

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2021

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, April 20th, & was 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, & Engineer Erdman. Council Member Craig was absent.

AGENDA

A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dietz to approve the Agenda. **The Agenda was adopted by a vote of 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Russell Armstrong, Sage Alley Brewery, was present to discuss an update to his zoning application. The brewery was originally building a deck and is now considering a change to the façade to add a porch. There was further discussion regarding the design, drawings, zoning allowances, size, view from Main Street, and other recommendations. Council generally agreed that the design was an improvement from the original proposal.

Russell Armstrong, Sage Alley Brewery, requested that Council consider the request to have alleviation from the PLCB regarding noise at the brewery. There was further discussion regarding the current restrictions, the zoning allowances, setting a precedent, and the procedure to give alleviation. The Solicitor will research the request.

Bill Rosenberger, Coopersburg Fire Company, and Tim Lockhart were present to discuss the fire company, its financial needs, the desire for new equipment, and fundraising efforts. There was further discussion regarding the Borough's budget numbers, new truck purchases, increasing the number of volunteers, and overall growth of the department.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dietz to receive the Monthly Reports (Monthly Financial Statements, Council Information), & approve the previous meeting minutes from March 16, 2021. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Dietz to approve the purchase of a Kubota ATV for the Public Works department at a cost of \$28,014.63. There was further discussion regarding the use of the equipment, where it was manufactured, trail maintenance, and that the cost would be recouped by the sale of the Asphalt Zipper. **The Motion passed by a vote of 5-1 (Ellenberger = nay).**
2. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Poot to approve the DCED MTF updated signatory and extension request. **Resolution 2021-2 passed by a vote of 6-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Ellenberger to approve the CMA Appointment of Knittle and resignation of Todd. **Resolution 2021-3 passed by a vote of 6-0.**
4. A Motion was made by Ellenberger and seconded by Dietz to approve the payment to Upper Saucon Township for the 2019/2020 WWTP Capital Costs of \$32,783.48. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**
5. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Ellenberger to approve the payment to Upper

Saucon Township for the 2019/2020 WWTP Usage Costs of \$293,150.71. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Dietz gave an update on Valley Manor, the MSK project, the pause of the Sheetz project, Liberty Bell Elementary, 508 N Liberty run-off concerns, and Public Works Crew Member search. Council President Balascak gave an update on the water system, above ground reservoir improvement, timber at the reservoir, water meter concerns, and a request for water service on Locust Valley Road. Solicitor Capehart stated that Master Meter offered warranty replacement on existing meters, but the Authority has chosen to move to a different meter system. Capehart will research the next steps to pursue.
2. Public Safety – Mayor Hovis stated that the Fire Company gave an update, but the committee was not in support of burdening tax payers with any increase in taxes.
3. Administration & Finance – No additional report.

REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

1. Solicitor: No additional report.
2. Engineer: Engineer Erdman stated that Stone Harvest was continuing to work on Punchlist Items, that the relationship with Upper Saucon regarding the sewer was improving, and the GIS mapping of the water system was complete.
3. Borough Manager: No additional report.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Balascak stated that he would research an Electronics Recycling Event for the Borough. Council Member Dietz expressed concern regarding a conflict with scheduling the next meeting on the same day as the Primary Election. No decision was made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Kane to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.