

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Budget Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2020

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Monday, October 5th, in Council Chambers at Borough Hall and called to order by Council President Balascak 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, Dietz, Ellenberger, Kane, Poot, Thrapp, Solicitor Capehart, and Engineer Erdman. Council Member Craig was absent.

AGENDA

A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Dietz to approve the Agenda without changes. **The Agenda was adopted by a vote of 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

1. Southern Lehigh Living Memorial Park – Doug Albright presented information regarding the park, its challenges during Covid19, vandalism, fundraisers, and board members. There was further discussion regarding the park improvements and cost of operation. Ellenberger requested that a park updated would be given to Council periodically throughout the year. The park board is requesting an increase to \$18,000.00 for the 2020 allocation.
2. Southern Lehigh Public Library – Lynnette Saeger presented information regarding the library, its financial status, coping during Covid19, fundraisers, and board members. There was further discussion regarding PPP funding, going “fine free” for the rest of the year, quarantining books, and the library cooperative. Saeger stated that their funding from Lower Milford Township is in question. The library is requesting \$22,226.00 for the 2020 allocation. This is flat with 2019.
3. Coopersburg Fire Company – Multiple members from the fire company (Chief Baer, Assistant Chief Huber, Fire President Hart, Treasurer Kessler) were present to discuss the budget desires of the fire company. The original request was for a minimal increase to \$40,000.00 for the 2020 allocation. Huber stated that they wanted to increase the ask to \$110,000.00 and consider implementing a fire tax. There was further discussion regarding the fire company, its financial status, coping with Covid19, its new members, and equipment. Huber stated they want to replace a truck at almost \$700,000.00. What was stated in the meeting was not included in the documentation given to the Council. There was further Council discussion and appreciation for the fire company.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Kane to accept the negotiated terms with Tuskes (Stone Harvest Development) to improve the intersection of West State Street & Hillside Drive. There was further discussion regarding the conditions (e-mail information on record), improvements to the Borough roadways, and costs. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Ellenberger to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Timothy Paashaus – Borough Manager

Dennis Balascak – Council President