

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2025

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, January 21st & was called to order by Council President Dowdle at 7:00 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

All present were Mayor Hovis, Council Members Dowdle, Ellenberger, Norman, Poot, Ritter, Yeager, Manager Paashaus, Solicitor Gross McGinley, McCarthy Engineering, Police Chief. Dietz was absent.

AGENDA

A Motion was made by Dietz & seconded by Norman to approve the Agenda as written. **The Agenda was adopted as amended by a vote of 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

REQUESTED SPEAKER – Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce

Hayden & Emily, Southern Lehigh Liaisons to the Greater LV Chamber, were present to provide information to Council regarding the Chamber, its benefits, events, membership information, and activities.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Norman & seconded by Yeager to receive the Monthly Reports (Financial Statements, Council Information Report, Police Report/Vehicle Report, Fire Report, Engineer Report), & approve the previous meeting Minutes from December 17, 2024. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Norman & seconded by Yeager to approve the resignation of Public Works Crewmember, Adam Sine (effective 1/3/2025). **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Norman & seconded by Yeager to approve the rehiring of Public Works Crewmember, Corey Housel (effective 1/22/2025). **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Norman & seconded by Poot to approve the hiring of Public Works Crewmember, Eric Povenski (effective 1/27/2025). **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**
4. A Motion was made by Poot & seconded by Norman to approve the updated sales agreement for 5050 Locust Valley Road and preserve it as “Stone Park”. There was further discussion regarding the update, the removal of Upper Saucon Township from the purchase, the state grant awarded, & terminology used in the Agreement. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Norman gave the following updates:
 - Oxford Ridge – An additional increase to the security will be required for 2025.
 - Liberty Trolley Culvert – LCCD will be assisting in planning and funding opportunities. Additional research and scoping will need to be done to proceed with the full project.
 - Source Water Protection Plan – This project is moving forward, & a steering committee will need to be formed. The Water Authority will need to be involved.
2. Public Safety – Fire Chief, David Huber, was present to thank the community for the support to the Assistant Chief in response to a fire at his personal residence. Additionally, Huber discussed the upcoming need for radio replacement. Details are still yet to be confirmed. The Fire Company had a record number of calls in 2024, & 2025 has started with a high volume of calls.
3. Administration & Finance – No additional report.

REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

1. Solicitor: No additional report
2. Engineer: Engineer No additional report.
3. Borough Manager: No additional report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Potential Litigation & Personnel Matter

Council entered Executive Session at 7:23PM.

Council returned to Regular Session at 8:12PM.

A Motion was made by Ritter & seconded by Yeager to require a change in Zoning & Code Officer from Barry Isett & Associates. The Motion passed by a vote of 5-0 (Dowdle abstained).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Tree Ordinance remains.

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Norman to adjourn the meeting. The Meeting ended at 8:15PM.