

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2014

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, October 21st, in Council Chambers at Borough Hall and called to order by Council President Felch at 7:10 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

No Opening Ceremonies

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.

Felch stated that a brief Executive Session was held prior to the meeting regarding a legal matter.

AGENDA

The Agenda was ordered adopted without any changes or objections.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Williams Jr. commented on the progress of the Pinebrook demolition, asbestos abatement, and timeframe for the project.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Lundy and seconded by Pica to receive the Monthly Financial Statements, the 3rd Quarter Pension information, receive the Monthly Reports (Council information, Police report, Vehicle Roster), and approve the Previous Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2014. **Consent Agenda passed by a vote of 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Pica and seconded by Balascak to grant Conditional Approval for the Cooper Farms Subdivision based on the engineer's conditions and comments in the letter dated, September 4, 2014. Erdman explained some of the routine conditions and stated that all conditions would need to be satisfied before the plan could be recorded. There was further discussion regarding ground disturbance, permits needed, E&S plans, storm water concerns, grading concerns, and a schedule for the project. **The Conditional Approval was granted by a vote of 7-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Balascak and seconded by Thrapp to approve Resolution 2014-12: Plan revision for new land development that approves the "Official Sewage Facilities Plan" for Pinebrook Manor. There was discussion regarding the planning module, the process of approval, and a name clarification on the application. **Resolution 2014-12 passed by a vote of 7-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure
 - a. Septic – No Report.
 - b. Highway – Council Member Balascak reported that the Infrastructure Committee is reviewing a potential Storm-Sewer project for 2015. The project would be on a section of Stopp Lane and W Fairmount Street. There are a few possibilities regarding the scope of work and the committee will work diligently to make the best decision for the Borough. Monies from the Borough Liquid Fuels fund are being set aside for future improvements and will likely be used to reconstruct W Fairmount Street.

- c. Water – Council Member Balascak reported that the Municipal Authority failed to obtain a grant for water line replacement and gave a reconciliation payment schedule for the 2013 annual reconciliation.
2. Public Safety/Governmental Relations
 - a. Mayor Hovis reported that the County awarded the Borough a Gaming Grant for \$23,258.00, and the money will be used to reimburse the purchase of 4 car computers and 2 speed boards.
 3. Administration and Finance
 - a. 2015 Budget – First Reading: At the request of the committee, Manager Paashaus gave a brief explanation regarding the draft budget for 2015. There was discussion regarding taxes, healthcare, police expenses, pay rates, Borough credit/risk rating, and general information. The budget is very similar to 2014 with only minor changes and no millage increase. The first reading had no objections. The second reading for the 2015 Borough Budget is scheduled for November 18, 2014.

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

Reminder: Trick-or-Treat is scheduled for Friday, October 31, 2014 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

Felch stated his appreciation for the Halloween Parade and John Marshall for all his hard work in organizing the event.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Timothy Paashaus – Borough Manager

John Felch, Jr. – Council President