

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

In attendance were Bodish, Dreisbach, Eisenhower, Kern, Molitoris, Sodl, Boyle, Luckenbach, Chief Emerich and Fire Chief Britt

EMA Grim, Mayor Burkner and BCO Helman were absent

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance:

Hearing of person present: Joe Bundra-wants Mick Dee to be alternate for Coplay's IRT. Impressed with magic show with tree lighting. Thankful for Paul and his crew's works on Christmas tree lighting.

PWD Boyle- November was normal operations. Leaf pick up ends this Friday.

BCO Helman- absent

Chief Emerich- reported November 155 calls, 3 arrest, 2 DUI, 1 underage consumption of alcohol. 1 citation, 3 written warnings, 12 borough tickets. A lot of verbal warnings given due to computer issues, now fixed.

\$280.00 collected for parking tickets & police reports. 2 shifts dropped to PSP due to bereavement. Met with Officer Smith, he will return Sunday. He will be assisting Coplay Sports Santa parade. Schedule will be back to normal with FT officers. PT will fill in. Officers will be asking to take vacation, now there is additional officer. Officially welcome Kelly Humanick- police coordinator. Taking courses to be a CPR instructor. Coordinating charity efforts to food bank. Grant satisfied for body camera. Propose a tentative approval for full time hire of Jarod Afflerbach, Thomas Dunleavy after completing training (960 hours) at the academy (estimating completion in July) and (minimum of 4 mths) of FOT (field officer training) estimated completion Oct-Nov 2024. Dec 7, Officer Arujo taking part in "shop with a cop" fundraiser funded by Mia Due foundation. Officers will be participating with charity event this winter of their choice, with proof of monetary donation. In return they will be allowed to follow an amended shaving policy. Female officers will be allowed to wear an awareness pin. Education: 2 free classes to Coplay officers next year. March and September. "Traffic inspection and interview and interrogation".

Fire Chief Britt -reported total incidents for the year 218, 19 calls for November, 3 building fires. The safer grant first quarter closed. Total of 3,078 hours of staffing logged. Coin toss less than Memorial day.

EMA Grim- Absent

Benson – Reported reimbursement from PCCD grant (body camera) in amount of \$32,384.00. Refund from suburban propane for conversion at PW. Acela fees will not change for 2024. Letter read Mel Procanyn request for another 5 year term for Coplay Zoning. Read email from Janet not extending her Library board position.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Mayor- Absent

Dreisbach- Nothing reported

Kern- reported Mick Dee assisting in requesting additional funding through Representative McNeill office to present to the democratic caucus. Balliet Stadium lighting grant expires 12/2024. A meeting is in order due to a change of leadership at Coplay Sports. The Coplay sports parade starts at 10am, Sunday. Rain date: Saturday 12/16.

Eisenhower- phone call from Mr. Horn on 4th Street request Christmas display lights outside Borough to be off earlier than 2am. Changing to midnight. Janet requests Paul to attach a donated flag & a pole to the library to be removed at night. Library to continue monthly board meetings. Janet's key is going to new Library president -Karen. Janet thanked the council and thanked and appreciated all dedicated employees. Janet also thanked her husband after 53 years of marriage.

Administration- . Office reviews completed with goals for next year.

Luckenbach-nothing reported

Molitoris- Coplay field house drop off for toys for tots. Annual fundraiser, funding events at the plaza was American club last Friday. Totals will be announced at the next meeting. Thanked American Club, Former Mayor and his wife, Coplay Sports and Incoming Council Dean Hermany for their Help during Fridays Event. Sodl – Sodl thanked the Police and Fire Department for their services. Thanked Chief Britt for straightening out a negative report. Requesting discussion with President and Janet regarding vacation or buy out with PD after meeting.

Bodish – last leaf pick up this Friday. Office and Public Works closed 12/25 & 12/26. Monday's garbage is picked up Wednesday, Tuesday's on Thursday and Friday recycling, no tree pick up.

Hearing of Persons Present:

## At Regular Meeting:

Approve second reading of 2024 budget.

Approve First Northern Bank & Trust as depository for Borough of Coplay funds.

Approve authorization of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Chair of the Finance Committee to sign checks issued against various funds of the Borough (two signatures required)

Approve reappointment of Acela Engineering for engineering services to the Borough of Coplay

Approve reappointment of Broughal & DeVito Solicitor for the Borough of Coplay

Approve Heather Chadwick as Assistant Secretary effective as of 1/1/2024.

Approve Jarod Afflerbach for Full Time employment pending conditions of employment and complete all Civil Service and MPOETC requirements are met. (Cadet Schooling)

Approve Thomas Dunleavy for Full Time employment pending conditions of employment and complete all Civil Service and MPOETC requirements are met. (Cadet Schooling)

Approve the remaining balance of \$3,097.21 to be transferred from the building maintenance line item to the library.

Approve to transfer the remaining balance of \$444.97 to the IRT Trail Maintenance in Recreation Fund.

Approve the rent increase of \$20.00 per month for Coplay Athletic Club which will be \$270.00 per month in 2024.

Approve the rent increase of \$10.00 per month for Explorer Post 101 which will be \$70.00 per month in 2024.

Approve The Sanctuary at Haafsville for 2024 Assistance for (Cat) Strays contract.

Approve transfer of funds for these departments:

Approve to transfer funds from General Fund- Streets-Road Construction to Department Projects in the amount of \$13,500.

Approve to transfer funds from General Fund- Streets-Technology to Department Projects in the amount of \$5,000.

Approve to transfer funds from General Fund- Streets-Equipment Fund to Department Projects in the amount of \$7,500.

Approve to transfer funds from General Fund- Streets-Parking Lot Paving to Department Projects in the amount of \$50,000.

Approve to transfer funds from General Fund- Streets-Building Maintenance to Department Projects in the amount of \$2,500.

Approve to transfer funds from General Fund- Police-Bullet Resistant Vest to Department Projects in the amount of \$8,000.

Approve to transfer funds from General Fund- Police-School to Department Projects in the amount of \$9,000.

Approve to transfer funds from General Fund- Police-Recruitment Retention to Department Projects in the amount of \$7,000.

Approve to transfer funds from Garbage Fund -New Truck Fund to Department Projects until new Garbage Project Account is established in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Approve to transfer funds from Garbage Fund-Technology to Department Projects until new Garbage Project Account is established in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Approve to transfer funds from Garbage Fund-Land Fill Maintenance to Department Projects until new Garbage Project Account is established in the amount of \$25,000.

Approve reappointment of Melvin Procanyn to the Coplay Zoning Board for 5 year term.

Approve Mick Dee for IRT Alternate.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mrs. Eisenhower, second by Mr. Kern at 7:43 PM.

All in Favor   7   Opposed            Abstain            Carried/Denied

## Next Meetings

Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7 PM.

Special Meeting Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6 PM

Reorganization Meeting Tuesday, January 02, 2024 at 7PM.