

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 Harrison.

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: Helen Kohlmeier: Stated she is in support of the Police Department, and all funding should go towards Police Department. She was at court for a preliminary hearing from recently being harassed by her neighbor. Police officers know the town people, whereas the State Police don't, and can't respond as quickly.

Mary Kuklinski: Resident since 1978. Police have always been a presence in town. Kids on dirt bikes on the streets, residents can't depend on Whitehall police. The town depends on the police and can't be without help from the police department. Funds should be put into police department instead of parks.

Jorge Aguyo: Is in support of the police department, heard rumors of getting rid of police department. Town drifters need to see Police patrolling and will move on.

Ray Smith: commending responsible person who had 6th street paved, and having UGI 11th to Ruch street paved. That road was a disaster and temporary fix by UGI was abominable. Questioned if there is an ordinance for commercial vehicles being parked on public streets, vehicles obstructs traffic. Also here to support the police department, especially the PD patrolling. For example, of the dangers: A kid from Ruch Street Whitehall, speeding on a bike, doing a wheelie and texting at the same time, oblivious to traffic. Need police presence and people to comply. Mr. Kern and Mr. Santoroski informed the Borough applied and received a multimodal grant for \$993,000. for next 3 years of streets repairs.

Jim Hoch: Complaint of feral cats. Currently has 17 feral cats in back yard, and property smells of cat urine and feces. Neighbors are feeding cats and requesting a law of not to feed feral cats. President Bodish stated if people are feeding cats, the cat is now considered a pet and there is a limit on how many pets a resident can have. Suggested income from cell tower should be used towards paying for animal control measures. President Bodish informed the income from cell tower helps offsets resident's taxes. Mr. Kern will have Borough Administrator call Humane Society to find out who can come out to help. Informed that cats are trapped, neutered and returned to area.

Anne Killen stated she didn't want to speak and didn't talk to these people to say they're getting rid of the cops.

Ms. Chadwick: no correspondence.

Mayors Report: Teamed up with the Police Department and their ongoing situation and trying to move forward. Much more involved than what people think. Joined Coplay Welfare meeting on August 8th where the Halloween parade was discussed. August 18th is last meeting for Coplay Community Days. Coplay IRT: one month total with the use of electric counters: North Whitehall section: 8796 people, Coplay-Whitehall 14,540, grand total =23,336 people on the IRT.

Solicitors Report: No report, otherwise will be present for executive meeting.

Reports of Officers and Standing committees:

Dee: No report

Hermany: Pool last day open is Sunday, August 17th.

Kern: No report

Santoroski: No report

Bodish: Public Works running under normal operations. Brush pick up until end of September, leaf pickup starts October. Community days August 22nd, 23rd, 24th.

Mr. Kern questioned if after street sweeping people are allowed to park back on streets. President Bodish stated yes and Coplay Street is the last of the streets being swept for the year. UGI is currently working in 'the manor' and UGI will be paving that area when finished.

#### New Business:

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

All in favor 7; Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Mr. Kern, second by Mr. Hermany, to approve July 2025 Treasurers report.

All in favor 7; Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Mr. Santoroski, second by Mr. Dee, to approve all bills as submitted to members of council.

All in favor 7; Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Mr. Hermany, second by Mr. Grohotolsky, to approve GranTurk quote in the amount of \$32,758.55 to repair packer on Freightliner.

All in favor 7; Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Mr. Santoroski, second by Mr. Hermany, to approve Elite Fencing Quote in the amount of \$4,410.93 to install/reconstitute gates at Samuel Balliet Stadium.

All in favor 7; Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ **Carried/Denied**

Any other items for Discussion: Mr. Dee mentioned the Whitehall Coplay Hunger Initiative. It's a food pantry program for Whitehall-Coplay school district residents in need. It's located in the basement of St. John's Church, the 2nd & 3rd Thursday of the month. Sherri Noctor started out with a food truck and expanded over the years to now serve over 100 families. Anyone can volunteer, and volunteers are always needed, especially men.

#### Next Meetings

September 2, 2025, Workshop Meeting at 7:00 PM

September 9, 2025, Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM

Motion by Mr. Kern, second by Mr. Grohotolsky, to enter executive session for Personnel at 7:25 PM

Meeting reconvened at 8:28 PM

Motion by Mr. Kern, second by Mr. Santoroski to adjourn meeting 8:28 PM.

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