

**COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 16, 2019**

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 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. Felch noted the tragedy in Paris of the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral.

Roll Call was taken by Manager Paashaus. All present were Mayor Hovis, Council Members Balascak, Craig, Dietz, Ellenberger, Felch, Poot, Thrapp, Solicitor Capehart, and Engineer Erdman.

**AGENDA**

A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Dietz to approve the Agenda with an additional Action Item regarding a DCED Grant Application for the Town Center Park (Resolution 2019-11). **The modified Agenda was adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Dietz to receive the Monthly Reports (Monthly Financial Statements, Council Information), and approve the previous meeting minutes from March 19, 2019, and March 28, 2019. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 7-0.**

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. A Motion was made by Balascak and seconded by Ellenberger to authorize payment to Upper Saucon Township for Capital Costs of \$32,546.10 for the WWTP for 2017/2018. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Balascak and seconded by Ellenberger to authorize payment to Upper Saucon Township for Operating Costs of \$298,881.36 for the WWTP for 2017/2018. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Balascak and seconded by Thrapp to approve the Nova Chip contract with Asphalt Maintenance Solutions (AMS) for a total contract cost of \$74,448.00. This contract is to Nova Chip East Fairmount Street, a section of South 9<sup>th</sup> Street, and West Station Avenue. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**
4. A Motion was made by Poot and seconded by Thrapp to approve the application and signing power of the Manager to pursue a GTRP Grant through DCED for the Town Center Park. **Resolution 2019-11 passed by a vote of 7-0.**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

1. Infrastructure –
  - a. Septic – Council Member Balascak stated that a pre-construction meeting will take place on 4/17 for the CDBG work. There may be additional work completed outside of the grant area in order to continue to fix I&I issues. Valley Manor had an additional notice sent without any response.
  - b. Highway – Council Member Balascak stated that the Nova chipping project will be most of the roadwork completed in 2019 with minor repairs elsewhere.
  - c. Water – Council Member Balascak stated that a long-time Authority member, Leon Sterner,

passed away. Sterner was involved with the Authority and Council for many years. Roger Boos resigned after over 30 years of involvement and will need to have a replacement appointed. The Authority is looking at improving technology on the well system.

2. Public Safety – Mayor Hovis stated that Matthew Rehrig resigned as the Fire Department President and Assistant Chief. Jim Hart will take over. Hovis stated that meetings with the police officers were occurring to negotiate the Police Contract.
3. Administration and Finance – No additional report.

#### **REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS**

1. Solicitor: Solicitor Capehart reported that there would be a conference with Judge Reichley on April 22<sup>nd</sup> regarding the TH Minit Market Liquor License Appeal.
2. Engineer: Engineer Erdman stated that the CDBG pre-construction meeting will happen on April 17<sup>th</sup> and an escrow release was approved for Stone Harvest.
3. Borough Manager: No additional report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Council Member Craig stated that the Bucks County section of the Rail Trail was moving forward.
2. Council Member Dietz requested an update on grants status, grant managing, and the streetscape. There was further discussion regarding the status and current project schedule.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion was made by Balascak and seconded by Dietz to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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Timothy Paashaas – Borough Manager

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John Felch, Jr. – Council President