

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2021

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held virtually on Tuesday, February 16th, & was called to order by Council President Balascak at 7:00 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

No Opening Ceremonies.

Roll Call was taken by Manager Paashaus. All present were Mayor Hovis, Council Members Balascak, Craig, Dietz, Ellenberger, Kane, Poot, Thrapp, Solicitor Capehart, & Engineer Erdman.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lehigh County Executive, Phillips Armstrong, spoke to Council & answered questions. There was further discussion regarding the County, CARES Act funding, Fire Company funding, Covid19 Vaccination schedules, & other healthcare information. Council members thanked Armstrong for attending.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Craig to receive the Monthly Reports (Monthly Financial Statements, Council Information), & approve the previous meeting minutes from January 19, 2021. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dietz to approve the first reading of a sewer lateral inspection ordinance. There was further discussion regarding the process of inspection, prevention of infiltration, effectiveness of the program, maintenance of the sewer system, and GIS crossover information. Ellenberger questioned if the inspection would delay residential sales. **The First Reading of Ordinance 2021-675 passed by a vote of 6-1 (Ellenberger = nay).**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Dietz gave an update on Valley Manor, future developments (MSK & Sheetz), the Chapter 94 report, & the Liberty Trolley Culvert issue. There was further discussion regarding the Water Authority reviewing the MSK project, snow plowing, grant information, & storm water management. Balascak stated that the Authority voted to purchase new meters, voted to add water lines on the Borough GIS mapping, & will be taking bids for the above ground reservoir restoration project. There was further discussion regarding litigation of the meter vendor & costs of the replacement.
2. Public Safety – No additional report.
3. Administration & Finance – No additional report.
Council President Balascak thanked the Administrative Staff & Water Authority Treasurer for the work on the 2020 Audit.

REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

1. Solicitor: No additional report.
2. Engineer: Engineer Erdman stated that MSK will need to revise their plan to incorporate the Water Authority review, that the “Beans” properties will be discussed with their engineer in March, and

- that Valley Manor will be proceeding to construction next month.
3. Borough Manager: No additional report.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Council President Balascak stated that the March regular meeting will have the same virtual format.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Kane & seconded by Ellenberger to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.