

**COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**June 15, 2021**

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, & 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, Ellenberger, Poot, Solicitor Capehart, Manager Paashaus, & Engineer Erdman. Council Members Dietz, Kane, & Thrapp were absent.

**AGENDA**

A Motion was made by Craig & seconded by Ellenberger to approve the Agenda as written. **The Agenda was adopted by a vote of 4-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Wachinsky, 153 S 9<sup>th</sup> St., requested the reason for making new parking restrictions on S 9<sup>th</sup> St. President Balascak spoke about the State Street Bridge closure, the prohibition on a small portion of the East side of S 9<sup>th</sup> St., the concern over emergency vehicle access, and bus access. Catherine Wachinsky, 153 S 9<sup>th</sup> St., stated that UPS/FedEx delivery vehicles speed on the road. There was further discussion regarding the need for police enforcement, and to contact the police if there were concerns. David Zeidenberg, 345 S 9<sup>th</sup> St. stated his concern and clarified that it was not prohibiting the entire street. Paul Hellerick, 329 S 9<sup>th</sup> St., expressed the possible need for a 3-way Stop intersection at Young Avenue & S 9<sup>th</sup> St. There was further discussion regarding the concern of speed, lack of police enforcement. Anna Ellenberger, 326 S 9<sup>th</sup> St. expressed her concern regarding pedestrian safety and the lack of sidewalks. Residents were encouraged to express their traffic enforcement concerns to the police.

Heather Lloyd, Sage Alley Brewery, was present to discuss the proposed Coopersburg Oktoberfest event. The Brewery would like to hold the event from 10/15/2021 until 10/17/2021. The Oktoberfest will have vendors and music. Lloyd was encouraged to submit a letter stating their request to host the event and close the surrounding streets (portions of Landis, Fairview, and Sage Alley). There was further discussion regarding events, licensing, insurance concerns, parking concerns, and businesses.

Russ Armstrong, Sage Alley Brewery, expressed his concern over not having a response to his request to allow the Brewery to abide by the Borough Noise Ordinance rather than the PLCB. Solicitor Capehart stated that he would look into the matter.

Heather Lloyd, Sage Alley Brewery, stated that the non-profit Tails of Valor was hoping to hold a fundraising bicycle ride event on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lloyd stated that she would submit the details in writing.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A Motion was made by Craig & seconded by Ellenberger to receive the Monthly Reports (Monthly Financial Statements, Council Information, Fire Report), & approve the previous meeting minutes from May 17, 2021. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 4-0.**

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. A Motion was made by Poot and seconded by Craig to approve the second/final reading of Ordinance 2021-676. The Ordinance restricts parking on several roads, creates a 1-way street on John Alley, and 2 Stop Intersections. Ellenberger stated his disagreement with the Ordinance. **Ordinance 2021-676 passed by a vote of 3-1 (Ellenberger = Nay).**

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Kane submitted a report in writing that was included in Council’s information Packet. There was further discussion regarding the Liberty Bell Elementary School Development Plan, Stone Harvest’s Punch List, Water Meter installation progress, and Well #3 Easement clearing.
2. Public Safety – Mayor Hovis stated that if there were traffic concerns, contact the police. There was further discussion regarding traffic, the Fire Company requesting their final contribution payment for 2021, and that the Fire Company received over \$11,000 from the Social Club last month. Hovis stated the committee has started having meetings with the Police Chief and give direction.
3. Administration & Finance – Council Member Poot gave a few highlights from the finance report, stated that the budget was on track, and other positive financial notes.

### **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 the Comprehensive Plan / Streetscape Project.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council went into an Executive Session at 8:30 PM, regarding a Personnel / Litigation concern.

Council returned to Regular Session at 9:12 PM.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion was made by Craig & seconded by Poot to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

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Timothy Paashaas – Borough Manager

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Dennis Balascak – Council President