

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2020

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, December 15th, in Council Chambers at Borough Hall & 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, Craig, Dietz, Ellenberger, Kane, Poot, Thrapp, & Engineer Erdman. Solicitor Capehart was absent.

AGENDA

A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dietz to approve the Agenda without changes. **The Agenda was adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dietz to receive the Monthly Reports (Monthly Financial Statements, Council Information, Police Report, Fire Report), & approve the previous meeting minutes from November 17, 2020. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Kane to accept the resignation of Public Works Crew Member, David Kelly, with well wishes for his future. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Poot & seconded by Kane to approve the substantial completion of required improvements for the residential development known as Stone Harvest Estates, Formerly Cooper Farms. **Resolution 2020-13 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Ellenberger to approve the 2021 Zoning Hearing Board Members. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**
4. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Ellenberger to approve the 2021 Coopersburg Municipal Authority Members. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**
5. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Ellenberger to approve the Coopersburg Municipal Authority & Borough Management Agreement. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**
6. A Motion was made by Poot & seconded by Ellenberger to approve the 2021 Borough Budget. **Ordinance 671 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
7. A Motion was made by Poot & seconded by Ellenberger to approve the 2021 Borough Salaries, bonds, & duties of Borough Officials, Appointees, & Employees. **Ordinance 672 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
8. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Poot to approve the 2021 Borough Real Estate Tax rate, unchanged at 5.4mils. **Ordinance 673 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
9. A Motion was made by Poot & seconded by Ellenberger to approve the amendment to the Non-Uniformed Pension Ordinance to include the Defined Contribution Pension Plan Document & create a DC Plan for full-time employees hired after January 1, 2018. This Ordinance includes reference to the DC Plan Document (edit to Article 15.1 to say Council Members) & the Amended Ordinance 628. **Ordinance 674 passed by a vote of 7-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Dietz gave an update on Valley Manor, future developments (MSK & Sheetz), Oxford Ridge (Tuskes bought 8 lots), & the future WB Homes submission. There was

further discussion regarding available sewer EDUs. Council President Balascak gave an update on the Water System, the Springfield Township Quarry hearings, & failing water meters.

2. Public Safety – Mayor Hovis stated that the Borough would be on a Snow Emergency on Wednesday until Thursday, noon. Hovis gave an update regarding the Fire Department & grant opportunities.
3. Administration & Finance – Council Member Poot gave a brief update on the Profit & Loss statement. The Borough will end in the red for 2020 due to Streetscape expenses and a loss of revenue during the pandemic.

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. Valley Manor Sewer Lateral
2. Ordinance *** – Fireworks – will remain on the Agenda.
3. Ordinance *** – Vacating several borough roads – will remain on the Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dietz to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.