

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2018

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, December 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. All present were Mayor Hovis, Council Members Balascak, Dietz, Ellenberger, Felch, Poot, Thrapp, Solicitor Capehart, and Engineer Erdman. Council Member Craig, and Jr. Councilperson Craig were absent.

AGENDA

The Agenda was ordered adopted as written, without objection.

PUBLIC HEARING

Solicitor Capehart opened the Public Hearing regarding TH Minit Markets LLC and their request for an inter-municipal "E" liquor license transfer. The hearing began at 7:05 p.m. and was recorded by a court stenographer. Exhibits are in the meeting information record.

A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Poot to approve the applicant's request for an inter-municipal liquor license transfer. There was further discussion regarding safety concerns, population vs license quota, and increased vehicle traffic. Balascak requested a role call vote. **The Motion failed by a vote of 1-5 (Balascak – No, Dietz – No, Ellenberger – No, Poot – No, Thrapp – Yes, Felch – No).**

A Motion was made by Ellenberger and seconded by Dietz to deny the applicant's request for an inter-municipal liquor license. There was further discussion regarding concerns over the appropriate use of the building, enough licenses for the population of the Borough, safety concerns, unattended minors, and the proximity to existing licensed distributors of alcohol. **The Motion passed to deny the license transfer by a vote of 5-1 (Balascak – Yes, Dietz – Yes, Ellenberger – Yes, Poot – Yes, Thrapp – No, Felch – Yes).** The Solicitor was directed to draft a Resolution of denial to be acted on at the next Council meeting.

Council resumed normal business at 9:15 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Dushok, 215 E State Street, voiced concerns regarding an AirBnB at 228 E State Street. There were concerns regarding safety, fire safety, parking, inspections for construction, and a business permit. The Zoning Officer is currently in the process of approving the use. There was further discussion regarding zoning and the violation process.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Balascak to receive the Monthly Reports (Monthly Financial Statements, Council Information, Zoning Report), and approve the previous meeting minutes from November 20, 2018. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 6-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – No additional report.

2. Public Safety – No additional report.
3. Administration and Finance – No additional report.

REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

1. Solicitor: No additional report.
2. Engineer: No additional report.
3. Borough Manager: No additional report.
4. Jr. Council: Not present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deferred until next Council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Balascak and seconded by Thrapp to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 PM.

Timothy Paashaus – Borough Manager

John Felch, Jr. – Council President