

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

In attendance were Bodish, Burkner, Molitoris, Eisenhower, Kern, Sodl, Mayor Molitoris, Boyle, Luckenbach, Chief Bechtel and EMA Grim.

Mr. Witczak and Helman were absent

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance:

PWD Boyle – Routine Streets work, Sanitation pick up and Building Maintenance. Mr. Boyle presented the proposals for the repair on the boiler system for the borough building. The bid came in at \$9,919.99 this is just for the parts and labor is not included.

BCO Helman –Month of November 2021- 17 permits with a total of \$1,601.00

EMA Grim- Nothing to report

Chief Genovese reported 155 calls for service, 7 crimes, 1 arrests- 12 traffic violations, 3 written warning and 19 borough parking tickets. Genovese is requested the council to consider an ordinance regarding tenant and landlords. This ordinance would hold the landlord responsible of the problems from the tenants and could be cited for the problems. This would be the responsibility of the code enforcement to follow through on the problem, the police would just issue the citation. He would also like to do a municipal agreement for mutual aid update, the last one the borough has was done in 1963. Chief Genovese would like to transfer funds from the budget into Department Projects they are \$11,000.00 gas & oil, \$2,000.00 Radio-telephone, \$2,000.00 fire arms, \$4,400.00 police vehicle and \$4,000.00 miscellaneous items, which is a total of \$23,400.00

Mr. Sodl stated the police department and code enforcement officer must work together for the ordinance he is requesting to work. We need a system to keep track of this so it does not get lost in the system, which the administration office will be involved to get the information to BCO Helman. We have to work together as a team for it to work.

Mrs. Eisenhower asked if Chief Genovese will talk about the new contract for Sanctuary at Haafsville Animal Control. Chief Genovese replied the animal control is under new personal and the pricing will go up \$5.00 for stray cats and ferals and \$10.00 for stray dogs. Chief Genovese stated he has a list for the dogs and most of the time they can contact the owner. Mr. Bodish asked if there was a limit on the cost. Mrs. Bachman will look into the prior contracts.

Chief Bechtel reported –17 incidents –Training- Multiple members passed their Firefighters 2 testing, one member in their firefighter 1 course, 4 members completed National Vehicle Rescue and multiple technical rescue classes scheduled for January.

Bachman – Read letter from TransEdge Truck Center thanking the borough for the purchase of the new Mack truck in the sanitation department. Read letter from Barry Isett & Associates stating that the company will not increase the cost of their services for 2022. Mrs. Bachman stated the borough has received the 904 Grant in the amount of \$6,976.76. There was a certificate of occupancy issued for 76 Magna Drive, which also including the fees for the outside grass cutting charges of \$640 which was paid in full along with the certificate of occupancy. Also, 232 South 4th Street property has been sold and the new owner is aware that there are outstanding bills for the outside vendor on grass cutting. The new owner would have to pay these fees when the certificate of occupancy is issued.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Discussed the quote for the boiler system repair. Council had discussed the quote and has decided to vote on it at the regular meeting on the 14th of December. Every council member stated what choice does the borough have if we do not do the repair the building will not have any heat. Mr. Sodl asked where and when do we stop with repairing the building. President Bodish stated probably not for another 15 years. Mr. Sodl suggested we reach out to the realtor that we had previously come in with

the building. Mr. Molitoris asked Mr. Boyle what does he see in the future for other heat source. Mr. Boyle stated they have given it some thought on what to do if the boiler does go down. Boyle and President Bodish have discussed some alternatives for the future. Boyle stated it all depends on what council would like to put into the building. Eisenhower said the council needs to think about a 5, 10 or 15 year plan. Sodl said there is so much dead space in the building. There is no expansion for the Police Department or Administration. There has to be a way that is beneficial for the borough and the community. Kern asked what the cost per year is for the building.

Discussion of the rent increases for the Coplay Athletic Club, Explorer 101 and the rental property for 38 S. 4th Street. The garage at the rental property of 38 S. 4th Street is not usable for the tenant. Council has decided that they will raise the rent to \$30.00 at the beginning of the year and when the garage is knocked down it will go up another \$30.00. The reason for this is that the tenant will have two parking pads in the rear of the property.

Mayor- Nothing to report

Sodl – Sodl stated that the borough is in the middle of the Police negotiation and the next meeting will be December 17th at 3:00 PM. Sodl wanted to be clear about the trucks on Chestnut Street and North Ruch Street. Local governments are the posting authorities for locally owned roads. He suggested we post on Chestnut Street and North Ruch Street no trucks. The borough has a 5 ton limit on the roads for trucks. Our concern is the safety for our residents. Chief Genovese suggested we limit the trucks to local deliveries only, this way it would allow the police to enforce this. The borough also would need to have a truck route to get out of the borough. Chief suggested that we talk with Chief Kish and the weigh master from Catasauqua.

