

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

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

President Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

Minutes from Regular Meeting November 11, 2025 & Workshop Meeting December 2, 2025, were approved as presented to council.

All in favor **6**; **Carried**

Hearing of persons present: David A. Read introduced himself as the write-in vote for the 4th seat on Coplay's Council. He dispelled a rumor that he said disparaging words against anyone at the voting booth. He stated he is a musician and a retired teacher, published poet and an environmentalist and looking forward to serving on council. Anne Killeen asked questions about why the budget wasn't posted on the website, she was informed that a proposed budget is on review at the window for 10 days. The borough website was created for one space for the budget, so each new year is replaced with the previous years budget. Ms. Benson stated that she showed Anne where to find it since it's always sent to Lehigh County.

Benson reported Acela's quote came in at \$28,100 to draw up plans for Paving parking lot at 1 Bridge Street.

Mayors Report: Coplay Community Days will be donating \$5,000 for Driver Training Program, He also stated that he will be Vetoing the budget due to a small personnel issue.

Solicitors Report: Nothing to report.

Reports of Officers and Standing committees:

Dee- Reported that Officer Araujo received his certificate before the meeting as he was on duty. He thanked the Police, Public works and Fire Department. He asked for the tabling of the motion for Tyler Bells nomination from the Fire Department.

Hermany – Thanked Tiffany for all the hard work she put into the Christmas fundraiser, he thanked Coplay Sports and everyone who helped out. Coplay Recreation will meet next week to start putting dates together for the summer series.

Kern – Nothing to report.

Santoroski – Nothing additional for grants.

Bodish- Office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, Recycling will be on Friday. Recycling will also

New Business:

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

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

Motion by Kern, second by Dee, to approve November 2025 Treasurers report.

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

Motion by Kern, second by Hermany, to approve all bills as submitted to members of council.

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

Motion by Kern, second by Dee, to approve second reading of 2026 budget

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

Motion by Kern, second by Santoroski, to approve First Northern Bank & Trust, The Neffs Bank & Penn Community Bank as depositories for Borough of Coplay funds.

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

Motion by Kern, second by Hermany, to 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).

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

Motion by Hermany, second by Santoroski, to approve the annual appointment of auditor Kirk & Summa to audit 12/31/2025 financial statements.

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

Motion by Grohotolsky, second by Dee, to approve no rent increase in 2026 for Coplay AC and Explorer 101 Train Club.

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

Approve transfer of funds from General Fund to Department Projects for the following line items:

Motion by Kern, second by Hermany, to approve Streets Road Construction in the amount of \$160,525.

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

Motion by Hermany, second by Dee, to approve Streets Parking Lot Paving in the amount of \$25,000.

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

Motion by Hermany, second by Santoroski, to approve Streets Road Materials in the amount of \$9,000.

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

Motion by Kern, second by Grohotolsky, to approve Admin Office Furniture in the amount of \$2,000.

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

Motion by Kern, second by Hermany, to approve Admin MS4 Project in the amount of \$10,000

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

Motion by Kern, second by Hermany, to approve Admin Engineer in the amount of \$40,000.

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

Motion by Hermany, second by Santoroski, to approve Police schooling in the amount of \$6,000.

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

Motion by Dee, second by Hermany, to approve Police Firearm in the amount of \$2,000.

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

Motion by Grohotolsky, second by Hermany, to approve Police Community Engagement in the amount of \$3,900.

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

Motion by Dee, second by Hermany, to approve Police Uniforms in the amount of \$500.

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

Motion by Kern, second by Hermany, to approve Police Radio/Cellular in the amount of \$27,000.
All in favor _____; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by _____, second by _____, to approve Police Vests in the amount of \$1,000.
All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Approve transfer of funds from Garbage Fund to Garbage MM Fund for following line items:

Motion by Kern, second by Hermany, to approve Garbage Contingency/Landfill Maintenance in the amount of \$25,000.
All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Santoroski, second by Hermany to approve Garbage New Truck Fund in the amount of \$10,000.
All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Kern, second by Hermany, to approve payout of the remaining balance of \$3,898 to the Coplay Library from the building maintenance line item.
All in favor _____; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Dee, second by Grohotolsky, to approve balance transfer of \$334.27 from the IRT Trail Maintenance budget line to the Recreation Fund.
All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Kern, second by Hermany, to accept Resignation of Fire Chief Joseph Britt effective 1/1/2026.
All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Dee, second by Kern, to approve Fire Chief Dakota Fenstermaker effective 1/1/2026
All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Hermany, second by Dee, to approve David Buchfuhrer as Deputy Fire Chief effective 1/1/2026.
All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by _____, second by _____, to approve Tyler Bell as Assistant Fire Chief effective 1/1/2026.
All in favor _____; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied – Motion was tabled**

Motion by Kern, second by Santoroski, to approve use of gym for Tuesday and Thursday mornings for aerobics (9:30am to 10:30am) during winter months of January, February and March 2026.
All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Kern, second by Hermany, to approve use of gym for Juvenile Probation Friday, December 12th 8 to 4pm, and Monday, December 15th 12 to 4pm.
All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Kern, second by Grohotolsky, to approve Resolution 1532 increasing Borough's Noncontract employees' pension contribution from 6% to 10%.
All in favor 7; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Dee, second by Kern, to accept resignation of Faye Schreiner from Coplay Library Board.
All in favor _____; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Dee, second by Kern, to approve Jane Gillespie for another 3-year term on the Coplay Library Board.

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

Motion by Sanotorski, second by Hermany, to approve Mel Procanyn for Coplay Library for additional 3 year term.

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

Motion by Hermany, second by Dee, to approve Thomas Morris III to be hired as a police cadet starting January 2026 pending physical agility and the Nelson Denny test at Allentown Police Academy.

All in Favor 7 Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Kern, second by Hermany, to approve removal of handicap parking spaces at 25 North 4th Street and 30 North 4th Street.

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

Motion by Dee, second by Grohotolsky, to approve replacing commercial hot water heater at the Coplay Fire Station.

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

Motion by Kern, second by Hermany, to approve installation of Heat Pump compressor mini split for Administration Office in the amount of \$7,868.

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

Any other items for Discussion:

Mr. Dee wanted to express his thanks for Faye Schreiner for her dedication to the Library, Mr. Hermany thanks rec and welfare for the tree lighting and event on Saturday.

Swearing in for new and reelected members of council

Swearing in for new elected members of Fire Department

Any other items for Discussion:

Next Meetings

Special Meeting 6PM

January 5, 2026 Re Organization Meeting

January 13, 2026 Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM

Motion by Kern, second by Hermany, to adjourn meeting at 7:41 PM.

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