

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2019

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, October 15th, 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 Deilly.

AGENDA

A Motion was made by Poot and seconded by Dietz to approve the Agenda with an additional proposed Resolution 2019-21 as Action Item #3. **The modified Agenda was adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Will Kane, 6657 Gun Club Rd, thanked Council for their involvement in the work on Gun Club Road. Lynn Morgan, 123 Young Ave, stated that the Liberty Bell Trolley Trail was progressing well and that the construction signs on Main Street were moved.

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 September 17, 2019 and October 7, 2019. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Balascak to approve the Stone Harvest Revised Development Plan. **Resolution 2019-19 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Poot to approve the PennDot MTF Grant Application and designate Manager Paashaus as a signer. **Resolution 2019-20 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Craig and seconded by Dietz to recognize Kenneth Mohr. There was further discussion regarding the accomplishments of Mohr and all the volunteer work he has done on behalf of the Borough. **Resolution 2019-21 passed by a vote of 7-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure –
 - a. Septic – Council Member Balascak stated that the Valley Manor Citation was filed and awaiting a hearing.
 - b. Highway – Council Member Balascak stated that AMS had completed a sealing process on West Fairmount as an experiment and at no cost to the Borough. Leaf collection has begun. Balascak stated that the Committee was looking at the oil & chip schedule for 2020 as well as other projects.
 - c. Water – Council Member Balascak stated that the Reservoir Roof Project was nearing completion.
2. Public Safety – Mayor Hovis stated that the Halloween Parade went well and thanked the members of Council for their participation.
3. Administration and Finance – Coopersburg 2020 Budget – 1st Reading

There was discussion regarding the overall budget reading. The discussion clarified many items in the budget regarding income and expense. Felch described the process to approve the summary budget.

- A Motion was made by Craig and seconded by Thrapp to increase the Park Contribution by \$1,000.00. There was discussion regarding the park and their request. Ellenberger stated that Council was already willing to honor their full request and if any Council member wished to give more, they could personally. **The Motion to increase the annual contribution the Southern Lehigh Living Memorial Park passed by a vote of 6-1 (Ellenberger = Nay).**
- A Motion was made by Craig to increase the Library Contribution by 2%. **The Motion failed for lack of a second.**

There was further discussion regarding the Fire Company and their request. Concerns were raised regarding the documentation of their finances, audit information, income from the social hall, tax information, and leadership. Members of the Public Safety Committee will schedule time to discuss concerns with the Fire Company.

- A Motion was made by Ellenberger and seconded by Poot to receive the first reading of the Borough's 2020 Summary Budget with modifications. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.** The 2nd Reading of the Budget will be November 19, 2019.

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. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.