

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Pres. Bodish.

In attendance were Bodish, Dreisbach, Molitoris, Eisenhauer, Kern, Luckenbach, Sodl, Mayor Burker, PWD Boyle and Fire Chief Bechtel.

EMA Grim and BCO Helman were absent.

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance:

Followed by the pledge of allegiance was a moment of silence for Nadine Sodl.

PWD Boyle – Routine Streets work, Sanitation run and Building Maintenance. Mr. Boyle stated they will be closing the Parkway area for the renovation project on the park. Street sweeping will be Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mr. Sodl thanked Mr. Boyle for all his work he does for the borough. He stated he sees Boyle's list in the morning with 16 or more things to accomplish in the day and what is added in the morning to that list. He would like to say he hopes everyone knows the services Boyle does as Director for the borough and how much everyone appreciated his dedication.

Bachman reported for Helman –Month of February 2022- 11 permits with a total of \$880.00

Grim – absent

Chief Genovese reported 205 calls for February, 2022 with 1 drug arrest and 1 fleeing and eluding arrest, 17 traffic violations, 4 written warning and 23 borough parking tickets. Chief Genovese has asked council to look over the parking ticket charges, he stated it has been sometime that the borough has increased these fines. This is including the snow emergency fines. He also brought up about the distance of a landlord or management for a rental property in ordinance #792, he would like the landlord or management to live closer than 60 miles. Bachman will forward to the solicitor for review.

Chief Bechtel reported –24 incidents – Normal operations. Completed application for FEMA SAFER Grant. Training is normal Monday nights

Bachman – Read letter from Jeff Deutsch asking permission from council to turn over outstanding 2021 Per Capita taxes to GH Harris and Associates. Letter given to Bachman to read from Mr. Dresibach resigning from the Coplay Zoning Hearing Board. Letter received in the office from Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley asking for a fee waiver for the rental of the pavilion on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Received an email from Portnoff Law Associates that their office has sent out 2021 unpaid real estate taxes for the borough on February 24<sup>th</sup>,2022. The office has received the State Fund money in the amount of \$93,533.95. Tiffany has sent letters to the residents that have unpaid garbage bills for 2021 in the amount of \$18,821.00 on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Kim and Paul meet with a realtor at 38 S.4<sup>th</sup> Street to see what the fair market value of the home is. The market value of the home is \$150,000.00. Council will decide if they will pursue putting the home up for sale.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Molitoris discussed the lifeguard wages, which the lifeguards are paid \$9.00 per hour. The Park & Recreation committee has looked at neighboring areas at what was paid to them. Park & Recreation committee has suggested to raise the wages for the head lifeguard, lifeguards and the pool manager to be competitive. It would cost the borough an additional \$3,000.00 for the increases if the pool is open every day for 10 weeks of the season. Molitoris stated in order to attract people and have good lifeguards he suggested we approve the increase.

Mrs Eisenhauer stated she thinks the borough needs to consider this to attract lifeguards. The library continues to have two open positions to be filled and it is hard with the hourly rate that they can afford on their budget.

Mr. Sodl said he is on this committee and he said you cannot attract people to work at \$9.00 an hour.

Selling of 38 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street- Mrs. Eisenhauer asked if the property committee has looked into selling the home and what the next steps would be. She stated the borough owes roughly \$39,000.00 on the home. Mr. Sodl said if we could get the value of what the home is worth the borough should sell. Soon the interest rates will be going up and people will not be looking to buy homes once this happens. President Bodish stated this needs to go to the Property Committee and then come back to council. Mr. Molitoris said he agrees the borough should put the house of for bid.

Mayor- Mayor Burkner states Mr. Sodl and himself meet with Chief Genovese. As being the Mayor, he would like a better working relationship with the Police Department and work together. He stated that the ordinance book is outdated and needs to be revised. Mrs. Eisenhauer said the ordinance and resolution are updated yearly. The ordinance and resolutions are updated each year on the computer.

Sodl – Thanked Chief Genovese and Chief Bechtel for their services this month. The police committee has set up a tentative meeting with the officers to try to settle the contract to avoid the arbitration. Mr. Sodl also asked that the office keep a list of ordinances that are being worked on.

Dreisbach-Mr. Dreisbach stated he spoke with Chris from DRC Technologies and he is recommending that the borough use this company for computer technologies. He believes it will be a good fit for the borough. Mr. Sodl asked what the cost is per hour for DRC, Chief Genovese said it is \$175.00 per hour. Mrs. Eisenhauer stated the library uses DRC and they are very responsive.

Molitoris- Park & Recreation- Mr. Molitoris stated they recommend keeping the rates for the admission to the pool the same which are,

Residents Family 2 adults and 2 children \$105.00 additional children are \$10.00 each, Adult \$55.00, Student \$40.00 and daily pass \$5.00

Non-residents the rates are; Family 2 adults and 2 children \$250.00.00 additional children are \$20.00 each, Adult \$130.00, Student \$120.00 and daily pass \$15.00.

Coplay Sports would like to use the gym for T-Ball practice from March 10<sup>th</sup> thru April 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm. They have committed to using a wiffle ball for the practice so know damage is done inside of the gym.

The craft fair that is schedule at Saylor Park has a total of 17 vendors as of this date. Thanked the American Club for providing all the tables for the craft fair. Also wanted to thank Tiffany Benson and Keith Sodl for all their work and dedication to putting the craft fair together.

