

**COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**September 20, 2022**

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, September 20<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 Council Members Dietz, Dowdle, Ellenberger, Kane, Norman, Poot, Thrapp, Manager Paashauss, McCarthy Engineer, Solicitor Ulrich. Mayor Hovis was absent.

**AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Seth Pellegrini, 55 Oxford Ridge, requested an update regarding the stormwater at Oxford Ridge. There was further discussion regarding pump outs of the rain gardens, treatment for mosquitos, inspections, & LCCD visiting the site to inspect. Tuskes is working on a modification plan, but no plan has been submitted to date. Tim Lockard, 44 Oxford Ridge, expressed his frustration with the stormwater issues, neighbor concerns, and that the HOA took over responsibility (clarified later that they did not take over the rain gardens). President Poot stated that Council recognized the stormwater concerns as a high priority.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dietz to receive the Monthly Reports (Monthly Financial Statements, Council Information, Police Report, No Fire Report included), & approve the previous meeting minutes from July 19, 2022 (August Meeting was cancelled). **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 7-0.**

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dietz to appoint Benjamin Bealer as a Junior Council Member for the 2022/2023 school year. **Resolution 2022-16 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Kane & seconded by Dowdle to approve the temporary traffic restrictions on Landis Street on October 15, 2022 for the Foster Fitzgerald Fundraising Event. The requesting agency MUST contact neighbors to notify and arrange parking or travel around the event. **Resolution 2022-17 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Thrapp to approve the temporary traffic restrictions on several streets on October 16, 2022 for the Coopersburg Halloween Parade. **Resolution 2022-18 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
4. A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Dowdle to approve the temporary traffics restrictions on E State Street on November 26, 2022 for the Tree Lighting Event. **Resolution 2022-19 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
5. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dowdle to recognize September 2022 as IPF Awareness Month in the Borough of Coopersburg. Ellenberger stated that he did not feel that Council should honor the request & asked where to draw the line for future requests. There was further discussion regarding the request & that the Borough supports IPF Awareness in its annual 5k race. **Resolution 2022-20 passed by a vote of 6-1 (Ellenberger = Nay).**
6. A Motion was made by Norman & seconded by Dietz to grant conditional preliminary/final approval of land development plans, as submitted by Reynolds Acquisitions, L.P. (WB Homes) for the development known as Ashford Reserve. This approval is subject to multiple conditions, outside approvals, and review by the engineer. Ellenberger stated his concern about granting any waivers & suggested making the sidewalks with asphalt. There was further discussion regarding the need for waivers on a small project, waivers being reviewed, acceptable, & necessary on this size of a project. Kane requested a summary or highlights of the project. Justin Strahorn, representative for the developer, gave a brief overview of the

project, history of the meetings with council & public, additions to the plan, improvements to the area, & stormwater management. Four neighbors, Rembiszewski & Wachinski, were present to discuss the project, sidewalk changes on the stub street of Young Avenue, water runoff, landscaping, & general concerns. Strahorn stated that after approvals, construction is projected to start in the spring of 2023. **Resolution 2022-21 passed by a vote of 6-1 (Ellenberger = Nay)**

7. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dowdle to approve the Comprehensive Plan Update with Key Goals for 2022 – 2032. There was further discussion regarding the process, the need for this update, when the committee meets, focus on the future of the Public Works Department, and costs associated with the update. **Resolution 2022-22 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
8. A Motion was made by Dietz & seconded by Dowdle to approve Ordinance 681 that updates the Stormwater Ordinance for the Borough of Coopersburg. **Ordinance 681 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
9. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dowdle to approve Ordinance 682 that would restrict vehicle length on Springfield Street from E Station Avenue to the Borough Limit. There was further discussion regarding the issue, property damage, police enforcement, & history of the problem. The signage has been installed for this law. **Ordinance 682 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
10. A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Dowdle to table Action Item #10, Comcast Franchise Agreement, until a future meeting. There was further discussion about the lack of time to review the proposed changes. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**
11. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dowdle to approve the contract with Michael Baker International (MBI) for the next phase of the streetscape plan (TASA Phase 6), not to exceed \$117,000.00. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Dietz gave updates on the following:
  - a. Ashford Reserve (WB Homes) had conditional preliminary/final approval.
  - b. MSK has an approved plan, but it has not been recorded to date.
  - c. MS4 – Stormwater Ordinance passed, & the annual report was filed with DEP.
  - 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. Residents of the development expressed their frustration & requested action from Council. Council stated their concerns and directed the Manager to contact LCCD & the Developer.
  - f. Liberty Trolley Culvert – The Public Works department has a plan to correct the issue.
  - g. Streetscape – UGI is replacing a gas main in Main Street. This will delay progress until 2023.
2. Public Safety – No additional report.
3. Administration & Finance – Council Member Kane stated that the committee was beginning to review the Draft 2023 Budget.

### **REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS**

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dowdle to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.