

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

In attendance were Mr. Bodish, Mr. Dee, Mr. Hermany, Mr. Kern, Mr. Santoroski, Mr. Grotholsky, Mayor Bundra, PWD Boyle, Chief Emerich, and Assistant Fire Chief Fenstermaker

EMA Zelena, BCO Helman, and Councilman Mr. Luckenbach was absent

Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance:

Hearing of person: Annie Killeen questioned budgeting to raise pay to police officers to retain police force.

PWD Boyle: Recycling moved to Wednesday 26th due to Thanksgiving holiday closure. UGI finished paving in the Manor and will move to 9th Street. Preconstruction of 11th Street starts this week.

BCO Helman: October 15 permits issued. 5 Building, receiving amount of \$350. 3 Zoning permits at \$150.; Sidewalks/driveway 1 at \$140. 2 Electrical, 1 Plumbing and 3 Mechanical. 16 C/O receiving \$1405.00; 7 moving permits at \$35.00. 140 Landlords and 465 Rental properties in the Borough. Zone B yet to be inspected for 2025 26 units and 1 house by 3 landlords.

Chief Emerich- reported:219 calls, 7 arrests, YTD: 64 arrests, new record. 20 traffic arrests, 18 written warnings. 11 Borough tickets issued. \$140.00 collected from Halloween Parade vendors. Suggesting Miskanic, Denny, and Morris as Police Cadets for starting the Academy January 2026.

Assistant Fire Chief Fenstermaker -reported 31 calls for month of October YTD: 258. Fire Dept requesting the Borough to supplement/assist with funds by 11/11 to finish Lowes grant project until reimbursement from Points of Light.

Ms. Chadwick: read correspondence from Bill Ehrhitz reapplying for additional 3 years as the alternative to Coplay Zoning Board. Broughal & DeVito to increase fees effectively 1/1/2026 from \$150/hour to \$160/hour. District Attorney Gavin Holihan thanked for \$1000. donation for Child Abuse Prevention. Fire Chief Joe Britt's resignation effective 1/1/2026.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Mayor: Attended Whitehall-Coplay School Commission with Mr. Santoroski. Reported donations given to Police Department, Fire Department and Recreation and Welfare from Coplay Community Days. Successful Halloween Parade. IRT report given for month of October.

Mr. Dee: Commended Officer Araujo for going above and beyond with putting in additional hours for a case.

Mr. Hermany: Nothing to report for Park & Rec. Thanked everyone involved with the Halloween Parade.

Mr. Kern- Admin: nothing to report. Read first draft of budget. 3.7% increase of budget. Government shutdown hindered getting exact amounts for insurance premiums. Reminded the public \$45,000. for new radios for PD, FD and PW were purchased and the increase with insurance premiums. Non-uniform employees will receive 4.5% pay increase, Police: 7-11% and Public Works: 7% pay increase. Garbage tax to increase \$60. for the year.

Mr. Santoroski Grants: working on finishing up Grants that are open. Will be in contact with Grant writer regarding over budget FD Lowes grant. Coplay Saengerbund gave out over 300 hotdogs and beverages after Halloween Parade.

Mr. Bodish: Borough Office and Public works closed Thanksgiving Thursday 27th and Friday 28th. Recycling moved to Wednesday 26th and no leaf pick up on Friday. Leaf pick up may extent due to leaving not falling off the trees.

Hearing of Persons Present: none

At Regular Meeting:

Any other items for Discussion: none

Motion by Mr. Kern, second by Mr. Hermany, to adjourn meeting at 7:42 PM

All in favor 6; Opposed _____ Abstain _____ **Carried/Denied**

Regular Meeting November 11, 2025 at 7PM