10th Workshop Meeting
Municipal Building

October 6, 2026
105th Council

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

In attendance were Bodish, Dee, Grohotolsky, Hermany, Kern, Santoroski, Mayor Leiner, Chief Emerich, PWD Boyle, Fire Chief Fenstermaker & Deputy Chief Buchfuhrer

Absent -BCO Helman

Council President led pledge of allegiance:

Hearing of person present – N/A

PWD Boyle- Public Works running under normal operations, October 20th two damaged trees will be taken down at the pool and Balliet Stadium.

BCO Helman- total permits read from Ms. Benson in the amount of $3,954.00.

Chief Emerich- $377 fees, 256 incidents, 12 arrests,18 traffic citations, 15 Written warnings, 51 verbal warnings and 22 tickets. One of the Bicycles has been completed. All set for parade with Police and Fire Police, Taser Course October 26th & 27th / 23 people signed up. Officers will be out and around Catherine and Barbara handing out candy and taking pictures with kids.

Fire Chief Fenstermaker – 27 calls, 20 of those in Coplay, 7 out of Coplay. Assistant Chief Tyler Bell was suspended for 30 days and demoted to firefighter till end of year due to attaching himself to a call that the station wasn't dispatched too, he can resume at end of year if nominated and unopposed. Fire Chief requested to hold a coin toss on Black Friday, Friday November 27th from 10-2PM at 2nd & Chestnut. Fire Department will be out on trick or treat handing out candy.

Benson – 3 Chiefs have new radios, and 6 engine radios labeled and ready for pick up. Read 3 letters from Lehigh County thanking Borough for $500 donation, letter from library requesting permission to apply for grant to purchase sign for outside library. Letter from Northampton regional for donation. Grants the borough has applied for since 2023 we have been approved for $3,276,000.00 in Grant funding.

Discussion of any problems/matters: Rick, Dean and Ms. Benson sat with Nick Miller during his coffee and conversation, one of the hot topics was skill games and some of that will effect three of our businesses such as the American Club, The Saengerbund and the American Legion. Senator miller shared why legislature is cracking down and a lot of it boiled down to them not being monitored and youth playing the games. More will come on this topic.

Mayor – Nothing to report

Hermany- Summer series has completed, considering shortening the length to June-August, looking to purchase a new lifeguard chair within the 2026 budget and have it installed next year. A lot goes into having them installed for safety reasons. IRT report read by Mr. Dee trail count 10,424 total / 5,265 cyclists and 5,170 walkers.

Bodish- General Fund received $10,060.57, Emergency Services Fund $ 465.92, Library Fund $354.01, Garbage Fund $3,250. He would like to get together next week to work on the budget, still waiting on a few numbers for liability and health insurances.

Santoroski- submitted Local LSA for vehicle, computers, laptops, received $3 Million in grant funding.

Grohotolsky – Trees will be coming down and lighting for the clock will be fixed tomorrow.

Dee – Chief covered pretty much everything for Police just have a few thing on the budget to discuss.

Hearing of Persons Present: N/A

At Regular Meeting:
Approve Coplay Sports to use the gym Monday and Wednesday from 5 PM to 7 PM, Tuesday's, Thursday's and Friday's from 5 PM to 9 PM, Saturday's & Sunday's from 10 AM to 6 PM.

Approve Explorer Post 101 to have their Holiday open house Friday, December 11, 2026 through Sunday, January 3, 2027 with numerous dates and times through that time period.

Approve the coal bid for 2026-2027 from Hobel's Coal for 100 tons of rice oil treated coal in the amount of $275.00 per ton.

Approve Resolution 1538 authorizing Rick Kern, Council President and Tiffany Benson, Borough Secretary as authorized signers for the Local LSA Grant.

Approve Beth Ann Suarez as a Coplay Library Board member.

Approve Library to submit for a grant project.

Any other items for Discussion

Motion to adjourn into executive session for Personnel at 7:33 PM

7/ Approved - Reconvened 8:23PM - No Motions made.

Regular Meeting October 13, 2026 at 7PM

Motion by Bodish, second by Hermany to Adjourn Meeting 8:23 PM

7/ Carried