

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2016

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, September 20th, 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. Council President Felch spoke regarding the earning of respect by giving respect. Felch commented about the ongoing protests against the National Anthem, and that symbols deserve respect if protestors wish to be respected. Council Members are well known in the community, and the respect they show to others and to symbols is important to earning the respect of the community for Council.

Roll Call was taken by Manager Paashaus. All present were Mayor Hovis, Council Members Felch, Balascak, Greenland, Pica, Poot, Snyder (Arrived Late), Thrapp, Engineer Erdman, and Solicitor Alpert.

AGENDA

The Agenda was ordered approved as written without objection.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Pica and seconded by Thrapp receive the Monthly Reports (Monthly Financial Reports, Council information, Police report, Vehicle roster, Zoning Report), and approve the Previous Meeting Minutes from August 16, 2016. **Consent Agenda passed by a vote of 6-0.**

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

Mayor Hovis read a proclamation declaring that September 2016 to be Global Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month in the Borough of Coopersburg. Hovis presented the proclamation to Jennifer Wescoe (Organizer of the Wescoe Foundation and Coopersburg 5k). Wescoe spoke about the Foundation, supporting patients in the area, community events, and cause of the disease. Wescoe thanked Council for their support and their involvement in the Coopersburg 5k. Felch thanked Wescoe for her work and stated that the Coopersburg 5k is a great, mutually beneficial event in the Borough.

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Balascak and seconded by Thrapp to appoint the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture as the Borough Health Inspector for food and beverage inspections.

Council Member Snyder arrived to the meeting (7:15 PM)

Solicitor Capehart gave clarification regarding additional steps to abolishing the position by ordinance. There was further discussion regarding the role of the Health Inspector. This appointment will be at no cost to the Borough and will be funded by fees collected by the Department of Agriculture for inspections. **Resolution 2016-22 passed by a vote of 7-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure

- a. Septic – Council Member Balascak stated that the Infrastructure Committee did not meet in September due to the Labor Day holiday and that the committee will be reviewing the CDBG project performance in the next committee meeting.
 - b. Highway – Council Member Balascak stated that work was completed on East Charles Street and Horse Alley.
 - c. Water – Council Member Balascak stated that the main well depth was approximately 78 feet. This was a change from 3 weeks ago at 73'. There was further discussion regarding the measurement, a drought watch, and the condition of the reservoir property house.
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: Manager Paashaus stated that he is working on the first draft of the 2017 budget and encouraged Council to give input about any large expenses for 2017. Paashaus requested the Mayor and Council to ride in the Halloween Parade on October 16th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Compost site will remain on the Agenda.
2. Municipal Parking will remain on the Agenda.
3. RFP for Engineering/Zoning/Code Enforcement will remain on the Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Felch stated that he will not be present at the next Council Meeting on October 18th. Balascak will lead the meeting.

Council Member Balascak made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Poot. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Timothy Paashaus – Borough Manager

John Felch, Jr. – Council President