A meeting took place with the Property committee and the Cub Scouts about painting the fence around the pool. They feel they will be able to do the project as long as they have enough volunteers.

They will send it out to a few packs in the area and hopefully will come back with a good number of volunteers. Also working with Sherman Williams for paint and supplies, it would be nice if the company would donate some of the supplies to the cub scouts for the project.

Luckenbach- Nothing to report other than the report came back for the mold test at the borough building and it was negative.

Eisenhauer- Library –Still looking for another employee and a director. The library board will be discussing the hourly rate once they take a closer look at the budget. There is also an open board position that needs to filled. The library will be hosting two fundraisers. The first one is the Pa Pa Sarge's Homemade pierogies, call the library to place your order, the orders will be taken up to March 11<sup>th</sup> and the pierogies will be delivered to the library on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The second fundraiser will be the popular Book and Bake sale which runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Admin- Mrs. Eisenhauer stated that 7 letters were sent out to banks requesting information for a credit card machine in the office and police station. We are slowly receiving answers back from financial vendors. Hailstone Economics will be helping the borough with the COVID 19 ARPA funds along with doing all reports that need to be done. The garbage calendar is just about done and will give an update at next meeting.

Kern- Chief of Police was working with the grant writer for body cameras for the police department, what they are discovering is that the borough does not have a high crime or activity in the borough to apply for this grant. The gentleman that will be installing the playground equipment at Saylor Park will be here next week to go over the project. All the equipment is in the borough and will be ready for installation when the time comes. The public works department will tear out the old playground equipment. The LSA#2 Grant which will be the next project that the borough received a grant for the Tot-Lot playground equipment is 14-18 weeks delayed for receiving the equipment. The borough probably would receive the equipment late summer.

Bodish – Running under normal operation. There is no change to garbage or recycling for the month of March. President Bodish has been speaking to the borough solicitor about some of the items in the new building that have not been completed. President Bodish read a letter received from Balliet Stadium Inc. which read enclosed is the final check from Balliet Stadium, Inc. in the amount of \$7,197.47, which is a restricted contribution that can only be used towards purchasing lights at Balliet Stadium upper ballfield located at the street entrance in the past known as the Legion Baseball Field signed by Larry Gutleber, Commander, Coplay Legion Post 426. President Bodish replied that this will be put in the general fund-recreation under lights and will be used for this project only.

#### Hearing of Persons Present:

Victor Talotta 860 Oak Street- He is concern about what is going on at 9<sup>th</sup> and Oak Street, he stated that there is an electronic business and Copper Moon Wood working business is in this building. He would like to know if they are approved for a business operations license for both of them. His other concern is about a trash wagon with a billboard on the property with no license and inspection it is a nuisance looking out his window to see this every day. Mr. Sodl asked about the trash wagon he said it is on wheels and sits on the property he believes this is a start of a junkyard.

He stated 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Street have been used for car storage. The people are parking on these streets that don't need to be. He believes the cars are from businesses and they use the streets for overflow that are parking on the streets.

Anne Kileen 32 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street- She is questioning on what the borough will be doing with the borough building if council puts it up for sale. She is concerned that the zone will be moved from R1 to another zoning and her taxes will go up. She also wanted to know when the next planning commission will meet again. Bachman stated it will be posted on the website when a meeting is scheduled. Also questioned if yard waste will start in April? President Bodish stated we were not notified by the facility if they will be accepted yard waste yet or when they will except it.

Nate Gillespie 11 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street- Coplay Athletic Club- Nate is the new President of the club and they have all new board members. Since the new board has taken over they now have 49 members and 32 of them are Coplay residents. Since the take over they have increased the members and have also have a new facebook page along with a new bank account. Mrs. Eisenhower told Mr. Gillespie that she wanted to thank him for coming to council and introducing himself and letting council know what is happening at the club. That's all council every wanted, was to be kept updated.

#### At Regular Meeting:

Approve DCR Technology for computer services for the borough

Approve IRT funds of \$500.00 from the line item in the budget

Approve to waive the fee for pavilion rental on September 10 and 11<sup>th</sup> for the Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley.

Approve the amendment of Ordinance #849 requiring persons hauling their own waste or contracting to haul waste to keep records and that all persons are required to have waste services.

Approve G.H. Harris Associates to collect outstanding 2021 Borough Per Capita taxes in the amount of \$3,036.00 including penalty

Approve Mike Dreisbach to resign from the Zoning Board Committee

Approve Currie-Grove-LLC for the installation of playground equipment at the Tot-Lot under the LSA #2 Grant under Costars in the amount of \$18,800.00.

Approve Ron Jany for pavilion cleaner for the season of 2022

Approve to increase the pavilion cleaner to \$50.00 per cleaning

Approve to increase starting lifeguard wages to \$11.00 per hour

Approve to increase returning lifeguard wages to \$12.00 per hour

Approve to increase head lifeguard wages to \$13.00 per hour

Approve to increase the pool managers salary to \$400.00 per week

Approve to open the pool on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Approve Coplay Sports to use the gym for T-ball practice from March 10<sup>th</sup> thru April 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM

Motion to adjourn meeting by Molitoris, second by Kern at 8:05 PM.