

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

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

President Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

Hearing of persons present:

Mayors Report:

Solicitors Report:

Reports of Officers and Standing committees:

Dee- Regarding 2 cameras for social hall. Keystone IT will need to do a site inspection for estimate, scheduled for Thursday.

Hermany – Nothing to report other than Park & Rec meeting next Tuesday.

Kern – Tiffany & I met with Neff's National Bank to discuss options of multi moto grant into CD's.

Friday, Jan 24 all-day meeting (starting at 11) with myself, Todd and Vito.

Luckenbach-

Santoroski – I will look into grants for mandated digital radio.

Grohotolsky –

Bodish- PW under normal operations. A person drove through the fence at Coplay Pool. Waste Management will be closing Northampton facility March 1st. Recycling will be taken to Pen Argyl.

Motion by Mr. Dee, second by Mr. Santoroski, to approve Timothy Grohotolsky to fill the vacant seat on council.

All in favor 4; Opposed 1; Abstain_____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Mr. Hermany, second by Mr. Kern, to approve Resolution #1521 filling vacant seat on council.

All in favor 5; Opposed 0; Abstain_____ **Carried/Denied**

Hearing of persons present.

- Phil Armstrong- Lehigh County Executive. Regarding state-wide municipality digital hand-held radios will be finalized soon as a total number of radios are needed. State must be compliant by 12/31/2025. Payback loan within 5 years, no interest charge. Ten year loan will have a 5% interest rate. Radios last around 8 years. \$7000.00 estimated cost per radio. A County Training facility being upgraded in Whitehall for Police and Fire departments training. Loosing local garbage vendors, reason for price increasing. No more funding through the county for restoration of Coplay's Kilns.
- Elyse Bumback assistant operation supervisor on behalf of (non-profit) Northampton Regional EMS located across bridge in Northampton. 2:ALS (advance life support); 1:BLS (basic life support) truck- minimum staffing required by company. NHR EMS will honor mailed subscription paid by residents for Centronia EMS until the end of 2025. Asked if subscriptions were not mailed to residents from Centronia, if NHR EMS can mail theirs.
- Chris Aguayo follow up on issue of water on sidewalk at 52 North 2nd Street. No resolution have been made as per Lou. 2 months ago, was told it would take a few weeks to have an

answer. Council explained that there has been turnover. Handicap ramps are done by the state, cannot be raised. Final repairs by the water company have not been completed for the areas of street sunken in. No timeline of when final repairs will be completed, some areas have been waiting over 3 years for completing concrete in sidewalks around new fire hydrants. Building infrastructure basement doors are being effected.

- Mel Procanyn requesting update for Police truck involved in accident. The truck is totaled, currently in Borough garage to remove lights, ect.

Reading of Correspondence: Notification from Philadelphia Insurance that vehicle is totaled. The truck is worth \$19,000.00 Already received \$9000. Additional \$10,000. will be reimbursed. A thank you card received from WCHI for \$500.00 donation. 350 household served between Coplay and Whitehall. Pediatric Cancer Foundation of LHV hosting "Back to school bash" 8/14 at Coplay pavilion. Requesting waiver for use of pavilion. Note handed to Joe Bundra in hallway prior to meeting. Group of 7 males over the age of 18 asking for weekly use of gym from end of Jan to April. Thursdays 6-8pm Tom Gross responsible for liability insurance.

Mayors Report: Thank Tiffany for heads up for PW state mandated safety meeting regarding snow plowing and vehicle maintenance. December 20, Clinton Wambold, graduate of police academy was sworn in as a Coplay Police Officer. Dog watch program planned for spring for volunteers to report criminal activity. In 2024, 12 approved events by IRT. 2,189 of people participated, with an average \$35.00 amount paid by participants, which generated a total of \$86,615.00.

Solicitors Report: nothing to report

Reports of Officers and Standing committees:

New Business:

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

All in favor 5; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Mr. Kern, second by Mr. Dee, to approve December 2024 Treasurers report.

All in favor 5; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

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

All in favor 5; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Mr. Dee, second by Mr. Santoroski, to approve hiring Brandon Morris to Full time Public Works consistent with Teamsters 773 contract for pay rate and benefits.

All in favor 5; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Mr. Kern, second by Mr. Hermany, to approve Northampton Regional Emergency Medical Services for Ambulance services for Borough of Coplay.

All in favor 5; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Mr. Kern, second by Mr. Dee, to approve a \$2,000 Donation switch to Northampton Regional Emergency Medical Services from Cetronia due to response times and availability.

All in favor 5; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Motion by Mr. Dee, second by Mr. Hermany, to approve reappointment of Karen Stoitsits to the Library Board for another 3 year term.

All in favor 5; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Mr. Kern, second by Mr. Hermany, to approve Atlas Towing, Hesch Service Station, Force One Towing and Recovery & Ironton Auto Body as 2025 Tow Operators for the Borough of Coplay.

All in favor 5; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried**/Denied

Motion by Mr. Kern, second by Mr. Santoroski, to approve to pay \$297,000.00 to purchase Street Sweeper, reimbursement will come from LSA Contract.

All in favor 5; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried**/Denied

Any other items for Discussion:

Next Meetings:

February 4, 2025, Workshop Meeting at 7:00 PM

February 11, 2025, Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM

Motion by Mr. Kern, second by Mr. Dee, to adjourn to executive session for Personnel 7:50 at PM.

All in favor 5 Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried**/Denied

Meeting Reconvened **Y/N**

Motions Made **Y/N**