

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President.

In attendance were Mayor Bundra, Mr. Bodish, Mr. Dee, Mr. Grohotolsky, Mr. Hermany, Mr. Kern, Mr. Luckenbach, Mr. Santoroski, PWD Boyle, and Chief Emerich.

Fire Chief Britt and EMA Grim was absent

Council President led the pledge of allegiance:

Hearing of person: n/a

PWD Boyle- April normal operations. UGI work: 100 block Center Street completion dated 5/23, Saylor and Magna Drive, South 9th to Center Street. Center Street from Magna Drive to South 9th Street, 10th to Center Street to Hokendauqua Street. Not final restoration. Upcoming projects: 100 blocks of 9th following Center Street through to completion 5/27. 9th Street from Hokendauqua Street to Chestnut Street, Hall Street from 9th Street to Peach Alley. 100 block 8th Street to Hokendauqua Street. Tentative to start late June. 4/17/2026 most of Magna Drive and South 12th Street have been completed along with 11th Street. Minus final restoration. Emergency repair on IRT outfall completed. Waiting for the final bill. All outfalls checked after rain today, running properly, with a little debris work needed. 3 quotes for roof replacement at Samuel Balliet Stadium. \$15,000.00 remains from Grant. Paving work \$6500.00 bill had been paid yet. \$4000.00. Concession stand rubber flat roof and shingles quote amount \$12875.00 will be put on hold immediately. Dug out and shed area \$9000.00. Garage area \$3652.00. Asking Council to consider doing roof for dug out and garage. No tire drop this year. Vendor can't get a trailer. Street sweeping at least 2 times this year during a misty day, not on a dry day, because the machine uses water. Signs will be posted at each end of the street. Acela finalize plans for 11th Street hopefully by next week to go out to bid to utilize that grant Moving forward with multimodem grant. Waiting to schedule with Miller Sports Construction about basketball court. Council will be informed. Mr. Dee suggested looking into Whitehall Recycling Center to see if they will take Lehigh County residents tires at their drop off center. Mayor Bundra questions who pays for repaving from UGI work. Mr. Boyle stated the Borough changed ordinances 6-12 months ago, regarding the square footage street opening is the responsibility of whoever is doing the opening to repave curb to curb.

BCO Helman- No report.

Chief Emerich- reported April: 238 calls. 8 traffic tickets, 6 written warnings, 6 Borough tickets, collected \$215.00. 6 arrests of various charges, DUI, domestic assault, driving without dui interlock.

3 people resign within 30 days. Requesting Council through emergency services to place a public notice to conduct a full time test, not through consortium. Meeting 5/9 with civil services for when testing can be organized and conducted. The Civil service has to organize written and physical testing. Requesting to look into Lateral transfer to be put in civil service rules and Borough contract. Which will not require physical agility or psychological tests. State police coverage due to PD considered a Part time department. The Borough didn't certify a consortium list. Last testing to enter Academy is 6/1. Consortium is dried up, people still on the list are still on the list for a reason.

Fire Chief Britt -report read by Ms. Chadwick: April: 22 calls, 98 year to date, 3 building fires, 1 rescue, 4 fire alarms/good intent calls, 4 hazmat/gas leaks, 9 EMS/Medical calls, 1 motor vehicle accident.

Chadwick – Letter read from Coplay Community Days. The festival starts Friday 8/22 to Sunday 8/24. Proceeds go towards Coplay Borough projects. The past 5 years Balliet Field fencing, Coplay Tot Lot, Coplay Playground, Community Plaza, and Coplay Pavilion upgrades in the amount of \$150,000.

Entertainment costs are over \$10,000. Requesting donations to help defray the cost of entertainment. Any amount is welcomed and appreciated.

Discussion of any problems/matters: Greenways/Trails Grant program for Pickleball courts. 15% match is \$32,100.00 of \$214,000.00 quote. Various commitment letters to be submitted prior to 5/31 deadline.

Discussed language for Balliet Stadium contract and Council requested send back to solicitor for Coplay Sports Garbage rate to be increased and the Borough to hold insurance coverage for the lights. Mr.

Grohotosky stated on behalf of Coplay Sports that the garbage rate is set till 2026 in the signed contract and have insurance coverage for all buildings and fixtures.

Mayor- Recreation report for IRT. Month of April Electronic counters: Chestnut Street Trail head: 9038 people and Portland Section: 7981 people. Average day: 567 people.

Dee- reported emergency services met to except Lehigh County proposal for 5 years 0% interest loan for radio. The Chief was given a demo a ECCO radio for a few days and returned. Chief stating it's the best quote and most functional radio for the PD. FD Chief Britt prefers Tait with Two Way communications. Procurement is due by September. Committee discussed the resignations of the Police force. The Committee agreed for Chief to organize for testing for potential new officers.

Hermany- reported Pool opening 6/14. On the agenda to approve new pool manager, lifeguards and front desk. Interviews still being done, which will be included at the June meeting. Through a vendor known to Mr. Santoroski, this vendor has donated whistles and lanyards for the pool. The lease agreement was discussed prior for lighting will be going back to legal. Rain/Shine dedication and unveiling the Stephen J. Burkner Memorial Gazebo speakers are Jeannie McNeill, Nick Miller, Joe Hanna, County executive Phil Armstrong and hopefully Tina Marie Burkner. Mr. Dee sent a news advisor to local news media inviting to attend: Morning Call, WFMZ, and Whitehall Coplay Press for news coverage. Mr. Hermany attended the meeting for Coplay Community Days. CCDays reached out to Mr. Hermany requesting suggestions for how they can donate to Coplay.

Kern- Admin – nothing to report. Office is running well. Finance committee: paperwork signed and submitted for the \$400,000 CD for the multimodal grant. Police pension meeting 5/20 @ 12:45

Santoroski- Grants: Greenways/Trails discussed for Pickleball court. Multimodal grant is moving forward. Building: Library gave a very nice report. Everything is moving in a positive direction.

Bodish – Office and PW will be closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.

Hearing of Persons Present: Anne Killeen questioned why the Police Department is part time after losing 3 people. Ms. Killeen questioned is the police are not paid enough to stay after being sent to the Academy and partially paid. Ms. Killeen stressed that we need police protection. Police contracts were signed this year. Ms. Killeen suggested looking into grants.

At Regular Meeting:

Approve Alexis Quach for Pool Manager for 2025 Season.

Approve Lifeguards Brogan Emery, Jayden Geiger, Luke Makoul, Zachary Kresge, Elijah Fox, Logan Lemak, Kacee Medei, and Josiah Hippert for 2025 season at rate of \$13.50.

Approve Gate Guards Alyssa Miller and Sophia Andre for 2025 season at rate of \$9.00.

Approve Resolution 1523 authorizing Tiffany Benson, Secretary -Treasurer to conduct depositories for CD with Penn Community Bank.

Approve Resolution 1524 authorizing Tiffany Benson and Louis Bodish to execute all documents and agreements in the association with submission of the Greenways/trails and Recreation grant.

Approve Civil Service date for full time test.

Any other items for Discussion:

Regular Meeting May 13, 2025 at 7PM

Motion by Mr. Kern, second by Mr. Luckenbach, to adjourn to executive session for personnel at 7:55 PM
All in favor 8, Opposed _____, Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Mr. Santorski, seconded by Mr. Kern to adjourn workshop meeting at 9:15pm.
All in favor 8, Opposed _____, Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**