more than \$92,000 budgeted amount. Engineering fees to date are high, we have a lot of projects going on, but must take a look at this expense, see where we can reign it in. All members agreed Engineer is doing great job, there are just a lot of projects that need immediate work. Copy of Library accomplishments for 2016 to all members, and audit is complete with good results. CPR training held this past weekend and Bake/Book Sale this week.

Bodish reported street sweeping scheduled for 5/16 and 5/17; tire drop off scheduled for 5/20 at parkway due to bridge project, and first yard waste collection of the season will be Friday after Easter, 4/21. Ankiewicz prepared cost estimate to remove concrete from Front Street of \$90,268 and another \$68,000 to pave. Both costs would be split 50/50 with sewer authority. Approximately \$75,000 expense to borough.

Hearing of persons present: None.

AT REGULAR MEETING:

Vote to remove and install handicap parking spaces.

Vote on resignation of Chris Schmidt from Park & Recreation Board.

Vote on changes and updates to Personnel Manual.

Vote on conditional offer of full time police officer employment to Ryan Emerich.

Vote to hire Ronald Jany as pavilion cleaner.

Vote on Resolutions of support as requested by PSAB.

At this time Eisenhauer stated personnel manual changes included the addition of compensatory time for salaried employees, adding the performance evaluations and other minor wording corrections. No comments by members.

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Royer to adjourn meeting at 8:30 pm to executive session for discussion of personnel until regular meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7 pm.

Borough Secretary