

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

In attendance were President Bodish, Mayor Burkner, Eisenhauer, Luckenbach, Molitoris, Dreisbach, Sodl, Kern and Solicitor -Preston

President Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

Minutes from November 14th Regular Meeting & December 6th Workshop meeting were approved as presented to council.

All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Hearing of persons present:

Benson: read letter from Heather thanking Council, Janet and Tiffany, she is looking forward to learning more and advancing her learning and training.

Mayors Report: thanked the police department for stepping up and picking up and covering shifts, welcomed back Officer Smith. Wished everyone a Great Christmas.

Solicitors Report: Nothing to report

Reports of Officers and Standing committees:

Dreisbach- nothing to report

Kern – nothing to report

Eisenhauer – Library-thanked everyone who donated, \$1,800.00 was raised from the mailers The Coplay Library sent out. It will help with the PC problems they have been having. Admin – suggested looking at transfers in garbage and emergency services to cover expenses till taxes come in.

Luckenbach- nothing to report

Molitoris – Santa parade will be Saturday 16th as first rain date. Social Call Event raised \$1,503.64 in funding for civic plaza events.

Sodl – wished everyone a Blessed Christmas

Bodish- stated that Borough office and Public works is closed Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th so Trash for Monday will be picked up Wednesday, Trash for Tuesday will be picked up on Thursday and Recycling will be picked up on Friday. No Leaves. Wished Everyone a Great Holiday.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

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

All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Eisenhauer, second by Kern, to approve November 2023 Treasurers report.

All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Eisenhauer, second by Molitoris, to approve all bills as submitted to members of council.

All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Kern, second by Sodl, to approve second reading of 2024 budget.
All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Driesbach, to approve First Northern Bank & Trust as depository for Borough of Coplay funds.
All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Eisenhauer, second by Sodl, to approve 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; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Molitoris, second by Luckenbach, to approve reappointment of Acela Engineering for engineering services to the Borough of Coplay.
All in favor 7; 7 **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Sodl, second by Eisenhauer, to approve reappointment of Broughal & DeVito Solicitor for the Borough of Coplay.
All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Eisenhauer, second by Molitoris, to approve Heather Chadwick as Assistant Secretary effective as of 1/1/2024.
All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Sodl, second by Molitoris, to approve Jarod Afflerbach for Full Time employment pending conditions of employment and complete all Civil Service and MPOETC requirements are met. (Cadet Schooling)
All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Sodl, second by Molitoris, to approve Thomas Dunleavy for Full Time employment pending conditions of employment and complete all Civil Service and MPOETC requirements are met. (Cadet Schooling)
All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Driesbach, second by Kern, to approve the remaining balance of \$3,097.21 to be transferred from the building maintenance line item to the library.
All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Molitoris, second by Luckenbach, approve to transfer the remaining balance of \$444.97 to the IRT Trail Maintenance in Recreation Fund.
All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Eisenhauer, to approve the rent increase of \$20.00 per month for Coplay Athletic Club which will be \$270.00 per month in 2024.
All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Dreisbach, to approve the rent increase of \$10.00 per month for Explorer Post 101 which will be \$70.00 per month in 2024.
All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Molitoris, second by Dreisbach, to approve the 2024 Sanctuary at Haafsville Assistance for (Cat) Strays contract.
All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Eisenhauer, second by Luckenbach, to approve reappointment of Melvin Procanyn to the Coplay Zoning Board for 5-year term.

All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Kern, second by Luckenbach, to approve Mick Dee for IRT Alternate.

All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Eisenhauer, to approve opening of New Garbage Project Account.

All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Approve transfer of funds for these departments:

Motion by Sodl, second by Luckenbach, to approve fund transfer from General Fund- Streets-Road Construction to Department Projects in the amount of \$13,500.

All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Dreisbach, second by Molitoris, to approve fund transfer from General Fund- Streets-Technology to Department Projects in the amount of \$5,000.

All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Sodl, second by Eisenhauer, to approve fund transfer from General Fund- Streets-Equipment Fund to Department Projects in the amount of \$7,500.

All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Sodl, to approve fund transfer from General Fund- Streets-Parking Lot Paving to Department Projects in the amount of \$50,000.

All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Dreisbach, to approve fund transfer from General Fund- Streets-Building Maintenance to Department Projects in the amount of \$2,500.

All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Sodl, second by Dreisbach, to approve fund transfer from General Fund- Police-Bullet Resistant Vest to Department Projects in the amount of \$8,000.

All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Sodl, second by Luckenbach, to approve fund transfer from General Fund- Police-School to Department Projects in the amount of \$9,000.

All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Dreisbach, to approve fund transfer from General Fund- Police-Recruitment Retention to Department Projects in the amount of \$7,000.

All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Sodl, second by Eisenhauer, to approve fund transfer from Garbage Fund -New Truck Fund to Department Projects until new Garbage Project Account is established in the amount of \$10,000.00.

All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Dreisbach, to approve fund transfer from Garbage Fund-Technology to Department Projects until new Garbage Project Account is established in the amount of \$5,000.00.

All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Sodl, second by Luckenbach, to approve fund transfer from Garbage Fund-Land Fill Maintenance to Department Projects until new Garbage Project Account is established in the amount of \$25,000.

All in favor 7; **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Eisenhower, second by Sodl, to approve a onetime vacation payout of \$14,178 in unused vacation time due to insufficient staffing and inability to take vacations. Amount subject to change if any vacation dates are taken in interim.

Any other items for Discussion:

Next Meetings

December 18, 2023 Special Meeting at 6:00 PM

January 2, 2024 - Reorganization Meeting at 7:00 PM

January 9, 2024 - Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM

Motion by Kern, second by Dreisbach to adjourn meeting 8:27 PM.