

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bodish. In attendance were Burkner, Eisenhower, Molitoris, Luckenbach, Royer, and Sodl, as well as Mayor Molitoris, BCO Helman, Police Chief Genovese, and PWD Boyle. Fire Chief Buskaritz was absent. EMA Coordinator position is vacant. Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

Hearing of persons present:

Anne Killeen, 32 S. 4th St., wanted to thank and commend Coplay Police department for their actions to quickly apprehend the person who committed the stabbing at Sheetz in Whitehall.

PWD Boyle reported projects completed in August included repairing walkway at Parkway, mulching at playground and parkway, new electrical panel completed, painted parking lines at parkway parking lot, removed old nail shed at Bridge Street property along with completing fire clean up and tree removal work for PPL pole relocation, set up for FunFest at the Library, mulched and cleaned up Civic Plaza area, Community Days prep work, set up, tear down and clean up, dead tree removed from front of borough building, routine sanitation pick ups, routine building maintenance and routine street maintenance. Library air conditioning was replaced. Roof project – pavilion roof is complete, fire department and borough building jobs will commence this week, air conditioning at fire department building must go out for sealed bids due to cost met with Engineer this date to begin preparation of bid package, and work has commenced again along North Front Street, expect project to be completed shortly.

EMA Coordinator position is vacant, no report.

Chief Genovese reported 12 traffic arrests, 6 written warnings, 27 parking tickets; 187 total incidents with 4 clearances for the month of August, 2016. Officer DeAngelo made vehicle stop on suspect from Sheetz incident, did very good job. Community Days went well, just a few minor issues. Civil Service exam is scheduled for Saturday, 9/17. Received verbal request from owner of A Cut In Time to reinstall 30 minute parking to front of business. No impact on parking, was previously 30 minute parking. Unable to fill all open shifts as part time officers are already scheduled at the other departments where they work, as such, asking for approval to hire an additional part time officer Daniel Buglio contingent on passing background check. Chief Genovese stated will be meeting with Sodl and Mayor to discuss budget and see what if anything can be changed in order to ensure coverage. Thanked Ms. Killeen for her comments on department. Discussion regarding 30 minute parking, sign came down with 6/30/15 storm and owner said okay to permanently remove, but now having issues with patrons unable to park. Secretary stated same was already removed from Ordinance, so motion will need to be passed in order to reinstate. Hours of business are Wed-Fri, 10-7 and Sat, 10-2; one hour parking limit. No further questions or comments by members, motion at regular meeting.

Fire Chief Buskaritz was absent, Sodl has not received August, 2016 report to date.

Secretary Gynecsek reported received thank you letter from Library which will be read at regular meeting, however they also invited council to their Open House this Thursday 9/8 from 3 – 7 pm. Spoke with realtor today regarding sale of 38 S 4th Street, walk through on Thursday, after explaining how we must sell property, believes she can help us, I will have more information after Thursday's meeting. Next Lehigh County COG scheduled for Tuesday, 9/20 from 12 – 2, if interested in attending let me know by regular meeting to RSVP. Received invitation from Coplay Post No. 426 American Legion for ceremony to change name to Stanley W. Reinhard Jr. American Legion Post No. 426 on Saturday 10/1 at 1 pm, let me know prior to 9/24 and I will RSVP. Annual 2017 Minimum Municipal Obligations reports completed, we receive approximately \$20,000 in state aid – police pension cost \$0, Central PA Teamsters \$17,680 and MetLife \$6,300. Contacted Scott Lindenmuth of Lehigh County re: vacancy in EMA Coordinator, stated council must pass motion naming an interim, usually the Mayor until a replacement can be found. Also, does not need to be a resident of borough, could use a neighboring municipality coordinator and did advertise in the September newsletter. Did everyone have a chance to review the "Report to Our Citizens", were there any changes or corrections, and how do we want to mail it out? No further corrections or changes, print in office, black and white, and mail to all residents. Spoke with Solicitor Preston today, judge gave 130 South 9th Street 60 days to make all corrections as outlined in the violation notice with a mandatory inspection on Tuesday, October 18. After discussion, BCO Helman and Councilman Molitoris will inspect on 10/18 at 4 pm.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Application received from Juliann Schaffer of 121 South Front Street for handicap parking space. Chief Genovese reviewed submission, all documents complete, okay to approve. No further questions or comments by members, motion at regular meeting.

Approval needed for Rec & Welfare's Halloween Parade on Tuesday 10/18 (raindate 10/25) and Trick or Treat on Friday 10/28 6-8 pm (raindate 10/29). No further questions or comments by members, motions at regular meeting.

Discussion from August meeting regarding enforcement of grass blown into street ordinance, council would need to pass a resolution naming (either an actual name or just a job title) who can enforce, due to how ordinance is written. Sodl stated, spoke with Engineer last week regarding this issue and it is very important with all of the storm water regulations that we alleviate this situation. Further discussion by members resulted in decision to name police officers to enforce, they will prepare police report and file copy with borough office for subsequent violations. Secretary will prepare Resolution for passage at regular meeting.

