

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2015

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, January 20th, 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 Mayor Hovis, Council Members Balascak, Lundy, Greenland, Pica, Thrapp, Solicitor Alpert, and Engineer Erdman. Council Member Mack was absent.

AGENDA

The Agenda was ordered adopted without any changes or objections.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Pica and seconded by Thrapp to receive the Monthly Financial Statements, receive the Monthly Reports (Council information, Police report, Vehicle Roster, Fire Report), and approve the Previous Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2014. **Consent Agenda passed by a vote of 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Pica and seconded by Thrapp to approve contracting with IntegraONE for the replacement of the Police Department server at a total cost of \$19,569.15. There was further discussion regarding the need to replace the antiquated current server, the timing of replacement, the overall cost of the project, and functionality of the new servers. Pica and Lundy were able to give detailed information regarding the estimate, hardware, and licensing. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Balascak and seconded by Lundy to accept the resignation of Susan Gibbs as the Coopersburg Municipal Authority Treasurer, effective February 1, 2015 with appreciation for her 14 years of service. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure
 - a. Septic – Council Member Balascak reported that there were no major concerns for septic
 - b. Highway – Council Member Balascak reported that the highway department responded quickly and effectively to the “flash freeze” on January 18th. Council also expressed their appreciation for the emergency personnel, including Matthew Rehrig, Fire Company Vice President, who was present at the meeting.
 - c. Water – Council Member Balascak reported that he toured the reservoir property with Rick Snyder and viewed the chlorination process. The property recently had a DEP inspection that included suggestions regarding the sealing of Well #1 by AWWA standards, upgrading the reservoir structure, and the standards for blending at Well #3.
2. Public Safety/Governmental Relations
 - a. Mayor Hovis thanked Council for moving forward with the replacement of the Police server and reported that a part-time officer accepted a position elsewhere. The Chief will be working with the

Mayor to replace this officer. Hovis also reported that the architect had started the design work for the conversion of the EMS building to a new Police Station.

- b. Council President Felch stated that Pennsylvania has a new governor and cabinet in place which may lead to general changes in the state and its regulations. Felch also reminded Council that three members had expiring terms at the end of 2015.

3. Administration and Finance

- a. Council Member Lundy reported that the 2014 Borough audit was almost complete. Felch asked if Council would prefer a different method of delivering the audit results. Council was comfortable with not changing the procedure.

REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

1. Solicitor: No additional report.
2. Engineer: Engineer Erdman reported that several projects were proceeding and in final review.
3. Borough Manager: No additional report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Compost site will remain on the Agenda.
2. Municipal Parking will remain on the Agenda.
3. Resolution honoring Officer Grim will remain on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council President Felch reported an update from the Comprehensive Planning Committee regarding the future streetscape, several accomplishments, and the future appearance of the Borough.
2. Council President Felch reported that the Historical Society will be hosting a special meeting that will include local developers with current projects in the Borough.
3. Council Member Balascak opened a discussion regarding the ice problem on Main Street between Thomas Street and State Street. The discussion included possible solutions, the Borough's responsibility, improvement to Main Street, and storm sewer concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Balascak made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Felch. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Timothy Paashaus – Borough Manager

John Felch, Jr. – Council President