

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

In attendance were President Bodish, Mayor Burkner, Eisenhower, Luckenbach, Molitoris, Sodl and Solicitor -Preston

Dreisbach and Kern were absent

President Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

Minutes from workshop meeting of December 6, 2022, were approved as presented to council

All in favor **5; Carried**

Hearing of persons present: N/A

Bachman- Read letter from Charles Sodl to council that he is resigning from the Planning Commission on December 8, 2022. Read letter from Chief Emerich that the Civil Service board is meeting relative to amend or change rules relative to elimination a polygraph examination for new police officer and they will also be evaluating the physical agility standards.

Mayors Report: Mayor Burkner asked if anyone had anything to ask about the correspondence that Bachman read from Chief Emerich. He also stated that there are quite a few municipalities that are finding that the polygraph is not accurate. Mayor Burkner also stated that the police training room is coming along and will be ready for January.

Solicitors Report: Nothing to report

Reports of Officers and Standing committees:

Dreisbach- Absent

Eisenhower –Library- Reported there is a report in front of everyone of the 2023 Library budget, which has an increase of \$10,000.00. The budget was passed last week at the meeting

Sodl- Sodl stated that he had a discussion with President Bodish about the old public works garage, since it is cleared out the agree that the police should utilize the garage for the police department vehicles.

Luckenbach- Nothing to report

Molitoris – Coplay Sports Santa parade was cancelled, they are looking to do it this weekend, it will be held either Saturday or Sunday whichever day looks better for the weather. Molitoris also thanked Coplay Sports for the use of their field house for the Toys for Tots drop off location and for the presents that the parents give for the Santa Parade. Molitoris also stated that he will not run for re-election at the end of his term.

President Bodish asked Sodl if the people are paying for the classes in the new Police training room. Sodl replied the person doing the class the instructor is getting paid by the government, he is not sure if you signed up if there was a cost.

President Bodish also asked if we received the quote from the insurance company, Sodl replied we did but not for the total of the estimate. The repair facility and the adjuster will work together to see what damage is actually done once they start tearing metal apart.

President Bodish asked if the police are locking the building up at 10 PM. Bodish stated that the door needs to be locked every night no later than 10:15 PM, this means front and back door.

President Bodish also asked if the assistant chief has removed the word Coplay off of the car, he is driving this is not aloud. Solicitor Preston will follow up on this matter. This is a privately owned vehicle and is a liability to the borough.

Eisenhauer stated that the calendars for the new year came in the mail today and they look very nice. Council members thanked Tiffany for a job well done.

Kern – absent

Bodish- President Bodish stated that the new recycling cans that were purchased through the 902 Grant will be arriving tomorrow. There was a total of 409, 25-gallon recycling containers purchased through the grant.

President Bodish stated that Boyle and Sodl sat down on Friday with Dan from Acela Engineering about the traffic study being done for the truck traffic in the borough. What seems to be the problem is that they can not obtain a surveyor, they are back log. In the future a surveyor will now need a 4-year degree to do this job. Lights for the stadium Acela Engineering has sent over information from the lighting company, 4 poles will be at 70 feet and 2 poles will be at 80 feet. The engineer will be having four of the holes board, they have suggested to do all of them. The four holes will cost \$7,500 to board them, it would be around another \$1,900 to do the rest. President Bodish asked the other council members what their thoughts were? The other council members agreed to do all six of them.

President Bodish also stated that the Freightliner truck will need new tires to pass inspection. The last day for leaf pick-up will be this Friday the 16th. The borough office and public works building will be closed December 23rd and the 26th for the Christmas holiday. Both areas will also be closed on January 2, 2023 for the New Year Holiday.

New Business:

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Sodl to approve police, fire, health and building inspector reports
All in favor **5; Carried**

Motion by Eisenhauer, second by Molitoris to approve November 2022 Treasurers report.
All in favor **5; Carried**

Motion by Sodl, second by Eisenhauer to approve all bills as submitted to members of council
All in favor **5; Carried**

Motion by Eisenhauer, second by Sodl approve second reading of 2023 budget with no increase to taxes
All in favor **5; Carried**

Motion by Molitoris, second by Eisenhauer First Northern Bank & Trust as depository for all Borough of Coplay funds

All in favor **5; Carried**

Motion by Molitoris, second by Eisenhauer 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 **5; Carried**

Motion by Sodl, second by Molitoris, approve reappointment of Acela Engineering for engineering services to the Borough of Coplay.

