

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2024

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, April 16th & was called to order by Council Member Dietz at 7:00 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

All present were Mayor Hovis, Council Members Dietz, Ellenberger, Norman, Ritter, Yeager, Manager Paashauss, Solicitor Gross McGinley, McCarthy Engineering, Jr. Council Bealer. The Police Chief & Council Members Dowdle & Poot were absent.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Seth Pellegrini, 55 Oxford Ridge Ct, was present to request an update on the stormwater/rain garden issues at Oxford Ridge. There was further discussion regarding the status of the MOD plan to LCCD/DEP, legal concerns, potential fines from DEP, & steps to resolve the issue. The Manager was directed to contact LCCD for an update on the plan submission.

Will Kane, 6657 Gun Club Rd, was present to update Council on the drainage/culvert issues on Gun Club Road. PennDot was contacted through their website & responded within 48 hours. PennDot will be cleaning the culvert, but ultimately the culvert is undersized for the volume of water.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Yeager & seconded by Norman to receive the Monthly Reports (Financial Statements, Council Information Report, Police Report, Engineer Report), & approve the previous meeting Minutes from March 19, 2024. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Yeager & seconded by Norman to approve the Donation Agreement with St. John's Church for the transfer of 538 Thomas Street. Ellenberger requested some clarification on terminology in the agreement. John Ruby, representative from St. John's UCC, stated that the congregation was joyful for the continuation of the legacy of St. John's into the future. **The Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Norman to approve the Thomas Lot Line Adjustment / Minor Subdivision Plan. A summary of what happens for road vacations & property claims was given. **Resolution 2024-7 passed by a vote of 5-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Yeager & seconded by Ellenberger to approve the Egizio Lot Line Adjustment / Minor Subdivision Plan. **Resolution 2024-8 passed by a vote of 5-0.**
4. A Motion was made by Norman & seconded by Yeager to approve the Borough's grant application for capital improvements & conversion of St. John's UCC to a Community Center. **Resolution 2024-59 passed by a vote of 5-0.**
5. A Motion was made by Yeager & seconded by Norman to authorize the Upper Saucon Township Payment for 2022/2023 WWTP Capital Costs of \$141,189.96 & Usage Costs of \$335,592.25. There was further discussion regarding the history of the payment calculations (20% Capital vs 31% usage) & budget consideration. **The Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Norman gave the following updates:
 - Ashford Reserve – Construction & site preparation has begun.
 - The Saucon Creek Watershed Coalition conducted a cleanup day in the Borough at Meadow Park, several roadways, & other trail areas.
 - Oil & Chip – Council Member Dietz stated that the Infrastructure Committee discussed the possibility of a Fog Seal. Based on the Engineer's recommendation, the committee decided not to add that service. Fog Seal will not extend the life of the surface treatment substantially. Ellenberger questioned if there was a start date for the Oil & Chip roadways. Currently there is no scheduled date. It is estimated to begin by the end of May.
2. Public Safety – No Additional Update.
3. Administration & Finance – Council Member Ritter stated that the budget is tracking as anticipated.

REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

1. Solicitor: No additional report.
2. Engineer: Ashford Reserve has started construction, & McCarthy will conduct inspections & observation.
3. Borough Manager: The Annual Drinking Water Report (CCR) was added to the website, posted in Borough Hall, posted on social media, & the link provided on the utility bill card. Additionally, the PFAS water test results are significantly below the requirements, & that is a substantial relief to the Water Authority. Ellenberger requested an update on the Springfield Township / H&K Quarry. The local approvals seem to be complete, & it has moved to state agency review.
4. Jr. Council Member: No additional report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

1. Oxford Ridge remains.
2. Non-smoking Ordinance Draft remains.
3. DROP Ordinance remains.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Norman to adjourn the meeting. The Meeting ended at 7:43PM.