

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

In attendance were Mr. Bodish, Mr. Dee, Mr. Hermany, Mr. Kern, Mr. Luckenbach, Mr. Grotoholksy, Mayor Bundra, Chief Emerich, and Fire Chief Britt. Mr. Mr. Santoroski- arrived late.

PWD Boyle, EMA Grim & BCO Helman were absent.

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance:

Hearing of person: Kelly Humanick spoke her concerns of public safety. Questioned what council's plan is on how to make everyone safe. Mr. Bodish stated council is still in discussion on how to handle and are looking for police officers. Mr. Kern stated no one can predict the future or when crime will happen, nor can anyone guarantee 100% safety for people. Council is aware of the concerns of residents and Council is trying to solidify the problem to make it better for the Borough. Anne Killeen stated there was a hit and run accident in the alley where she lives that a fire fighter had witnessed and had called the PD. He was informed that the CPD wasn't in and PSP didn't respond. The firefighter's wife stated the same man (who struck the vehicle and ran) had an ambulance called and had refused treatment by the ambulance. If there was a police officer on duty, he may have questioned this man and found he may have been drunk. Anne would appreciate consideration for wages in next year's budget.

PWD Boyle: absent, report read by Mr. Bodish of work list completed in July.

BCO Helman: report read by Ms. Chadwick. 3 year rotating cycle of rental inspections re-started in 2023 due to pause from Covid. Borough is divided into 3 zones; each year is a different zone. Total of landlords, rentals and C/O from 2023, 2024, 2025. Total zoning, building, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, and sidewalk permits were issued from June and July. YTD (7/31/25) permits issued: 91. Total of moving permits issued from 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Chief Emerich: reported Total of \$220 collected from parking tickets, police reports, kennel and fingerprinting fees. 209 calls and 5 arrests. Still at part-time status. In addition, would like to discuss at the meeting raising the cost of tickets and kennel fees. Civil Service list has been disbanded, only applicant failed to obtain the proper MOPEC certification in time, and there will be no interview. Moving onto the consortium in 2 weeks, invitation texts were sent to all of council with 2 available spots to join. Chief participated in the DUI grant; money will be used to reimburse Chief's overtime from the county. Encouraged to donate to "Mighty Paws" volunteer kennel service program.

Fire Chief Britt: reported 31 calls for month of July, 165 for the year. Recently awarded the Lowe's Hometown Hero Grant. 90% bunkroom is finished. Lowes will be remodeling bathrooms for free. Bunkroom, kitchen, bathroom and parking lot will be completed by October. Red-vest day is a volunteer day TBD.

Ms. Chadwick: No correspondence to be read.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Mayor: RE: Police Department, Chief if working and trying very hard to make ends meet, can't do more than what he has. Second report RE: Fire Department, happy about grant money. Suggest a thank you letter to local businesses for support and make sure the people who have helped are thanked. Looking into getting a dog watch group together. IRT: June over 17,000 people on the trail.

Mr. Dee: Reported RE: radios. Lehigh County excepted offer 4/21 of the 0% for 5 years. First payment due 6/1/2026 \$45,398.00 and following June 1st for next 5 years after.

Mr. Hermany: reported pool running well & aqua zumba doing very well with full classes. Successful summer series lately without rain. Good turnout for Tim Harakal. Make up rain date for Sue Rabenold and Mike is August 27. Young people are very happy using the new basketball courts, and the courts look great.

Mr. Kern: Admin: Office running smoothly. Finance committee: All chair people and department heads will be issued a budget packet. Individual meetings to discuss budget can/will be scheduled.

Mr. Santoroski: Apologized for being late, painting cleanup took longer than expected. Grants: CDBG grant \$160,335.89 for Fire Department, which contains 15 self-contained breathing apparatus, 30 carbon filters, 15 face pieces and trackers. Discussed with Ms. Benson moving forward with the building budget.

Mr. Bodish: Freightliner packer needs to be repaired in the amount of \$32,758.55; and Coplay Sports is unable to lock gates at Balliet Field with new (out swinging) gates to be installed in the amount of \$4,410.93. Reminder of Community Days August 22nd, 23rd, 24th.

Hearing of Persons Present: Casey Zelena deputy for EMC Grim stated EMC Grim stepped down from Whitehall Township 8/1 and officially moved out of the area 7/11. Mr. Zelena stated he is expressing his interest in becoming EMC Grim's replacement. Mr. Kern stated email had been forwarded from Ms. Benson, regarding the 'upcoming' retirement/resignation of EMC Grim. A meeting of the Emergency Services committee will discuss appointing Mr. Zelena as new EMC.

At Regular Meeting:

Motion to approve GranTurk quote in the amount of \$32,758.55 to repair rear packer on Freightliner.

Motion to approve Elite Fencing quote in the amount of \$4,410.93 to install/reconstitute gates at Samuel Balliet Stadium.

Any other items for Discussion:

Regular Meeting August 12, 2025, at 7PM

Motion by Mr. Kern , second by Mr. Hermany, to enter executive session for Personnel at 7:35PM

All in favor 7; Opposed_____ Abstain_____ **Carried**/Denied

Meeting reconvened at 8:51pm.

Motion by Mr. Kern, second by Mr. Santoroski to adjourn meeting at 8:52pm.