

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2019

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, November 19th, 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 Dietz to approve the Agenda with an additional item of general information from Council President Felch, prior to Public Comment. **The modified Agenda was adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

Council President Felch congratulated Will Kane, Dick Poot, and Danielle Thrapp on their election to Council for a 4-year term. Felch stated that the Borough was honored to receive a nomination from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission for being a municipality of distinction. Felch publicly recognized the efforts of Kenneth Mohr and presented Mohr with a Resolution of appreciation. Council applauded and thanked Mohr for his hard work on behalf of the Borough.

Council President Felch gave a brief presentation on his time as Council President. Felch highlighted many accomplishments over the last 10 years and thanked Council members for their contributions. The presentation included resolving the sewer moratorium, development, financial stability, and other successes. Felch stated that there were a few disappointments over the years and several items that still need attention from Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Thrapp to receive the Monthly Reports (Monthly Financial Statements, Council Information, Zoning/Permit Log), and approve the previous meeting minutes from October 15, 2019. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Ellenberger and seconded by Poot to approve the Second Reading of the Borough's 2020 Budget. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Ellenberger to approve the temporary closing of a road for the Fire Company Tree Lighting Event on November 30, 2019 with a rain date the following evening. **Resolution 2019-22 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Balascak and seconded by Thrapp to approve the application for an H2O grant and designating the Borough Manager to sign documents. **Resolution 2019-23 passed by a vote of 7-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Balascak thanked Felch for his leadership over the years.
 - a. Septic – Council Member Balascak stated that the Magistrate found Valley Manor guilty of violating the Borough's Sewer Ordinance and that an appeal is expected. They have 30 days to

appeal. Balascak stated that the IPR was correcting items on a punch list from the CDBG Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

- b. Water – Council Member Balascak stated that the Reservoir Roof Project was nearing completion.
 - c. Highway – Council Member Balascak stated that leaf collection was continuing and the issues with the new leaf collector were being resolved.
 - d. Council Member Balascak stated that the Zoning Officer was pursuing problems and inspections as the Executive Inn. The most recent inspection report was provided to Council.
2. Public Safety – Mayor Hovis stated that a meeting was held with 3 members of the Fire Company Board. They discussed monetary concerns, the relief association, audit information, new members, fund balances, the social club, and equipment needs. The Committee felt it was a productive meeting and will continue to work with the Fire Company to improve communication.
 3. Administration and Finance – Council President Felch stated that the first Monday in January will be the official reorganization meeting for the new Council.

REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Balascak gave information regarding electronics recycling.

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 Felch to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.