

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

At this time, bids for sale of 38 South 4th Street were to be opened, however no bids were received.

Hearing of persons present:

Anne Killeen, 32 S 4th St., if police department will included in Bridge Street facility, council should consider future of police department and need for 2 officers on patrol per shift. Also, is Bridge Street property in a flood zone, per Administrator Gynecsek, there are no "buildable" areas in the Borough in a flood zone, the only designated flood zones are directly along the river, below the IRT.

PWD Boyle was absent due to a death in the family, Pres. Bodish read public works completed report for August: rental house garage painted, Community Days set up and tear down, Town Square set up and tear down for musical event, storm drain project at Front & Center Street started, closed and drained pool, cleanup work at parkway prior to Community Days, railing installed at parkway, routine building maintenance, routine street maintenance and routine sanitation pickups. Projected work for September includes completion of storm drain at Front & Center, wrap up pool, curb painting and crack sealing.

BCO/CEO Helman reported 2 health inspections at St. Peter's Church and Egypt Star Bakery completed, nine new code enforcement complaints with 9 ongoing and 10 resolved for August. 2 zoning, 1 building, 1 electrical, 2 plumbing and 40 certificate of occupancy permits issued in August, 2017 for total of \$2,978.25. Sodl questioned status of South 9th Street property, Administrator responded same will be discussed in executive session. Sodl requested BCO Helman work directly with Administrator Gynecsek on passage of "quick ticket" ordinance to help fight blight issues.

EMA Coordinator position is being filled on interim basis by Mayor Molitoris, who had nothing to report, but did request council proceed with filling the EMA position on a permanent basis.

Chief Genovese reported 24 traffic, 10 written warnings, and 42 parking tickets issued, 217 calls in August with 5 arrests. Received thank you card with \$20 donation and letter thanking Officers Green, David and Emerich for their positive response to incident. Mayor Molitoris commented that officers who attended Community Days did an excellent job interacting with crowd, adults and children, during event, Pres. Bodish and Sodl agreed with Mayor's comment. Sodl stated some social media comments indicated Coplay set up DUI checkpoint after event which is totally false statement, Coplay Police do not even have equipment necessary to set up DUI checkpoint. Burkner read letter from Coplay Community Days Festival Committee commending Officers Buglio, David and Green prepared for inclusion in their personnel files. Pres. Bodish questioned contractor's van on Front Street, parked wrong way and not properly inspected. Chief Genovese reported has talked to contractor, equipment is stored in van for current job, however they are supposed to move van to end of roadway, out of residential area, at close of each work day, will speak with contractor and CWSA tomorrow to resolve.

Fire Chief Buskaritz was absent due to work, Sodl questioned Administrator Gynecsek if August report was received with negative response.

Administrator Gynecsek reported an updated industrial waste/pretreatment ordinance was received from City of Allentown and Lehigh County Authority, contacted CWSA and received verbal approval to move forward with preparation and passage of same, will take a few months, but wanted to inform council of same. Meeting has been scheduled with representative of Trexler Trust to discuss resubmission of grant for help with Borough's portion of Saylor Park Restoration project on 9/14 at their Allentown office. Reminder, Catasauqua's new building open house is scheduled for Saturday, 9/16 from 12-5 pm. Sodl recommends everyone attend as building is representative of what we want to do at Bridge Street property. Administrator continued, sidewalk and curb along Hokendauqua Street – all on track to be completed prior to roadway reconstruction except Weller property which will be completed by our contractor and paid back in installments. UGI estimate for Front Street openings of \$18,311.50 check received. Minimum municipal obligations have been completed for all borough pension plans and will have motion for passage at regular meeting. Dirt Work Solutions began work today at 2nd, 3rd, & Schreiber Avenue storm sewer project. At this time, Eisenhower questioned if "For Rent" sign could be put back up at 38 South 4th Street property, with positive response. Pres. Bodish suggested getting realtor involved to help rent property, cost is normally one month rent or, in this case, \$840.00. No further questions or comments by members, will include on October workshop agenda for further discussion, but will have "For Rent" sign up at property now.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

At this time, Sodl requested a discussion on Bridge Street facility, would like project to move forward, obtain a consensus tonight to vote next week on the next step to move on this project. Ongoing problem with 38 South 4th Street property is perfect example, property was purchased but nothing was done; not blaming any prior councils, same was good plan, just never went anywhere. Don't want to see the same happen with Bridge Street, with lease money received from bridge replacement contractor and prior year budget funds, would like to see continued progress as it will take some time to complete. Discussion on Bridge Street building, will it include just public works or public works and police, or public works, police and administration. Administrator stated decision on who will be housed at facility will determine next step in process; either RFP for a feasibility study or RFP for architect/design consultant. Are all agreed that public works, police and administration will be housed at Bridge Street facility, Administrator commented that based on previous meeting discussions was not aware that this decision had been made. Sodl asked for member input which resulted in majority agreement that all departments should be at same facility, as such Administrator will prepare motion for regular meeting agenda to approve RFP for architect/design of Bridge Street property.

