

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2025

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, February 18th & 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, Ritter, Yeager, Manager Paashaus, Solicitor Gross McGinley, McCarthy Engineering, Police Chief.

AGENDA

A Motion was made by Norman & seconded by Dietz to approve the Agenda as written. **The Agenda was adopted as amended by a vote of 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lehigh County Executive, Phillips Armstrong, was present to give Council an update on the County, express appreciation for local cooperation, discuss radio upgrades, 911 upgrades, & training. Ellenberger questioned the voter registration rolls, & Armstrong stated the county looked at them daily. There was further discussion regarding PennDot plans at 309/Center Valley Parkway & fuel taxes.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Dietz to receive the Monthly Reports (Financial Statements, Council Information Report, Police Report/Vehicle Report, Fire Report, Engineer Report) without the previous meeting Minutes from January 21, 2025 (to be handled prior to Adjournment). **The Consent Agenda, excluding the previous minutes, was approved by a vote of 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Dietz to approve the road closings & banner for the Coopersburg Farmers Market. **Resolution 2025-1 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Norman & seconded by Poot to approve the road closings & banner for the Coopersburg 5k. **Resolution 2025-2 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
3. A Motion was made by Dietz & seconded by Norman to approve the Coopersburg Community Day banner. **Resolution 2025-3 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
4. A Motion was made by Dietz & seconded by Norman to approve the application & signer for proposed improvements to the future “Stone Park”. **Resolution 2025-4 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
5. A Motion was made by Norman & seconded by Dietz to approve the designation of the Borough becoming a “Bird Town”. Norman gave an explanation about the program, its benefits, & how birds are an indication of ecosystem health/environmental improvements. **Resolution 2025-5 passed by a vote of 7-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Dietz gave the following updates:
 - 314 S 9th Street – No further updates from the owner.
 - 850 W State Street – The property does not have an easement. No improvements for drainage can be constructed unless the property owner wishes to install them.
 - Ashford Preserve – The development is progressing well.
 - Oxford Ridge – An additional increase to the security will be required for 2025.
 - 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.
 - Stone Harvest – N.O.T. still not submitted.
 - MSK – Construction will be restarted with better weather.
 - MS4 – Ongoing training, monitoring, & improvement by Public Works. If “Stone Park” is purchased, additional stormwater improvements will be added to the area.
 - Oil & Chip – PW Director will inspect streets that will need surface treatment in 2025.
 - Tree Ordinance – The Committee has met multiple times & expects a draft to Council soon.
2. Public Safety – The Mayor & Police Chief did not have an additional report.
 - Ellenberger expressed concern over winter weather plowing & procedures. There was additional discussion regarding a “salt shortage”, liability, snow plowing, & evaluation of storms.
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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Tree Ordinance remains.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Norman to approve the previous monthly minutes from January 21, 2025, with an amendment to remove a typo listing "Dietz" & replacing with "Ellenberger" on the "Motion to accept the Agenda". **The Amended Minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Norman to adjourn the meeting. The Meeting ended at 7:35PM.