

**COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 15, 2022**

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, & 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, Dowdle, Ellenberger, Norman, Poot, Thrapp, Manager Paashauss, Engineer Erdman, Solicitor Ulrich, Chief Struss. Council Member Kane was absent.

**AGENDA**

A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dietz to approve the Agenda as printed. **The Agenda was adopted by a vote of 6-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Council Member Dietz stated his appreciation for the support & police assistance during his medical issues in February.

Russ Armstrong, Sage Alley Brewery, gave a presentation & request for an event known as Coopersburg Oktoberfest. Armstrong gave a summary of the request, a schedule, location, impact to businesses, & impact to residents. There was further discussion regarding the details of the proposed event, schedule, noise impact, traffic impact, liability insurance, vendors, & parking information.

Patricia DeCray, Linden St., stated her concerns & asked for speakers to state if they were borough residents. Sue Glandorf, N. Main St., stated her concern about parking & traffic.

Cindy Kerr, E. Fairview St., stated her concerns about road closures, notification to the public, impact of an event on neighborhoods, & asked a few additional questions.

Gene Jani, Blue Church Rd./Non-resident, gave his support to the event, mentioned the positive impact on businesses, & future investments along Main Street.

Charles Glandorf, N. Main St., expressed his opinion & history of Oktoberfests.

Karen Markham, Saucon Ln., expressed her support for events in the borough.

Tom Fogle, E. Fairview St., expressed his concern over potential vandalism.

There was further discussion regarding the event, how a committee would be formed, & that no Actions had been taken. Council Members were generally supportive, would like further details in the future, & thanked everyone for speaking.

**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 February 15, 2022. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 6-0.**

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Norman to appoint Benjamin Craig to the Zoning Hearing Board. **Resolution 2022-7 passed by a vote of 6-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Norman to appoint Seth Pellegrini to the Water Authority vacancy. **Resolution 2022-8 passed by a vote of 6-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dietz to approve temporary traffic restrictions for the Coopersburg Halloween Parade on October 16, 2022. **Resolution 2022-9 passed by a vote of 6-0.**
4. A Motion was made by Dowdle & seconded by Thrapp to approve the Coopersburg Halloween Parade Banner. **Resolution 2022-10 passed by a vote of 6-0.**
5. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dowdle to accept the resignation of Public Works

Director Lawrence Carl with regret & appreciation. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.** Council President Poot appointed Dietz, Kane, & Thrapp to form a hiring committee.

6. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dietz to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2022-680 ordaining roadways in Stone Harvest & vacating several roadways throughout the borough. **The First Reading of Ordinance 2022-680 passed by a vote of 6-0.**
7. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dowdle to receive the annual CCR Report (Water Quality Report). **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Dietz gave updates on the following:
  - a. Oxford Ridge has engaged Bohler Engineering to correct the storm water concerns.
  - b. Ashford Reserve (WB Homes) is projected to submit development plans for review in April.
  - 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. The culvert on the Liberty Trolley Trail needs full replacement.
  - f. 508 N Liberty Drainage – The project will begin when weather allows.
2. Public Safety – Bill Rosenberger, Fire President, gave an update on the membership, new fire truck, & financial information. The Mayor, Council, & Police Chief stated their appreciation for the direction the fire company is going. Chief Struss gave an update on the Police Department, schedule, commercial vehicle enforcement, & training.
3. Administration & Finance – Council Member Ellenberger stated that the budget is on track.

### **REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS**

1. Solicitor: No additional report.
2. Engineer: Erdman stated that he was hopeful about Oxford Ridge being resolved.
3. Borough Manager: No additional report.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council met in an Executive Session regarding a personnel matter at 8:20 PM

Council resumed the regular meeting at 8:37 PM.

A Motion was made by Dowdle & seconded by Thrapp to accept the offer of termination & disability pension as stated in a letter from Officer Wyckoff's legal counsel. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was discussion regarding the Compost Site. At this time, no additional curbside collection will occur, & the site will be open on Saturday mornings beginning in April.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. RFP results for Borough Engineer – will remain on the Agenda.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion was made by Dowdle & seconded by Thrapp to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.