

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2019

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, August 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.

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 Craig and seconded by Thrapp to approve the Agenda with an additional Action Item to correct the Halloween Banner Resolution. **The modified Agenda was adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Harrington, Lower Milford resident, stated he was running for Lehigh County Commissioner. He stated his background.

Bob Elbich, Weisenberg Township resident, stated he was running for Lehigh County Commissioner. He gave his background and challenged Council to encourage residents to vote.

Anna Ellenberger, Vice President of Coopersburg Historical Society, invited Council to the Historical Society meeting the following evening at 7:00 PM.

Will Kane, 6657 Gun Club Rd, thanked Council for their work on the West State Street Curb & Sidewalk Project. Kane also stated his concern over erosion and flooding on Gun Club Road.

Council President Felch welcomed the public and recognized a Boy Scout, John Schwartz, who was present to work on two badges (Citizenship in Community & Communication).

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 July 16, 2019. Balascak requested to pull the Summary Profit & Loss Report out of the Consent Agenda and review it later in the meeting. **The Consent Agenda without the P&L Report was approved by a vote of 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Poot to approve the MTF Grant Agreement with PennDot for the construction of Phase 3 of the Borough's Streetscape Plan. **Resolution 2019-14 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Craig and seconded by Thrapp to approve the Council President to sign a Shared Crossing Agreement with PennDot for the Saucon Rail Trail crossing on Station Avenue. **Resolution 2019-15 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Balascak and seconded by Thrapp to approve the Final Reading of an Ordinance to extend the Coopersburg Municipal Authority until December 31, 2049. **Ordinance 666 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
4. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Craig to recognize the resignation of Robert VanIngen from the Saucon Rail Trail Commission and replace him with resident, Bob Collins. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**
5. A Motion was made by Balascak and seconded by Dietz to award the paving and gate installation on the Liberty Trolley Trail to James R. Kenney, for a total contract of \$143,795.00. There was discussion regarding the grant allocation, the project, and the word

- “Trolley” being included on any signs along the trail. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**
6. A Motion was made by Ellenberger and seconded by Craig to modify the dates on a Resolution approved in February 2019. The dates listed on the Halloween Parade Banner Resolution need to be updated to 10/14/2019 or the following Monday as a rain date. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure –
 - a. Highway – Council Member Balascak stated that the West State Street Curbing & Sidewalk Project was complete. Felch read a “thank you” letter from a resident on Hillside Drive, Doug Dykhouse.
 - b. Water – Council Member Balascak stated that the Reservoir Roof Project would be starting in September and the exercising of valves and hydrants was finished.
 - c. Septic – Council Member Balascak opened a discussion regarding a sewer lateral issue with Valley Manor Nursing Home. There was further discussion regarding details of water infiltration, legal concerns, exposed piping in a creek bed, environmental concerns, and location of the issues. The Solicitor will work with staff on the details for filing with the magistrate.
2. Public Safety – No additional report.
3. Administration and Finance – No additional report.

REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

1. Solicitor: No additional report.
2. Engineer: Engineer Erdman stated that a letter was sent to PennDot regarding the flooding concerns on Gun Club Road. They have not been responsive.
3. Borough Manager: No additional report.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Balascak requested clarification on line 355 on the Profit & Loss Report. There was a brief discussion regarding grant funding. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Craig to receive Profit & Loss Report. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**

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 Thrapp and seconded by Balascak to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Timothy Paashaus – Borough Manager

John Felch, Jr. – Council President