

**COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Budget Meeting Minutes**  
**October 3, 2023**

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, in Council Chambers at Borough Hall and called to order by Council President Poot at 7:00 p.m.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Roll Call was taken by Manager Paashaus. All present were Council Members Dietz, Dowdle, Ellenberger, Kane, Norman, Poot, Thrapp, Solicitor Ulrich, and McCarthy Engineering. Mayor Hovis was absent.

**AGENDA**

A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Kane to approve the Agenda without changes. **The Agenda was adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**BUDGET PRESENTATION**

1. Southern Lehigh Living Memorial Park – Doug Albright presented information regarding the park, its challenges, vandalism, projects, auctions, and the new batting cages. There was further discussion regarding the park improvements, Non-profit status, and cost of operation. The Park board is requesting \$20,000.00 for the 2024 allocation (2023 = \$20,000.00).
2. Coopersburg Fire Company – Multiple members from the fire company (VP, Assistant Chief, & Treasurer) were present to discuss the budget desires of the fire company. The Fire President stated that they received several grants for air packs and other equipment. There was further discussion regarding grant success, increasing the storage space by building a pole building, costs of a new station, and fundraising. Council requested further information about the proposed pole building. The Fire Company was requesting \$45,000.00 for an annual contribution and an additional \$50,000.00 towards their pole building project. (2023 = \$45,000).
3. Southern Lehigh Public Library – Mark Sullivan presented information regarding the library, its financial status, fundraisers, challenges, changes in staffing, and proposed budget. Thrapp questioned Sullivan regarding board representation and the Borough not having voting rights. Sullivan stated that he felt that issue should be addressed and voting rights restored. Kane welcomed Sullivan and stated his support of the library. The library is requesting to keep the same funding level for 2024 (2023 = \$23,000.00).

All pertinent information for the Fire Company, Park, & Library are in the information packet.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion was made by Thrapp and seconded by Kane to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.