

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, February 15th, & was called to order by Council President Poot at 7:00 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

All present were Mayor Hovis, Council Members Dietz, Ellenberger, Norman, Poot, Thrapp, Manager Paashaus, Engineer Erdman, Solicitor Ulrich. Council Members Dowdle & Kane were absent.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Benjamin Bealer, Boy Scout Troop 191, was present to earn his Communications Merit Badge.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dietz to receive the Monthly Reports (Monthly Financial Statements, Council Information, Police Report, Fire Report), & approve the previous meeting minutes from January 18, 2022. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dietz to approve the new Council Meeting Schedule. The Committee meetings will be the First Tuesday at 7:00PM, & the Regular Council meetings will be the Third Tuesday at 7:00PM. This change was made to accommodate the Solicitor's schedule. **The Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dietz to approve the new Municipal Authority Meeting Schedule. The Authority will meet the First Monday at 7:00PM. **The Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dietz to approve the signature authority & application for LSA grant funding. There will be two applications. One for a police cruiser, & another for a single-axle dump truck. **Resolution 2022-3 passed by a vote of 5-0.**
4. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Ellenberger to approve the temporary closure of multiple streets in the Borough for the Coopersburg 5k on Saturday, May 28th. **Resolution 2022-4 passed by a vote of 5-0.**
5. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dietz to approve the Coopersburg 5k Banner. **Resolution 2022-5 passed by a vote of 5-0.**
6. A Motion was made by Dietz & seconded by Thrapp to approve the Coopersburg Community Day Banner for the event in September. **Resolution 2022-6 passed by a vote of 5-0.**
7. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dietz to approve the additional contribution of \$1,500.00 to the Southern Lehigh Public Library. There was further discussion regarding the funding request, ARP allocation, setting a precedent for other agencies to request additional funding, financial need, & support of the library. After a lengthy discussion, a Motion was made by Dietz & seconded by Thrapp to table the issue for further review by the Admin/Finance Committee. **The Motion to table the request passed by a vote of 5-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Dietz gave updates on the following:
 - a. Oxford Ridge had significant discussion regarding the stormwater issues, LCCD involvement,

withholding permits, & MRC corrections for the rain gardens. The Infrastructure Committee will meet to discuss further solutions.

- b. Ashford Reserve (WB Homes) is projected to submit updated development plans for review. They needed to update the emergency access design & answer stormwater concerns.
 - c. MSK has an approved plan, but it has not been recorded to date.
 - d. MS4 – Dietz will meet with the Manager & PW Director to draft a new Stormwater Ordinance.
 - e. Tuskes is almost finished with Stone Harvest & the As-built plans have been reviewed. An N.O.T. will be the final step.
 - f. The culvert on the Liberty Trolley Trail needs full replacement.
 - g. 508 N Liberty Drainage – The project will begin when weather allows.
 - h. The Water Authority is continuing to replace water meters & attend quarry hearings.
2. Public Safety – Mayor Hovis stated that the Police Department has been very busy with several calls, unfortunately. The Fire Company expects to have delivery of the new fire truck in March.
 3. Administration & Finance – Council Member Ellenberger stated that 2022 is starting positively & highlighted the changes to line 448: Water Expenses.

REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hovis requested an update to the Water Meter issue. The Solicitor stated that the matter is pending litigation & should be discussed in a future Executive Session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Ordinance *** – Vacating several borough roads – will remain on the Agenda.
2. RFP results for Borough Engineer – will remain on the Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dietz to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.