

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

In attendance were: Mr. Bodish, Mr. Dee, Mr. Hermany, Mr. Grohotolsky, Mr. Kern, Mr. Luckenbach, Mr. Santoroski, Mayor Bundra and Solicitor Preston

President Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

Minutes from Regular Meeting June 10, 2025 & Workshop Meeting July 1, 2025, were approved as presented to council.

All in favor **7**; **Carried**

Hearing of persons present: Anne Killeen: Prior years 4 full time police officers covered all shifts, including weekends. She asked if Grants or state/federal funding for police department was looked into.

Thomas Piro: Regarding the \$25.00 Quick ticket issued today at 3:30pm; for high grass and/or weeds over 6". Requested rescinding fine, and 5 days to cut grass. Lou will contact Ron and either Ron or office will reach out.

Jim Paukovits: Complaint of next door neighbor's unkept property (34 North 7th Street) he inquired about a possible interruption of antenna tv from cell phone towers. Requesting FCC to investigate.

Ms. Chadwick: letter read from State Senator, Nick Miller regarding the support of Senate Bill 194 eliminating use/cost of newspaper advertising for government advertising and public notices.

Allowing use of web page only for advertising.

Mayors Report: Ongoing issue with Police Department, appreciative of council support. Good news with the Fire Department being awarded \$90,000. Lowe's Hometown Hero Grant. Interior work started yesterday on the bunk room and kitchen. IRT: month of June: 10,945 people on bikes, 7935 walkers, average of 633 people per day. Saturday July 12th is the 5th annual Colon Cancer: "Heart of the Angels" 5krun/1mile walk. IRT trailhead at Ruch Street is paved.

Solicitors Report: No report

Reports of Officers and Standing committees:

Mr. Dee: FD grant mentioned by Mayor. Next Emergency Service committee meeting discussion of possibly increasing fee of unpaid parking fines.

Mr. Hermany: July 4th weekend went well at pool. Toilet repaired and a meter was replaced. May have to cancel music tomorrow due to rain. Mr. Dee commented that a bottle rocket was found in back parking lot, reminding residents 4th of July is over and as per State law, cannot fire off fire works within 150 of an occupied building. Received 2 complaints from parents of Whitehall regarding allowing a fee/pass for Whitehall Copley students. Requesting a discussion for next year pool season.

Mr. Kern: No report

Mr. Santoroski: grant for FD discussed prior. The rest of the grants we are moving forward with.

Mr. Bodish: PW chestnut street is paved, sealing of curbing and boxes. Lines still need to be painted. No word of 11th Street grant. Waiting to hear from engineer to be able to put out for bid. The engineer is still marking streets.

New Business:

Motion by Mr. Kern, second by Mr. Luckenbach to approve police, fire, health and building inspector reports.

All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Mr. Hermany, second by Mr. Dee, to approve June 2025 Treasurers report.
All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Mr. Kern, second by Mr. Santoroski, to approve all bills as submitted to members of council.
All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Mr. Grohotolsky, second by Mr. Kern to approve the lease of the Parkway Pavilion from August 16, 2025 through August 27, 2025 to Coplay Community Days.
All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Mr. Kern, second by Mr. Hermany to approve \$500.00 donation to Coplay Community Days.
All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Mr. Grohotolsky, second by Mr. Santoroski to approve use of gym August 11, 2025, from 8am- 4pm for Lehigh County Juvenile Probation training.
All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Mr. Kern, second by Mr. Dee, to not accept Jarod Afflerbach as Permanent Full-Time Officer pursuant to Civil Service Rules.
All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Mr. Kern, second by Mr. Hermany to approve Compensatory Time payout for Jarod Afflerbach at 226 hours totaling the amount of \$6,767.82
All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Any other items for Discussion: Coplay Sport's 38th annual U9 tournament at the ballfield all next week. Sammy Castillo, a 2021 Coplay Whitehall graduate, signed a professional contract with the Atlantic Coast League, North Carolina's High Point Rockers on Sunday. He was the starting and winning pitcher Sunday afternoon. He was on Coplay coaching staff last year. In addition, a complaint was received of overgrowth on IRT. Volunteers are gathered on specific workdays to trim tree/brush along IRT. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed to join.

Next Meetings

August 5, 2025 Workshop Meeting at 7:00 PM

August 12, 2025 Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM

Motion by Mr. Kern, second by Mr. Luckenbach, to adjourn meeting at 7:28 PM.