

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2022

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, April 19th, & 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, Kane, Norman, Poot, Manager Paashaus, Engineer Erdman, Solicitor Ulrich. Council Member Thrapp was absent.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynne Morgan, Saucon Rail Trail Representative, was present to give an update on the SRT, shared pictures of the station sign project, & provided further information about the SRT Committee. There was further discussion regarding the bridge over Preston Lane, emergency markers, & horseback riding.

Seth Pellegrini, 55 Oxford Ridge Court, expressed his continued concern regarding the Oxford Ridge Development Stormwater & rain gardens. Pellegrini stated that the gardens are not working, that they are a hazard, & that the developer is making little effort to fix the issue. There was further discussion regarding the rain gardens, hazardous conditions, withholding permits, LCCD involvement, geological issues, & timeframe for correction. There will be a meeting with Tuskes & the LCCD on May 19th. Council expressed their desire to have the issue corrected, escalated to DEP, & review if the code officer should get involved. Lockard, Oxford Ridge Resident / Fire Company VP, stated that the Fire Company would assist in pump outs if necessary.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Dowdle & seconded by Dietz to receive the Monthly Reports (Monthly Financial Statements, Council Information, Police Report, Fire Report), & approve the previous meeting minutes from March 15, 2022 & April 5, 2022. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. Mayor Hovis requested a Motion to appoint the Civil Service Commission members. A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Dowdle to appoint the Civil Service Commission. Manager Paashaus gave a summary. **Resolution 2022-12 passed by a vote of 6-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Kane & seconded by Ellenberger to approve the Workers Comp Insurance rules for Volunteer Fire Company Activities. **Resolution 2022-13 passed by a vote of 6-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Dietz & seconded by Dowdle to approve the application for GTRP funding for the completion of the Town Center Park. **Resolution 2022-14 passed by a vote of 6-0.**
4. A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Dietz to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-680 ordaining roadways in Stone Harvest, vacating several roadways throughout the borough, & establishing a handicap parking space on Stopp Lane. **The Final Reading of Ordinance 2022-680 passed by a vote of 6-0.**
5. A Motion was made by Dietz & seconded by Ellenberger to authorize payment of the Upper Saucon WWTP Capital Costs for 2020/2021 for \$19,948.41. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**
6. A Motion was made by Dietz & seconded by Norman to authorize payment of the Upper Saucon WWTP Usage Costs for 2020/2021 for \$315,962.67. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**
7. A Motion was made by Kane & seconded by Dietz to authorize the payment of \$28,400.63 for the

purchase of a UTV from Kubota (CoStars) utilizing Liquid Fuels Equipment money. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Dietz gave updates on the following:
 - a. Ashford Reserve (WB Homes) is projected to submit development plans for review in May.
 - b. MSK has an approved plan, but it has not been recorded to date.
 - c. MS4 – Dietz will meet with the Manager & PW Director to draft a new Stormwater Ordinance.
 - d. Stone Harvest will be working on their N.O.T. for the end of the project.
 - e. Oxford Ridge had further discussion regarding the rain garden issue & stormwater concerns.
 - f. Dietz will meet with the PW Director regarding ideas for the Liberty Trolley Culvert.
2. Public Safety – Mayor Hovis stated that the Police & Fire Report were given to Council for review. Lockard, Fire Company VP, expressed a desire to meet regularly with the Public Safety Committee.
3. Administration & Finance – No additional report.

REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council met in an Executive Session regarding a personnel matter at 8:28 PM
Council resumed the regular meeting at 9:20 PM.

No further Action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Dietz to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.