

1st Regular Meeting
Municipal Building

January 9, 2018
97th Council

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Pres. Bodish. In attendance were Burkner, Eisenhauer, Molitoris, Luckenbach, Royer and Sodl. Mayor Molitoris, Engineer Witczak and Solicitor Harrison were also present. Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

At this time, Jessica O'Donnell and Greg Yestrumkas from Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, Whitehall Chamber of Commerce merged with the Lehigh Valley Chamber to make it the sixth largest chamber in the country. Working to create meaningful partnerships within all municipalities in our Chamber. Looking for a proactive discussion regarding the bridge closure, help to market Coplay, to that end, working with Bill Loy from Samuel Owens and Mayor Molitoris on a support project on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 called "Party 4 a Purpose" from 5:30-7:30 pm. We are here for you and for Coplay businesses and events, and bring our resources and support for your use that includes marketing of current, ongoing events and may help start new events as well. Our main objective is to be an advocate for the community of Coplay.

Minutes from special meeting of December 18, 2017 and reorganization meeting of January 2, 2018 were approved as presented to council by secretary – carried.

Hearing of persons present:

Anne Killeen, 32 S 4th St., discussed stormwater situation at 12th & Tapler that Engineer prepared, suggests purchase of property to install retention pond instead of under roadway basin, this would be cheaper alternative to opening and then repaving a road. Regarding Scheurmann apartment project's close proximity to IRT and a right of way for water runoff owned by Whitehall Township, what is the situation with this. Pres. Bodish stated those questions cannot be answered at this time, still in preliminary review of the project, no final approval has been granted. With preparations beginning for new municipal complex, council should also begin to consider what will be done with this building.

Reading of correspondence:

Peter Mercardante re: reappointment to Coplay Zoning Hearing Board.

Mayor Reenock from Northampton re: hosting January 31, 2018 MECAB meeting.

BCO/CEO Helman reported 1 electrical, 1 plumbing and 2 certificate of occupancy permits issued in December, 2017 for total of \$405.25. 1 health inspection, 1 new code enforcement complaint with 6 ongoing and 1 resolved in December. At this time, BCO Helman questioned members regarding next step at White property, 20 Tapler Drive. Has been @ 90 days since meeting at site where Mr. White was given 60 days to make improvements, current inspection showed no corrections made. After discussion by members, BCO Helman and Solicitor Harrison, violation notice will be sent to Mr. White.

Mayor Molitoris read December, 2017 police report, 182 incidents for the month with two arrests of DUI and theft, 11 traffic arrests, 2 written warnings and 18 borough parking tickets issued.

Solicitor Harrison had nothing to report.

Engineer Witczak reported Hokendauqua Street handicap curb cuts completed, MS4 and PRP plan approved by Pennsylvania DEP, met with Park and Recreation Board regarding preparation of bid documents for Saylor Park, curb, sidewalk and curb ramps have been installed along South Front Street in conjunction with CWSA sewer main replacement project, the stormwater project at 2nd & Schreiber is mostly complete except for fish plates on stormwater inlets and the multi-tenant residential building plans have been resubmitted by applicant Engineer with revisions and are being reviewed. Sodl questioned if same will be ready for 1/23 Planning Commission meeting with affirmative response and requested Engineer contact applicant Engineer to appear at meeting. Pres. Bodish questioned completeness of CWSA project. Engineer stated Spotts, Stevens and McCoy has assured that project complete for now and all concerns will be corrected when roadway paving is completed.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Sodl read fire department report for December, 2017 of 7 incidents for month with 90 for the year, personnel completed 1,559.5 hours of training throughout the year, and pre-construction meeting scheduled with KME on February 9th at factory to review truck design before beginning construction. Sodl thanked Community Days for their continued funding support to improve pavements at civic plaza, lighting installation is upcoming.

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Royer reported normal operations in property. Intergovernmental meeting with Whitehall-Coplay School District and Whitehall Township scheduled for next Thursday at 6 pm in Coplay; this is prior to 150th Anniversary Committee meeting at 7 pm; any member can attend.

Burker reported expect to break ground on Saylor Park project in March/April time frame. Still reviewing possible purchase of additional cameras at parkway/pool area, no final decision on same.

Eisenhauer reported next Police Pension meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 1/16 at 7 pm in council chambers. Review of 2017 actual receipts and expense versus budgeted amounts were mostly favorable with a few exceptions, such as MS4. Library has instituted a new adult winter reading program.

Bodish read public works report for December, 2017 of street and stop signs installed on Hokendauqua Street, finished all Christmas decoration set up, removed speed timers for winter, completed leaf clean up throughout borough properties, installed new dusk to dawn light at rear of borough building, repaired Hokendauqua Street curb line from 4th to 7th, routine building maintenance, routine street maintenance and routine sanitation pickups. Will purchase new salt spreader for installation on pickup truck at cost of \$5,349 from EM Kutz through COSTARS purchasing program, will be paid from Departmental Projects streets equipment fund. Christmas trees will be collected this and next Friday.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Motion by Burker, second by Luckenbach to reappoint Daniel Witczak of Acela Engineering as Coplay Borough Engineer – carried.

Motion by Eisenhauer, second by Molitoris to reappoint Peter Mercardante to Coplay Zoning Hearing Board for term ending 12/31/2020 – carried.

Motion by Sodl, second by Burker to approve police, fire, health and building inspector reports - carried.

Treasurer report for December, 2017 will be presented at February, 2018 meeting.

Motion by Burker, second by Eisenhauer to pay all approved bills as submitted to members of council by secretary – carried.

Motion by Eisenhauer, second by Molitoris to authorize continued enforcement action at 20 Tapler Drive – carried.

Resolution and Ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. 831

An Ordinance establishing a violation ticket program to resolve property blight and maintenance violation issues in a more expeditious manner.

At this time, Pres. Bodish asked for any public questions or comments on Ordinance No. 831. There were none.

Motion by Burker, second by Royer to approve Ordinance No. 831. Roll call vote resulted in 7 ayes, 0 nays – motion carried.

As there was no further business, motion by Sodl, second by Burker to adjourn meeting at 7:50 pm into executive session for discussion of personnel. May reconvene for motions if necessary.

Meeting reconvened at 8:10 pm for additional motion.

Motion by Sodl, second by Luckenbach to approve negotiated three year, 1/1/2017-12/31/2019 public works contract with Teamsters Local 773 – carried.

As there was no further business, motion by Sodl, second by Eisenhauer to adjourn meeting until next workshop meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7 pm and regular meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7 pm.

Attest

Borough Secretary