Annual approval of Coplay Recreation & Welfare Association Halloween Parade on 10/17, rain date 10/24; and Trick or Treat Night on 10/27, rain date 10/28 from 6-8 pm. No questions or comments by members, motion at regular meeting.

Request to use pavilion on 12/2/2017 for Jingle Bell Run on the IRT; toilet facilities will be rented. Pres. Bodish asked for any questions, Sodl questioned who is paying for toilet rental with response of Run. No further questions or comments by members, motion to approval rental at no fee at regular meeting.

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

Mayor Molitoris received call from Mrs. Madouse on Ruch Street in Whitehall regarding ongoing water situation at her property, went and spoke with her to discuss situation. Councilman Molitoris also was along for discussion. Discussion of all members took place regarding this ongoing situation, met with Whitehall and DEP representatives back in April, 2016 to which there were to be some changes by Whitehall, however does not appear anything has been done. Administrator also spoke with Solicitor Preston to question if he had received any correspondence from Whitehall's Solicitor with negative response, however did request that Solicitor Preston pursue for status on this topic. Council requested Solicitor report on Whitehall's response at regular meeting. Further discussion by Molitoris questioned if Coplay's work at 12th & Tapler could be improved to alleviate the flooding on Tapler Drive. Administrator Gynecsek will pull all 12th & Tapler storm sewer replacement project documentation for review by Molitoris and Engineer Witczak, may or may not be anything additional we can do, but won't hurt to take a look at it.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Sodl reported Planning Commission \$2,000 grant through Main Street Lehigh Valley must be used by 6/30/2018 at plaza for benches. Worked with Domino's in Northampton during August, campaign raised \$2,464 for Planning Commission and will be used for additional concrete paths and pads under benches along with lighting. Once complete, will begin work to obtain clock. Twilight Entertainment series is great exposure for Coplay and Town Plaza. Pres. Bodish questioned installation of light poles and benches with positive response. Molitoris questioned status of "Wall of Plaques" with Sodl response of awaiting painting of wall prior to plaque installation, painting is in works. Sodl just wanted to make additional comment, Domino's a business in Northampton helped to raise almost \$2,500 for plaza project while Giant Foods a business in Coplay, has given nothing.

Royer reported grate for boiler repair will cost approximately \$10,282 and that does not include cost to install. Next Intergovernmental meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 9/21 at 6 pm in Coplay council chambers.

Burker read Thank You letter to Pres. Bodish and public works from Community Days Committee. Officer DeAngelo did excellent job this summer as pool manager, received very few complaints and calls with him in charge, and also thanked Recreation Committee members for another good pool season. Community Days weekend festivities had another very good year; thanked all departments and volunteers for their help in making annual event such a success for our entire community. Based on early returns, Community Days should be able to fund additional projects again in 2017-2018. Sodl commented, many do not realize that all profits from the event make it back into our town, the committee donates countless money and equipment to numerous Coplay organizations and Borough facilities.

Eisenhauer reported Library summer reading program had a successful summer, Open House next Thursday from 3-7 at the Library, now on winter hours, upcoming comedy night fundraiser, and new "movie night" the 3rd Saturday of each month at 1 pm. Job descriptions for all roles are done, will begin working on training manual next. Reminded all to submit budgets, 2018 budget meetings will begin shortly. Public works needed to purchase new lawn mower, old one was not worth fixing, at cost of \$9,500 which was taken from capital reserve. Still working on five year plan, which does not include Bridge Street property as that is separate. 2018 minimum municipal obligation estimated by actuarial is approximately \$18,000, actual amount will depend on W2 earnings and state aid received, but will need to be included in 2018 budget.

Bodish reported storm sewer project at Front & Center was started by public works and should be complete within next two weeks. Appears that this is a job that the public works crew will be able to complete going forward and will save Coplay money. New sanitation truck purchase in next few years, at an approximate cost of \$250,000 however have been setting money aside each year for same and should only require minimal loan.

At this time, Eisenhauer added RFP prepared for short term financing option, forwarded to solicitor for review, awaiting their approval of same. Expect to request 45 day turnaround from banking institutions upon advertisement.

Hearing of persons present: None.

AT REGULAR MEETING:

Vote on sale of 38 South 4th Street – removed as no bids received.

Vote on Halloween Parade.

Vote on Trick or Treat night. .

Vote on use of pavilion on 12/2/2017.

Vote on 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligations for all pension plans.

Vote on RFP for architect.

Motion by Burkner, second by Molitoris to adjourn meeting into executive session at 8:25 pm for discussion of litigation until regular meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7 pm.

Borough Secretary