

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2023

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, January 17th & 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 Dowdle, Ellenberger, Kane, Norman, Poot, Thrapp, Manager Paashaus, McCarthy Engineering, Solicitor Gross McGinley, Jr. Council Bealer. Mayor Hovis & Council Member Dietz were absent.

AGENDA

A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dowdle to approve the Agenda with an additional Executive Session (Pending Litigation) after Committee Reports. **The Agenda was adopted by a vote of 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Phillips Armstrong, Lehigh County Executive, was present to give an update on the County & answer any questions from Council. Armstrong stated the County is doing well, gave information about the Iron Pigs stadium, & answered Norman's questions about air quality.

Seth Pellegrini, 55 Oxford Ridge Ct, requested updates regarding the modified plan for the Oxford Ridge development. There was no further update, and LCCD has not reviewed another stormwater plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Dowdle to receive the Monthly Reports (Financial Statements, Council Information, Police Report, Engineer Report, but Fire Report was not included), & approve the previous meeting minutes from December 20, 2022. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Kane & seconded by Ellenberger to recognize the resignation of Lynne Morgan & appoint both Cris Miller & Eric Boyer as representatives to the Saucon Rail Trail Committee. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Norman stated that the committee met with a developer regarding a property that could have cluster housing and dedicate park land to the Borough.
2. Public Safety – Council Member Thrapp stated that the committee was beginning CBA negotiations with the Police Department.
3. Administration & Finance – Council Member Kane opened a Council discussion regarding the Garbage & Recycling Collection for the Borough. There was further discussion regarding the committee's review of options, 1x vs 2x pick-up per week, increased cost of the bid from previous contracts, and additional information. Ellenberger stated that neighbors supported 1x per week to reduce the overall increase to costs. A Motion was made by Kane & seconded by Thrapp to hold an additional Council meeting on January 31, 2023 at 6:00PM to listen to & review resident input on the subject. No decisions will be made at this meeting. It is for information gathering only. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Members entered into an Executive Session regarding pending litigation at 7:31 PM. Council returned to Regular Session at 7:58 PM. **No additional decision or discussion was made.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

ADJOURNMENT

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