

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2014

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, November 18th, in Council Chambers at Borough Hall and called to order by Council President Felch at 7:00 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

AGENDA

The Agenda was ordered adopted without any changes or objections.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joseph Ellenberger (326 S 9th Street) requested clarification regarding the water line being used for the demolition of Pinebrook. The water will be billed to the developer directly upon completion.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Pica 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 October 21, 2014. **Consent Agenda passed by a vote of 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Mack and seconded by Lundy to approve the 2015 Annual Borough Budget. This was the final reading of the budget. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Balascak and seconded by Pica to grant a waiver of section 195-7 and 195-9 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance in regards to the Jeri Bellini Subdivision Application. Erdman explained that this waiver was a procedural waiver in order to have the preliminary and final plan submission as one submission. **The Waiver was granted by a vote of 7-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Balascak and seconded by Pica to approve the Jeri Bellini Minor Subdivision Preliminary/Final Plan with the completion of the Engineer's recommendations. There was further discussion regarding the property, the boundary line, the proposed division line along the creek, the potential use of the property, and zoning concerns. Jay Musselman was present to represent the applicant. Council Members felt strongly that a property such as this should be considered by the Borough to purchase and erect a municipal parking lot. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure
 - a. Septic – Council Member Balascak summarized the Upper Saucon Waste Water Treatment Fiscal Report for 2013-2014. The report included information regarding the Borough's 24.4% use of the plant operations, an average daily flow of 346,000 gallons per day, and that the peak flows were not acceptable.
 - b. Highway – Council Member Balascak reported that leaf collection is continuing and the compost site will close its extended hours on December 6th.
 - c. Water – Council Member Balascak reported that the Municipal Authority will be pursuing a

moderate amount of water flow from the Interconnection at Well House #3 in order to exercise the valve and keep the chlorine levels at the correct amount once the connection is established. Balascak stated that Susan Gibbs, Municipal Authority Treasurer, will be resigning as of December 31, 2014. Council is responsible to appoint another treasurer. There was further discussion regarding the future of the Municipal Authority, the financial status of the Authority, land ownership, and Municipal Authority Law. Balascak reported that the paving project at the Reservoir Property was complete.

2. Public Safety/Governmental Relations
 - a. Mayor Hovis reported that the Speed-boards were in service, and the Manager submitted reimbursement for the full Gaming Grant to Lehigh County.
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.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Felch opened a discussion regarding the proposed Condo Association document for Pinebrook Manor. There was further discussion regarding the need for additional time for Council review, zoning concerns, ownership, ability to use as a rental, specific powers of the “Declarant”, concerns over future subdivision of the property, and general definitions. Council will review and give comments to the Manager by November 28th in order to get information back to the developer in a timely manner.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Balascak made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Felch. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Timothy Paashaus – Borough Manager

John Felch, Jr. – Council President