

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2021

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, July 20th, & 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, Ellenberger, Kane Poot, Thrapp, Solicitor Capehart, Manager Paashaus, & Engineer Erdman. Police Chief Struss was in attendance.

AGENDA

A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Craig to approve the Agenda as written. **The Agenda was adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Balascak welcomed the Police Chief & gave comment on the police enforcement. There was further discussion regarding police patrol, traffic concerns, positivity about the department, & coverage of the Borough.

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 June 15, 2021. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 6-0 (Dietz abstained).**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Kane to approve temporary traffic restrictions on portions of E. State St. (from Main St. to N. 5th St.) for the Coopersburg Fire Department Carnival on September 10th & 11th. **Resolution 2021-6 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Kane to approve temporary traffic restrictions on portions of Main St., Linden St., Locust St., Poplar St., & Maplewood Rd for the Coopersburg Halloween Parade on October 17th (Rain Date the following Sunday). **Resolution 2021-7 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Kane and seconded by Thrapp to approve temporary traffic restrictions on portions of Landis St. (from Main to 5th St.), Fairview St. (from Main to 5th St.), and Sage Alley (from Fairview St. to Landis St.). Dietz stated that there were concerns about precedent for private businesses. Ellenberger stated that he had concerns about the location, the for-profit business, and timeframe of 3 days. Thrapp stated that Council should not hinder a local business to grow but would be concerned about noise. Balascak expressed the desire to have events in the Borough and referenced other small-town festivals. Russ Armstrong & Heather Lloyd, Sage Alley Brewery, gave a summary of the event and expressed their desires to improve the Main Street business area. There was further discussion regarding the location, insurance requirements, timeframe of the event, and the noise ordinance. **Resolution 2021-8 passed by a vote of 5-2 (Nay = Dietz & Ellenberger).**
4. The purchase of an Elgin Pelican Streetsweeper was tabled until August for more review by the Admin/Finance Committee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Dietz gave updates on the following:
 - a. Liberty Bell School will be submitting a development plan for review.
 - b. Ashford Reserve (WB Homes) will be submitting a plan after working through stormwater issues.
 - c. MSK is waiting for PennDot permits and other requirements.

- d. The Borough had its MS4 inspection, and it went well. The Borough placed public information on the utility bills that went to all properties in the Borough.
 - e. Tuskes is almost finished with the Stone Harvest punch list.
 - f. The rain gardens at Oxford Ridge are posing some concerns. The Solicitor will look into it.
 - g. The culvert on the Liberty Trolley Trail needs full replacement. A patch would be too costly.
 - h. 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.
 - i. Council President Balascak gave updates on the water system, meter replacements, quarry, and other water related information.
2. Public Safety – Mayor Hovis gave an update on DOT/Truck enforcement in the Borough and that a new part-time officer was hired, Mindy Parker. Chief Struss answered questions regarding the police report and stated that the whole county will have a system soon.
 3. Administration & Finance – Council Member Poot gave a few highlights from the finance report.

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 Kane to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.