

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Special Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2014

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Monday, March 3rd, in Council Chambers at Borough Hall. The meeting was called to order by Council President Felch at 7:00 p.m.

Felch welcomed all applicants for the Council vacancy and explained the format of the meeting.

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

AGENDA

The Agenda passed without objection.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Police Chief Struss opened a discussion regarding the replacement of 4 police vehicle computers. Struss stated that the current computers were over 10 years old, that the operating system would no longer be supported by Microsoft, and that the State Police and communication center will no longer connect with the old computers due to a security risk. Struss stated that he received more than 3 bid estimates ranging from \$13,000 to over \$20,000 to replace the 4 computers. A Motion was made by Mack and seconded by Lundy to approve the purchase of 4 mobile computers from Brite Inc. at a cost of \$13,148. There was further discussion regarding the risks of not upgrading, the quality of the replacements, the quality of Brite as a company, and if the Borough could sustain the cost. **The Motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.**
2. Council President Felch expressed his personal appreciation to the 4 applicants who desired the vacancy created by the resignation of Council member Walters. Felch stated that the law gives Council 30 days to appoint a replacement to the position and asked for Council volunteers to make a 3 person review committee to discuss the qualifications of each applicant and make a recommendation to Council. A Motion was made by Lundy and seconded by Mack to appoint Balascak, Hovis, and Pica to the review committee. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**

VACANCY APPLICANT INTERVIEW

Council President Felch had each candidate pick a random number to determine an order in speaking to Council. The 4 Applicants for the Council vacancy spoke in the following order: Timothy Kramer (1), Michelle Callow (2), Danielle Thrapp (3), and Deanna Collagio (4). Each applicant gave a personal and professional background. Council asked each candidate several questions and thanked them for being interested in the vacant position.

Felch stated that every 2 years there are new Council elections and gave an explanation of the election procedure. This current term expires December 31, 2015.

Council took a Recess at 7:47 PM.

Council Resumed at 8:05 PM.

Council Member Balascak spoke on behalf of the Review Committee. He thanked all candidates and explained that each one had very useful experience and capabilities that would be an asset to

Council. The Review Committee recommended the selection of Danielle Thrapp to be appointed to the vacant Council seat. **The appointment was approved by a vote of 6-0.**

Felch congratulated Thrapp on her appointment and encouraged all other applicants to consider petitioning next Spring for a future election.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Balascak made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Lundy. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Timothy Paashaus – Borough Manager

John Felch, Jr. – Council President