

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2020

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, October 20th, 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, Craig, Dietz, Ellenberger, Kane, Poot, Thrapp, Solicitor Capehart, and Engineer Erdman.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Huber, Coopersburg Fire Company Assistant Chief, was present to express concern about the Fire Company's financial standing and requested more support in 2021. There was further discussion regarding fundraisers, Covid19 relief, grants, insurance costs, and other funding sources. Council stated their desire to help the Fire Company, and the community needs them.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Dietz to receive the Monthly Reports (Monthly Financial Statements, Council Information, Police Report, Fire Report, Zoning Report), and approve the previous meeting minutes from September 15, 2020 and October 5, 2020. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Kane and seconded by Ellenberger to appoint Larry Pummer to the Coopersburg Municipal Authority vacancy. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Kane to re-appoint Kat Moyer to the Southern Lehigh Library Board for an additional 3-year term. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Ellenberger and seconded by Dietz to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with FPM (Oxford Ridge Developer). There was further discussion regarding NPDES permitting, responsibility for changes, and size of the houses. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0, signing subject to FPM signing first.**
4. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Kane to approve the MTF Grant Application and signer for Phase 8 of the Borough's Streetscape plan for \$350,000.00. **Resolution 2020-10 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
5. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Dietz to approve the MTF Grant Application and signer for Phase 9 of the Borough's Streetscape plan for \$325,000.00. **Resolution 2020-11 passed by a vote of 7-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Dietz gave an update on Valley Manor and their sewer lateral issues. A Motion was made by Ellenberger and seconded by Thrapp to authorize the Infrastructure Committee and Engineer Erdman to take the next steps of review and approval for Valley Manor to move forward. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.** There was further discussion regarding the Borough's sewer flow, MSK Development, sewer allocations, riparian buffer, and an update to the GIS mapping project. Balascak stated that the Water Authority was pursuing the meter company for resolution, that leaf collection had started, and the PW department completed the retaining wall.

2. Public Safety – Mayor Hovis stated that the Fire Company was continuing to voice their financial concerns. Balascak stated that a meeting occurred with the Mayor, Police Chief, Ken Mohr, and himself regarding the speed and traffic on Main Street (among other streets in the Borough). The meeting was beneficial and discussed enforcement, education, engineering, safety, and other initiatives to calm traffic.
3. Administration and Finance – Council Member Poot opened a discussion regarding the Borough’s 2021 Budget. There was further discussion regarding the contribution to the Fire Company, specific line item questions, grant funding. Council has no intention of raising the millage rate for Real Estate Tax. A Motion was made by Poot and seconded by Ellenberger to approve the first reading of the 2021 Budget. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.** The second reading is scheduled for November.

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. Ordinance *** – Fireworks – will remain on the Agenda.
2. Ordinance *** – Vacating several borough roads – will remain on the Agenda.
3. Defined Contribution Pension Plan – will remain on the Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Ellenberger to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM.