

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2021

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Monday, May 17th, & was called to order by Council President Balascak at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was rescheduled for Monday, due to the Primary Election on May 18th.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

All present were Council Members Balascak, Craig, Ellenberger, Kane, Poot, Thrapp, Solicitor Capehart, Manager Paashaus, & Engineer Erdman. Mayor Hovis & Council Member Dietz were absent.

AGENDA

A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Craig to approve the Agenda with an additional Action Item #5 (Purchase a 2-wheel roller from Upper Saucon Township). **The Agenda was adopted by a vote of 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beth Borelli, 824 W Oxford Street, expressed concern about traffic on Liberty Street & West Fairmount Street. There was further discussion regarding traffic impact, potential solutions, & Borelli submitted a folder full of letters from other concerned residents. The appropriate committees will review the concerns.

Deanna Colagio, 422 E Fairview Street & Owner of Hometown Pet Center, expressed concern over the West State Street bridge closure. There was further discussion regarding the impact on businesses, traffic, PennDot notifications, possible timeframe, & general frustration.

Robert Gaugler, 121 N Liberty Street, stated his concern regarding traffic on North Liberty Street, the 4-way Stop Sign at West Fairmount, blocking access for emergency services, & how the police are nonresponsive.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Ellenberger to receive the Monthly Reports (Monthly Financial Statements, Council Information), & approve the previous meeting minutes from April 20, 2021 & May 3, 2021. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Kane and seconded by Thrapp to grant conditional approval to the land development plan of 301 S 3rd Street by MSK Management, LLC. Kane stated that the plan was reviewed and recommended by the Infrastructure Committee. There was further discussion regarding waivers & deferrals of sidewalk improvements. The developer will need to receive multiple permits and approvals from other agencies. The Water Authority approved the connection, & the plan was reviewed with the Fire Company. Adam Citrullo, representative for Bohler Engineering, gave a details presentation and explanation of the mixed-use development proposal. **Resolution 2021-4 passed by a vote of 6-0.** Another Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Craig to approve the Planning Module for sewer capacity to the proposed development. Erdman gave a brief explanation of the request. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Kane to honor Thelma Keiss for her years of service and 100th Birthday. Balascak read the Resolution to Council, gave a history of Keiss's involvement with the Borough as Mayor, & explained multiple historic events that she has experienced throughout her life. **Resolution 2021-5 passed by a vote of 6-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Ellenberger to approve the sale of an Asphalt Zipper to Washington Township for \$25,000.00. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**
4. A Motion was made by Craig and seconded by Kane to approve the requested Amendments of

Design Engineering Contracts with Michael Baker for Streetscape Phases 1b, 5, & 7. There was further discussion regarding the increased work, PennDot changes, Infrastructure Committee review, & normal contingencies. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**

5. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Poot to approve the purchase of a 2-wheel Roller from Upper Saucon Township for \$5,250.00. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Kane gave an update on the indefinite hold of the Sheetz project, Ashford Reserve (WB Homes) still has not submitted a plan, VM completion, Stone Harvest working on their Punch List, & other Committee reporting (in Packet). There was further discussion regarding the West State Street bridge/culvert & traffic calming measures. The Public Safety Committee, in coordination with the Infrastructure Committee, will meet to produce a plan & expectations for the Police Department. Council President Balascak gave an update on the water system & water meter replacement plans.
2. Public Safety – Council Member Thrapp gave an update on the Fire Company, its raffle fundraising efforts, & that the Fire Social Quarters would permanently remain non-smoking. There was further discussion regarding illegal fireworks, & Council directed the Manager to put a notice on Facebook regarding the state law and police contact.
3. Administration & Finance – No additional report.

REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

1. Solicitor: No additional report.
2. Engineer: No additional report.
3. Borough Manager: No additional report.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Balascak gave information regarding electronics recycling events. There was further discussion regarding the costs & partnering with Upper Saucon Township. No further decision was made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Ordinance *** – Vacating several borough roads – will remain on the Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Kane to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.