

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2022

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, December 20th & 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, McCarthy Engineering, Solicitor Gross McGinley.
Council Member Thrapp & Jr. Council Bealer were absent.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Dietz & seconded by Dowdle to appoint the Zoning Hearing Board members for 2023. **Resolution 2022-25 passed by a vote of 6-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Dowdle & seconded by Dietz to appoint the Water Authority members for 2023. **Resolution 2022-26 passed by a vote of 6-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Dietz & seconded by Dowdle to approve the Water Authority Management Agreement for 2023. There was further discussion regarding any changes in the Agreement and quarterly reconciliation. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**
4. A Motion was made by Kane & seconded by Ellenberger to formally approve the Borough Budget for 2023. **Ordinance 2022-683 passed by a vote of 6-0.**
5. A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Dietz to approve the Salary and Wages for 2023. **Ordinance 2022-684 passed by a vote of 6-0.**
6. A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Dietz to approve the Real Estate Tax rate of 5.4mills for 2023. **Ordinance 2022-685 passed by a vote of 6-0.**
7. A Motion was made by Kane & seconded by Dietz to approve the hiring of Corey Housel as a Public Works Crew Member, effective 01/01/2023. Kane gave a summary of the hiring committee's activities, review, and recommendations. Dietz & Norman concurred with additional perspective on the candidates. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – No additional report.
2. Public Safety – Mayor Hovis stated that the Tree Lighting event was excellent, the Fire Company has sold a lot of trees for their fundraiser, & Santa went around town on Sunday.
3. Administration & Finance – Council Member Kane expressed appreciation for the staff & a balanced budget.

REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hovis requested an update on several Streetscape Projects & the Pedestrian crossing light at State & Main Street.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Dietz & seconded by Dowdle to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.