

## COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Regular Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2014

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, in Council Chambers at Borough Hall and called to order by Council President Felch at 7:00 p.m.

#### OPENING CEREMONIES

No Opening Ceremonies.

Roll call was taken by Manager Paashaus. Also present were Council Members Balascak, Lundy, Greenland, Thrapp, Solicitor Alpert, and Engineer Erdman. Mayor Hovis, Council Members Mack, and Pica were absent.

#### AGENDA

**The Agenda was ordered adopted without any changes or objections.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Fulton (6741 Blue Church Rd) represented Limeport Stadium and asked Council to consider a financial contribution to the Stadium. The Stadium is working on a campaign to replace the overhead lights for night games and the project is called "Lights for Limeport". The total project will cost approximately \$275,000. There was further discussion regarding the overall costs, the style of lighting, the stadium's impact to the surrounding communities, electric improvements, the annual budget, and how many lights were being replaced. Felch stated that the request for support should be in writing and directed to the Borough Manager.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Balascak and seconded by Lundy to receive the Monthly Financial Statements, receive the Monthly Reports (Council information, Police report, Vehicle Roster), and approve the Previous Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2014. **Consent Agenda passed by a vote of 5-0.**

#### ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Balascak and seconded by Thrapp to approve Ordinance 646 adopting the 2015 Borough Budget. **Ordinance 646 passed by a vote of 5-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Lundy and seconded by Balascak to adopt Ordinance 647 fixing salaries, bonds and duties of the Borough officials, appointees, and employees for 2015 with a change to the part-time police officer wage and compost site monitor's wage. There was further discussion regarding the hours a part-time officer works, competitive pay, and the value of knowing the officers. Council requested to have the Police chief attend a future meeting and give an update on the status of the department. Balascak stated that the compost monitor, Raymond Ritter, is a dedicated employee and deserves a pay raise. **Ordinance 647 with the wages increased was passed by a vote of 5-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Balascak and seconded by Lundy to adopt Ordinance 648 establishing the real estate tax rate at 5.4 mills for 2015. **Ordinance 648 passed by a vote of 5-0.**
4. A Motion was made by Greenland and seconded by Lundy to adopt Ordinance 649 extending the franchise agreement with Service Electric. **Ordinance 649 passed by a vote of 5-0.**
5. Felch gave a summary regarding the review of the condominium documents for Pinebrook Manor. His introduction gave detail regarding the cooperation of Tom Williams Jr., the discussion regarding Borough concerns, and the need for a formal action of approval. A Motion was made by Balascak and seconded by Thrapp to approve Resolution 2014-15 approving in

principal the Declaration of Condominium for Pinebrook Manor. There was further discussion regarding the correct date for the document, the final revisions, and the idea of approval in principal. Solicitor Alpert confirmed that approval in principal was acceptable and stated that it is not an issue for Council. **Resolution 2014-15 passed by a vote of 5-0.**

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

1. Infrastructure
  - a. No additional report.
2. Public Safety/Governmental Relations
  - a. No additional report.
3. Administration and Finance
  - a. No additional report.

### **REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS**

1. Solicitor: No additional report.
2. Engineer: No additional report.
3. Borough Manager: No additional report.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Compost site will remain on the Agenda.
2. Municipal Parking will remain on the Agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Lundy made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Balascak. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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Timothy Paashaus – Borough Manager

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John Felch, Jr. – Council President