Burker- Mr. Burker wanted to thank everyone that was involved with the Civic Plaza fundraiser. Those people mentioned were Wes, Tim, Rick, Mark and Sue Molitoris, Bill Loy Mayor Molitoris and Gail, Charles Sodl and Marcie. By them helping they saved the borough \$900.00 for this event. Mr. Burker read a letter of resignation for a councilman effective January 3, 2022. He will except the position as the Mayor for the Borough of Coplay.

Molitoris- Nothing to report

Library –Mrs. Eisenhower, stated that the library has 3 positions open. One is for a board member, one is for a part-time employee and the final one is for a Director of the Library. She has excepted a position at the Northampton Borough Library for more money and full benefits. The former director will stay on till they find another director. If anyone knows of any one please spread the word about the positions. The library has also submitted the paperwork for the Harry Trexler Grant they are requesting funds to replace the front doors of the library. The library budget will be discussed this Thursday December 9th, 2022 at their meeting. Lastly Eisenhower is asking the borough for the funds left in their line item in the 2021 budget which is \$2,952.88.

Eisenhower- Finance- The first payment on our loan was made for our loan. The 2022 budget there was one change and that was to the Police Department for education. The budget line was original for \$2,100.00 and now is \$10,000.00. The borough has to support the police in higher education. Mrs. Bachman sent in the paperwork for the Harry Trexler Grant requesting money for two filters for the pool. Brosky Insurance recommended the borough increase their liability insurance from \$1 Million to \$2 Million. The current renewal cost is \$7,477.00, the cost to add the additional \$1 million would be an additional \$1,911.00. The total would be \$9,388.00 for the year. Mrs. Eisenhower is recommended that the borough obtain the additional coverage.

Kern- Mr. Kern reported the 2021 CDBG grant for the fire department for equipment should have a decision on that. Kirk Derr from Senator Boscola's office contacted Mr. Kern notifying him that the borough was awarded the Greensway Grant in the amount of \$42,500.00. This grant will be to update the Tot-lot playground with new equipment.

Bodish – Running under normal operation. Tree pick-up will begin January 7th, 2022 with the last pick up on January 28th, 2022. The public works building should be turned over by the end of the month. President Bodish said there will have to be a discussion on cameras at the new building.

Hearing of Persons Present:

Anne Killeen – She commented about selling the borough building. She questioned if selling the borough building why would the borough not consider selling the rental home as well. President Bodish stated we will be looking to see what will be more beneficial for the borough.

At Regular Meeting:

Approve second reading of 2022 budget

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

Approve the 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 the remaining balance of \$2,952.88, to the Coplay Library from the building maintenance line item

Approve to authorize Secretary to advertise reorganization meeting on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6 pm.

Approve the rent increase of \$30.00 per month for Coplay Athletic Club which will be \$250.00 per month in 2022

Approve the rent increase of \$10.00 per month for Explorer Post 101 which will be \$60.00 per month in 2022

Approve the rent increase of \$60.00 per month for 38 S.4th Street (\$30.00 at beginning of the year until garage is demolished) once garage is demolished an additional \$30.00 per month will be added to the rent. The rent for 2022 will be \$960.00 once improvements have been made.

Approve the quote for the ash removal for the boiler in the amount of \$9,919.99

Approve 2022 contract with The Sanctuary at Haafsville for stray animal assistance for the borough

Approve a Resolution#1488 for Azar Reality for sewage planning project proposed apartments at 19 South 2nd Street

Approve the transfer from 2021 Budget from Police Department to Department Projects they are as follow:

\$11,000.00 from Gas & Oil

\$2,000.00 from Radio-Telephone

\$2,000.00 from Firearms

\$4,400.00 from Police Vehicle

\$4,000.00 from Miscellaneous Items

The total transfer to department projects is \$23,400.00

Approve adding to the agenda the increase of liability insurance from \$1 Million to \$2 Million in the amount of \$1,911.00 which the policies total would be \$9,388.00

Approve the liability insurance for 2022 from \$1 Million to \$2 Million in the amount of \$9,388.00

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn to executive session for discussion of property by Eisenhower, second by Luckenbach at 8:21 PM. Meeting will not reconvene due to no further discussion. Next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 14th, 2021 at 7 PM.