

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2023

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, August 15th & 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 Paashaus, Solicitor Gross McGinley, & McCarthy Engineering. The Police Chief & Jr. Council Bealer were absent.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Dowdle & seconded by Dietz to receive the Monthly Reports (Financial Statements, Council Information Report, Police Report, & Engineer Report, & Fire Report), & approve the previous meeting minutes from July 18, 2023. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Kane to recognize the month of September to be Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Month in the Borough of Coopersburg. **Resolution 2023-7 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Ellenberger to approve several road closures for the Halloween Parade on October 15th. **Resolution 2023-8 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Dowdle to approve the road closure for the Tree Lighting event on November 25th. **Resolution 2023-9 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
4. A Motion was made by Dowdle & seconded by Thrapp to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Coopersburg Police Officers Association for a term of 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2027. Mayor Hovis gave a summary of the items changing from the previous contract. The highlights included salary increases, clarifying language, & changes in retirement wording. The Public Safety Committee & the CPOA worked very hard to produce this contract, & the negotiations went smoothly. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Kane requested an update on the Liberty Trolley Culvert. The project is still being scheduled & will be completed next year.
2. Public Safety – No additional report.
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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pending Litigation

Council entered Executive Session at 7:22 PM.

Council resumed Regular Business at 8:09 PM.

A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Norman to appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee for the purpose of reviewing the Oxford Ridge Development including Council Members, feedback from residents, & developers. The committee members will be Norman, Kane, & Poot. The Committee will review the information & give recommendations to Council. **The Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Thrapp & seconded by Ellenberger to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.