

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2025

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, April 15th & 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 Dietz, Dowdle, Ellenberger, Norman, Poot, Yeager, Manager Paashaus, Solicitor Gross McGinley, McCarthy Engineering, Police Chief. Council Member Ritter was absent.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Fran Felix, Station Ave/Center Valley, stated his concern regarding traffic, speed, & truck traffic on Rt309.
- Anna Ellenberger, Historical Society, stated that the AC project is almost complete for the museum. There was difficulty with working on the existing electric.
- David Huber, Fire Chief, thanked the police for their assistance at the fatality on Rt309. Huber stated that the Fire Company received a \$200,000.00 DCED Grant to build a pole building & provided information about the costs associated with new radios.
- Kristina Bealer, Tax Collector, was present to explain her position, duties, & responsibilities. Bealer is up for reelection this year.
- Seth Pellegrini, Oxford Ridge, requested an update on the Oxford Ridge stormwater issues, stating it had been 5 years of attending meetings without improvement, & requested that Council build the improvements based on the Developers Agreement.
- Eric Bartosz, 5k representative, introduced himself & Brandon Weiss. They plan on taking over the Coopersburg 5k after Jennifer Wescoe finishes the 19th year. A letter was presented & stated that the 5k would support the Wescoe Foundation and Sassy Massey. There was further discussion regarding their plans, number of volunteers, and consistency. The general consensus of Council was to let Bartosz & Weiss continue the 5k race in 2026. Bartosz gave information regarding the Upper Saucon Memorial Day Event.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Dietz & seconded by Norman to receive the Monthly Reports (Financial Statements, Council Information Report, Police Report/Vehicle Report, Fire Report, Engineer Report) & approve the previous meeting Minutes from February 18, 2025. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Norman & seconded by Dietz to approve the retirement, with appreciation, of Frank Szabo, effective May 26, 2025. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Norman & seconded by Poot to approve the salary increase for Edward Ketterer to \$14.00 an hour. Ketterer is the compost site monitor. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Yeager to approve the hiring of part-time police officer, George Hummel, at a rate of \$25.00 per hour. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**
4. A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Yeager to approve the hiring of part-time police officer, Michael Sorrentino, at a rate of \$25.00 per hour. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**
5. A Motion was made by Dietz & seconded by Norman to approve the a payment to Upper Saucon Township for the 2023/2024 Wastewater Treatment Capital Costs of \$78,623.69 & Usage Costs of \$325,608.18. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**
6. A Motion was made by Norman & seconded by Dietz to approve Oil & Chipping Fairview Street & a portion of Charles Street (from Rt309 to Main Street). **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**
7. A Motion was made by Norman & seconded by Dietz to approve the TASA Reimbursement Agreement & designate a signer. **Resolution 2025-6 passed by a vote of 6-0.**
8. A Motion was made by Norman & seconded by Dietz to receive the 2024 Annual Drinking Water Report / CCR. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Dietz & Norman gave the following updates:
 - Tree Ordinance – The Committee has met multiple times & expects a draft to Council soon.
 - MSK – Construction has run into onsite water issues.

- MS4 – Ongoing training, monitoring, & improvement by Public Works.
 - 314 S 9th Street – No further updates from the owner.
 - Ashford Preserve – The development is progressing well.
 - Liberty Trolley Culvert – LCCD will be assisting in planning & funding opportunities. Additional research & scoping will need to be done to proceed with the full project.
 - Source Water Protection Plan – Well sites were documented & consultant was pleased with the Public Works maintenance of the site.
 - Meadow Park – Informational signage is being developed
2. Public Safety – Mayor Hovis thanked the Fire Company and Police for their service. Hovis stated that Rt309 was an issue & his frustration with the pedestrian lights not being lit. Ellenberger expressed appreciation that public audience stayed for the whole meeting.
 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.
 - Ellenberger requested that a better sign be placed at the Community Center. One is being developed and will be installed soon. Hovis stated his distaste for the Harvest Baptist Church sign.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Tree Ordinance remains.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Dietz & seconded by Norman to adjourn the meeting. The Meeting ended at 7:46PM.