

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

Hearing of persons present:

Sally McGinley, 118 N 8th St., complaining re: feral cats in area of her residence. Contacted Kim twice and other contact Dennis, both from the Town Watch Feral Cat Committee, with no answers and no constructive response to calls. Chief Genovese stated unsure if feral cat committee is still viable. Molitoris stated attempted to attend last scheduled meeting of this committee and was the only one to show up. Burkner stated he received response that committee does not have enough volunteers, but they were still attempting to respond to concerns, and contacted Bill Leiner, Jr. who also stated committee does not have enough volunteers. Chief Genovese stated Lehigh County Humane Society, Sanctuary at Haafsville and Peaceable Kingdom will take the cats, however all will charge resident when cat is dropped off. Continued discussion on this topic. Council requested Administrator Gynecsek contact committee chair Kim Fitzpatrick and request she attend 3/14 regular meeting to have discussion on feral cats. Sodl commented obvious no feral cat committee at this time, we should remove their information from newsletter, also questioned what council can do and what would be the expense to the borough.

Larry Gutleber, re: banners hanging facing out on fence line at Balliet Stadium. Requested council consider changing this zoning guideline to allow banners to face out, sponsors of these banners raise a lot of funding for the ballfield and they could lose this revenue if only able to hang from outfield, facing field. Also, stated light out at cell tower. Administrator Gynecsek requested any information regarding problems with the cell tower be directed to borough office, have direct contact for these issues, however unable to correct unless called.

PWD Boyle reported projects completed in February included continued repair work on C6 garbage truck, installed light in basement at Library, repaired two snow plows after last snow, installed handicap parking space at 30 N 4th Street, reset monument at Balliet Stadium, continued work on installation of new police locker room, began cleaning up grounds, new battery installed in F350, tuned up mowers and street saws in preparation of spring season, air conditioning unit was installed at Library, routine sanitation pickups, routine street maintenance and routine building maintenance. Will need to purchase new mower next year, 2018. Discussed trash and debris issue at town square, same is cleaned 2-3 times per week, discussed possible installation of netting to rear along wall at Giant Store to help alleviate trash issue, especially cigarette debris from Giant employees. Sodl questioned why Giant can't be held responsible for "litter", just last week Giants flyers were blown all over Saylor Field. Chief Genovese stated business cannot be charged, and no witness that Giant scattered flyers. Discussion continued, Administrator Gynecsek will call local store and send letter to corporate offices regarding this situation asking for more collaboration between borough and Giant to alleviate this situation and include ongoing issues with shopping carts. PWD Boyle continued, work on storm sewers along Hokendauqua Street started by Whitehall Township, ABE Alarm will be installing at CFC on 3/8, CFC air conditioning contractor is awaiting delivery of the unit, Community Days has ordered final portion of fencing needing replacement surrounding Balliet Stadium, public works employees will remove old fence, NBMA is almost complete with their portion of work along Front Street, one boiler feeder down and blower problem currently running only on one side and same will be addressed after shut down, and permanent part-time employee Kuchera has resigned.

BCO/CEO Helman had no report for this month.

EMA Coordinator position is being filled on interim basis by Mayor Molitoris who is absent, no report.

Chief Genovese reported 144 incidents for February with 7 offenses cleared, 5 traffic violations, 1 written warning and 27 borough parking tickets issued. New vehicle is in, getting equipment installed. Background investigation complete on possible new full time officer. Whitehall police requesting use of auditorium for self defense training classes, will work with borough office on dates; they will include our officers as well. Part time officer Gillespie resigned as of 3/10 and expecting another part time officer to resign. Eisenhower questioned if Chief has enough staffing for all shifts with an affirmative response, and questioned when speed signs will be reinstalled on South 2nd Street. Chief Genovese stated just waiting for weather to improve for installation.

Fire Chief Buskaritz was absent, report read by Sodl, 11 calls for February. Brush truck has been fixed and is back in service. Still gathering information and costs for purchase of new pumper. Sodl questioned Asst. Chief Bechtel regarding ISO rating who responded same will be increased to class 4 rating due to continuous and increased training hours of volunteers.

Administrator Gynecsek reported next County Congress of Governments meeting on Tuesday, March 21 from 12-2 pm at County Government Center. Anyone interested in attending, respond to office. Last month, council approved motion to require installation/repair of curb and sidewalk along South Front and Hokendauqua Streets roadway projects, forgot to include discussion about waiving permit fees for these improvements. No questions or concerns by members, motion at regular meeting. 2017 CDBG storm drain project has been advertised for bids to be opened at April workshop meeting and awarded at April regular meeting. 2018 CDBG funding request is due by 4/13, prepared Resolution to approve signer for passage at regular meeting, requesting members consider 2018 submission. Funds for additional storm sewer replacements, paving, etc. respond to office with suggestions. SBA does not have to release to us what they are receiving in fees from other carriers, however, solicitor suggests we obtain information from local municipalities and PSAB as to what "going rate" is received for cell towers in their boundaries and renegotiate terms based on the information we receive. Will prepare info for review at April workshop meeting for discussion. Just today, received documents to be completed for DCNR grant, will complete and continue to move forward. If you have not yet completed and returned your financial interest form, please do so. Still working on second installment of "report to our citizens". At this time, have advertised this meeting as a public meeting for submission of a Keystone Communities Program Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 for restoration of Saylor Park. This grant submission is in addition to the \$200,000 DCNR grant for the Saylor Park project. At this time, Administrator Gynecsek asked for questions and comments from audience members regarding submission of a Keystone Communities Program Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 for restoration of Saylor Park. Two audience members came forward. Anne Killeen, questioned if grant included improvements to Saylor Kilns with a negative response. Ms. Killeen also questioned if grant includes upgrades to Coplay section of the IRT, also with a negative response. Mel Procanyn questioned if the improvements included with submission of this grant is only for the location/area of Saylor Park with a positive response. There were no further questions or comments by the public or council members.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Waive 2017 health license fees for Coplay Sports and Balliet Stadium. No comments or questions by members, motion to approve at regular meeting.

