

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2021

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, August 17th, & was called to order by Council President Balascak at 7:00 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Council President Balascak stated that Council would be re-instating wearing masks and safety protocol.

AGENDA

A Motion was made by Craig & seconded by Thrapp to approve the Agenda as written. **The Agenda was adopted by a vote of 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fran Felix, 3690 Station Avenue – Center Valley, was present to discuss the Foster Fitzgerald Foundation & request that Landis Street be closed on October 2, 2021 for a private event. There was further discussion regarding the fundraiser, the Foundation’s goals, & location. Council recommended that a Resolution be drafted & considered at the September meeting for the request (including insurance language & responsibility).

Charles Glandorf, 303 N Main Street, stated his concerns regarding Sage Alley Brewery, road closures, litter, & specifically noise concerns. Balascak stated that the Oktoberfest event was cancelled.

Kathy Moyer, 513 E Fairview Street, requested information regarding the request by Sage Alley to alleviate the LCB oversight of noise at the Brewery. Balascak gave a brief history on the request. There was further discussion regarding the process, concerns, & that Council was not in favor of endorsing the request.

Evelyn Wolfe, 503 E Fairview Street, stated her concerns regarding traffic / truck speed on Fairview Street. Balascak explained the Streetscape plan, Traffic-calming measures that are being implemented & that the police would need to have enforcement.

Joyce Snead, 525 E Fairview Street, stated that she appreciated that Council would not endorse the request from Sage Alley Brewery & was offended at the statements made at the previous meeting by the owner.

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 July 20, 2021 & August 2, 2021. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Craig to approve the sale of a 1982 Gallion 2-wheel roller for \$1,601.00. The Roller was advertised and sold by receiving bids. **The Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Dietz to approve the sale of a 1972 John Deere Grader for \$10,200.00. The Grader was advertised and sold by receiving bids. **The Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Dietz gave updates on the following:
 - a. Liberty Bell School will be submitting a Storm-water plan for review.
 - b. Ashford Reserve (WB Homes) submitted a development plan for review.
 - c. MSK is waiting for PennDot permits and other requirements.
 - d. Tuskes is almost finished with the Stone Harvest punch list.
 - e. The culvert on the Liberty Trolley Trail needs full replacement. A patch would be too costly. PPL will need to be involved in the discussion due to an easement.
 - f. There was discussion regarding the request for relief of noise ordinance from Sage Alley. This request will be reviewed by the Public Safety Committee on August 2nd.
 - g. Council President Balascak gave updates on the water system, meter replacements, and other water related information. Balascak gave a full status update and description of the proposed quarry in Springfield Township.

2. Public Safety – Bill Rosenberger, Coopersburg Fire Company, was present to give a report of the fire company, its debt consolidation, & historic engine purchase. Rosenberger stated that there are 37 members with each call averaging 10 responders.

3. Administration & Finance – Council Member Poot gave information regarding the 2022 Budget process and upcoming hearing.

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 *** – 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 8:03 PM.