Installation of curb and sidewalk at new home, 314 Stone Alley. All members favored requiring installation of curb and sidewalk at property, with Luckenbach stating engineering needs to be involved due to elevations. Representative from Bascom & Sieger who prepared plot plan along with builder in audience, stated Stone Alley 20" width with a 14" cartway, borough engineer stated need for easement if sidewalks are installed at cartway edge. Further questions by council members to representative and discussion by council resulted in request to have Borough Engineer go to site and mark out sidewalks for council to visualize. At this time, builder questioned if building permit could be released prior to council vote on sidewalks with a negative response. Council should have all necessary information to vote on curb and sidewalk issue at 9/13 regular meeting without a further delay, permit will not be issued until vote has taken place.

Yearly review of curfew ordinance. Police Chief Genovese reported there were 7 juvenile arrests in 2014, 18 in 2015; after passage of curfew there have been only 5 violations. All were returned home with most parents unaware juveniles had been out and thankful they were returned home. Curfew ordinance is working and should continue. All members agreed to continue curfew ordinance. Sodl questioned need for yearly review, why not make it permanent, even a permanent ordinance can be repealed by future councils if they want. After discussion, all members agreed to make ordinance permanent without need for yearly review. Secretary will discuss with Solicitor regarding specific wording of motion.

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

Mayor Molitoris thanked Mr. & Mrs. Schreiner and Mr. Burkner for their work and the success of Coplay Community Days. Thanked Ms. Killeen for her positive comments regarding police department, as Mayor is very proud of work Coplay Police do and how Chief Genovese runs the department. Does agree with the need to review how they currently use part time police.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Sodl thanked Chief Genovese for his dedicated work. Looking at 2017 budget, would like funds set aside to install locker room for police officers as previously discussed under property budget and something needs to be done to improve parking lot at CFC building, same should be paved. If we continue to put it off, the price only increases. Recently at Giant and noticed raising funds for the Northampton Food Bank. Eisenhower stated also saw same and spoke with manager who responded they have a listing of food banks in the area, including the Coplay Food Bank. Pres. Bodish questioned if the Whitehall Giant does it the same way, collector for a list of food banks or just Whitehall. No one new answer. Sodl stated this a business in our community, seems inappropriate. Eisenhower stated she will follow up.

Royer reported PWD Boyle covered most property issues. Next Intergovernmental meeting is scheduled for 9/19 in Coplay. CWSA has opened bids for Front Street sewer main replacement project, however no start date at this time. IRT is requesting use of the borough truck for the Halloween parade. No questions or comments by members, motion at regular meeting.

Burkner reported pool has closed for the season, thanked his committee for their support over this summer. Scoreboard has been installed at Legion Field, do not expect dedication until Spring 2017. Community Days very successful, their mission to showcase Coplay was achieved, thanked Mayor, Council, and Public Works for all they did to set up and PWD Boyle personally for being around all weekend to help as needed. Vice Chair Schreiner added to compliments for work of PWD Boyle, all of the preparation is not seen by those attending the festival. Burkner continued, first meeting to begin discussing the 150th Anniversary will take place on Thursday 10/20 at 7 pm in council chambers, representatives from clubs and organizations in the borough should plan to attend. Regarding the 10/18 Halloween parade, would like council members to consider participation as a council in the parade, show our unity to the Community. Asked that members consider and let him know their decision on same.

Eisenhauer reported plan to begin preliminary budget meetings, requests committee forward availability over next few weeks to set meeting date. Thanked public works and council for replacement and repair of air conditioning at library, replacing rug is next. Also, invited council to attend the Open House on Thursday 9/8. Received \$2,500 grant from Air Products which will be used to purchase another computer, also looking to purchase four refurbished computers from borough business to be used by younger children at library. Hired new employee to replace one that resigned.

Bodish also thanked public works, police, council and borough organizations for all of the hard work for another successful Community Days. Lines on Chestnut and 2nd Street were repainted. Normal operations in streets and sanitation departments. Regarding Front Street project, contacted by Engineer and met at site, problems with repair work done at sites of street openings by utility companies. Engineer is working on update to our ordinance on street openings that utility companies must repair with what was previously there, concrete should have been used along Front Street since that is what was there, but it was not.

Hearing of persons present:

Anne Killeen, 32 S. 4th St., regarding installation of curb and sidewalk at Stone Alley, agree with council same should be installed with any new construction, council has previously made builders install.

At this time, Sodl stated had two questions, what is status of microphone system for council chambers. Royer responded nothing received to date from person who reviewed, received an additional name from Burkner this date and will get them in to review. Sodl continued, questioned why there was no coverage from WC Press staff at last few meetings. Secretary stated was contacted regarding August workshop meeting as that was on a Monday and conflicted with schedule, but not contacted about any other meetings. Burkner stated will contact editor of Press tomorrow on same.

AT REGULAR MEETING:

Vote on handicap parking space at 121 S. Front Street.

Vote on dates for Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat night.

Vote on installation of curb and sidewalk at 314 Stone Alley.

Vote on permanent renewal of curfew ordinance.

Vote on 2017 minimum municipal obligations for pension plans.

Vote on request for 1 hour parking at A Cut In Time.

Vote on hiring of Daniel Buglio as part time police officer.

Vote to appoint Mayor as interim EMA Coordinator.

Vote on IRT use of borough truck for Halloween Parade.

Vote on Resolution to appoint police officers to enforce grass and snow thrown into roadway ordinances.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Burkner, second by Sodl. Meeting adjourned until regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7 PM.

Borough Secretary