Discussion by council re: acknowledgment of Robert A. Hauke, Jr. and Hauke Funeral Home. Burker suggested appropriate plaque and presentation by council at meeting for service and dedication to Coplay. All members agreed with same.

Auction of 38 South 4th Street rental property. Royer reported renter has left with minimal damage, security deposit has been retained. Questioned members if they want to move ahead with auctioning the property. At this time, Sodl made statements regarding replacing the boiler in current municipal building, along with lack of space for police, administration office and public works. Council must make a decision prior to authorizing sale or auction of 38 S 4th Street. Property was purchased in order to expand current facilities, however, since that time 1 Bridge Street has been purchased; a comprehensive review to expand current location or move all to Bridge Street location must take place. Eisenhower agreed, asked members to review copy of preliminary Capital Projects spread sheet and the costs associated with those projects. Discussion to auction 38 S 4th property should await concrete determination on future facilities plan; "for rent" sign will be placed at property until future discussions and final plan are in place.

Curb and sidewalk installation on Hokendauqua Street. Pres. Bodish stated requested discussion on this situation since most residents do not have any sidewalks, received some complaints that 8/1 deadline to install as some costs are upward of \$20,000.00. Questioned members if council willing to allow extension for installation of sidewalks, however curb will need to be complete by 8/1 deadline. After discussion by members, agreed to allow extension for installation of sidewalks only until 6/1/2018. Administrator will send out letters to homeowners regarding same.

Pres. Bodish asked for any other items for discussion.

At this time, Sodl requested discussion regarding Coplay bridge replacement project. Trumbull, contractor, has not signed final contract as of this time. Do not expect project to begin until mid-May timeframe. Have not heard back from Trumbull regarding lease of our 1 Bridge Street property for storing their equipment; and in fact, have found out that meeting with County, CWSA, NBMA, Northampton and Trumbull occurred yesterday. Coplay was not invited and did not attend. Discussion by members resulted in determination to hold out for what members want to allow contractor use of borough property and Sodl and Administrator Gynecsek will contact PennDOT representative to determine why Coplay was not included in meeting and to make sure Coplay is included in any future discussion or meetings regarding the bridge replacement project.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Sodl read February, 2017 health inspector/code enforcement report, 3 new complaints received with 7 resolved and 11 ongoing.

Royer reported Library air conditioning project complete, and an annual service contract was signed with ICS to service all air conditioners twice yearly. CWSA report, discussed installation of solar panels at Eberhardt Road pump station.

Burker reported Coplay Community Days will spend \$7,000.00 to install final portion of new fencing at Coplay Sports/Balliet Field baseball complex. A slide will be purchased to replace current diving board and Community Days is considering purchase of an additional slide for installation in 5' deep area if PWD Boyle can determine how to get water to that area. Two slides would be purchased, one by borough and one by Community Days.

Eisenhauer reported copy of Library fundraisers set for this year to all members. Prepared compensatory time write up for inclusion in personnel manual, will review entire manual for additional changes/corrections and updates and review when complete for passage by council. Capital Projects spreadsheet prepared, take the time to review and submit any corrections or changes to office, this is just a preliminary list. Franchise fees from cable TV providers received for 2017 are \$3,600.00 more than budgeted.

Bodish reported permanent part-time employee Terry Kuchera resigned and Klement still out on workers' compensation. Many projects are planned, including starting up the pool, need another part time employee to help as soon as possible. Preparing 5 year street repaving plan in conjunction with PWD Boyle.

Hearing of persons present:

Anne Killeen, 32 S 4th St., stated this was a good meeting, many things going on. Understands heating issue in this building. Separate committee should be formed to review Capital Projects wish list, review everything involved and hold public meeting to get input from residents. Sodl stated Capital Project list is more a "need" than a "wish" list. If contractor does end up using our property at Bridge Street plan to still have necessary room to begin building. Ms. Killeen restated a separate committee should be formed for this review.

AT REGULAR MEETING:

Vote to waive health license fee for Coplay Sports and Balliet Stadium for 2017.

Vote to waive curb and sidewalk permit fees for South Front and Hokendauqua Streets.

Vote on Resolution #1426 re: Keystone Communities Grant application.

Vote on Resolution #1427 re: CDBG authorized signer.

Motion by Sodl, second by Burker to adjourn meeting at 8:50 pm to executive session for discussion of personnel and possible litigation until regular meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7 pm.

Borough Secretary