

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2019

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, December 17th, 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

The Agenda was ordered adopted without objection.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council received the Monthly Reports (Monthly Financial Statements, Council Information, Zoning/Permit Log), and approve the previous meeting minutes from November 19, 2019. **The Consent Agenda was ordered adopted without objection.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Dietz to approve the LED Pedestrian Lighting Agreement with PPL. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Poot and seconded by Dietz to adopt the updated Borough Zoning Ordinance & Zoning Map. **Ordinance 667 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Balascak and seconded by Poot to approve the Historic Preservation Guidelines and Map of Historic Properties. **Resolution 2019-24 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
4. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Ellenberger to adopt the 2020 Borough Budget for fiscal year January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. **Ordinance 668 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
5. A Motion was made by Poot and seconded by Thrapp to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Coopersburg Police Officers Association, effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023. There was discussion regarding the negotiations and the Council's support of the Police Department. **The Collective Bargaining Agreement was approved by a vote of 7-0.**
6. A Motion was made by Ellenberger and seconded by Poot to fix the salaries, bonds, and duties of Borough Officials, Appointees, and Employees for fiscal year January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. **Ordinance 669 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
7. A Motion was made by Ellenberger and seconded by Poot to establish the Real Estate Tax Rate at 5.4mils for the fiscal year January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. **Ordinance 670 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
8. A Motion was made by Craig and seconded by Dietz to approve the Zoning Hearing Board Appointments. **Resolution 2019-25 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
9. A Motion was made by Craig and seconded by Thrapp to approve the Coopersburg Municipal Authority Appointments. **Resolution 2019-26 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
10. A Motion was made by Craig and seconded by Balascak to approve the Management

Agreement with the Coopersburg Municipal Authority for fiscal year January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. **The Agreement was approved by a vote of 7-0.**

11. A Motion was made by Craig and seconded by Thrapp to approve a design contract with Architerra to design the Town-Center Park. The Contract has a not-to-exceed value of \$40,200.00 + expenses (depending on options taken). **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**
12. A Motion was made by Craig and seconded by Balascak to approve a Maintenance Agreement with Upper Saucon Township, regarding North Main Street & East Fairmount Street. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Balascak wished all of Council a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.
2. Public Safety – No additional report.
3. Administration and Finance – Council Member Ellenberger stated that he was glad that Council passed the Budget without a tax increase and that the Borough was currently debt free.

REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

1. Solicitor: No additional report.
2. Engineer: No additional report.
3. Borough Manager: No additional report.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

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 Thrapp to ADJOURN SINE DIE. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.