

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2023

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

AGENDA

A Motion was made by Dowdle & seconded by Ellenberger to approve the Agenda as written. **The Agenda was adopted by a vote of 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Kane & seconded by Dowdle to receive the Monthly Reports (Financial Statements, Council Information Report, Police Report, & Engineer Report, & Fire Report), & approve the previous meeting minutes from August 15, 2023 & October 3, 2023. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Kane & seconded by Norman to authorize the purchase of a new Lawn Mower for \$10,178.00 from Whitehall Turf (Costars 4400020097). **The Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Norman gave updates on Ashford Reserve. The Plan is being revised and resubmitted, the HOA will be professionally managed, & will potentially start construction in Spring 2024.
2. Public Safety – Mayor Hovis stated that the Parade was a success & received no further updates from the Fire Company.
3. Administration & Finance – Council V.P. Kane gave a summary of the First Reading of the Borough's 2024 General Budget. Kane gave an overview of any major changes, specifically highlighting the costs for the proposed SALDO/Comp Plan consultant. There was further discussion regarding Liquid Fuels, COLA, placeholders for employee costs, Fire Company, and Library contributions. The library discussion continued regarding lack of representation, requested contribution, and how to effectively support the new leadership. A Motion was made by Dowdle and seconded by Norman to accept the First Reading of the 2024 Budget as written. **The Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.** The Second Reading is scheduled for November 21st.
4. Oxford Ridge Ad-Hoc – Council V.P. Kane gave a summary of what the committee has been reviewing & discussing. There have been at least 8 violation notices from LCCD for the development, with one being in the last month. A Motion was made by Kane and seconded by Norman to send a letter to the LCCD requesting a meeting to better understand their process and how to work towards a resolution for the project. **The Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Kane to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.