All in favor **5; Carried**

Motion by Sodl, second by Molitoris approve reappointment of Broughal & DeVito Solicitor for the Borough of Coplay

All in favor **5; Carried**

Motion by Eisenhauer, second by Sodl approve to authorize First Northern Bank & Trust to process the following request 1.) remove Kimberly Bachman as an authorized signer on all checking/savings accounts, 2.) Remove Kimberly Bachman as the Control Manager on all checking/savings accounts, 3.) Add Tiffany Benson as the Control Manager on all checking/savings accounts, 5.) Add Tiffany Benson as an authorized signer on all checking and savings accounts, 6.) Remove Kimberly Bachman as an authorized user of the online Banking and Bill paying program and add Tiffany Benson to authorize as user for the online banking and bill paying program.

All in favor **5; Carried**

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Eisenhauer approve Ordinance 858, amending Property Tax Penalty Waiver Provisions.

All in favor **5; Carried**

Motion by Sodl, second by Molitoris approve North Catasauqua Police Department to use the gym for a defensive class along with the Borough of Coplay Police Department on January 16th and 17th 2023 from 8 AM to 4 PM.

All in favor **5; Carried**

Motion by Eisenhauer, second by Sodl approve Jane Gillespie for another 3-year term on the Coplay Library Board.

All in favor **5; Carried**

Motion by Eisenhauer, second by Sodl approve Melvin Procanyn for another 3-year term on the Coplay Library Board.

All in favor **5; Carried**

Motion by Eisenhauer, second by Sodl approve Heather Chadwick for the borough office clerk position

All in favor **5; Carried**

Motion by Sodl, second by Molitoris approve the remaining balance of \$3,053.89, to the Coplay Library from the building maintenance line item

All in favor **5; Carried**

Motion by Eisenhauer, second by Luckenbach approve to transfer funds from General Fund- Streets-Road Construction to Department Projects in the amount of \$99,521.00

All in favor **5; Carried**

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Sodl approve to transfer funds from General Fund- Streets-Technology to Department Projects in the amount of \$3,375.00.

All in favor **5; Carried**

Motion by Sodl, second by Molitoris approve to transfer funds from General Fund- Streets-Equipment Fund to Department Projects in the amount of \$6,500.00

All in favor 5; **Carried**

Motion by Eisenhower, second by Luckenbach approve to transfer funds from Garbage Fund -New Truck Fund to Department Projects in the amount of \$10,000.00.

All in favor 5; **Carried**

Motion by Sodl, second by Eisenhower approve to transfer funds from Garbage Fund-Technology to Department Projects in the amount of \$5,000.00.

All in favor 5; **Carried**

Motion by Luckenbach second by Molitoris approve to not increase the rent for Coplay Athletic Club and Explorer Post 101 for the year of 2023.

All in favor 5; **Carried**

Motion by Sodl, second by Molitoris approve to keep \$11,200.00 from the 2022 Shade Tree Commission line item into the 2023 Shade Tree Commission line item making the line item for 2023 \$23,200.00.

All in favor 5; **Carried**

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Molitoris approve to accept Charles Sodl resignation effective 12/8/2022, from the Planning Commission board

All in favor 5; **Carried**

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Eisenhower approve to correct meeting minutes from March 8, 2022 to read accept written/telephonic bid in the amount of \$18,800.00 from Currie-Grove-LLC to install playground equipment at the Tot-Lot.

All in favor 5; **Carried**

Any other items for Discussion:

Next Meetings

December 19, 2022 Special Meeting at 6:00 PM

January 3, 2023 Workshop Meeting at 7:00 PM

January 10, 2023 Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM

Motion by Sodl second by Eisenhower to adjourn meeting Eisenhower 7:45 PM.

Adjourn into executive session regarding property and personnel

Meeting went into executive session at 7:45 and meeting was adjourned at 8:26 motion by Eisenhower and second by Luckenbach.