

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President.

In attendance were Bodish, Dee, Grohotolsky, Hermany, Kern, Santoroski, Mayor Bundra, Chief Emerich, PWD Boyle

Absent -BCO Helman

Council President led pledge of allegiance:

Hearing of person: Anne Killeen inquired about the plans the borough received for the warehouse located in Whitehall, she stated it is an AI warehouse, she does not want it and her neighbors don't want it. President Kern informed her that we have received the plans, but our planning commission hasn't even reviewed them. Candace Kern, Borough of Catasauqua had conversations with Tiffany at a chamber meeting on possibly looking at a discounted rate for Catasauqua residents since the YMCA closed and pool are closed. She attended the Park and rec meeting and looking forward to a partnership with the Borough.

PWD Boyle: normal operations, report provided on completed and projected jobs. Mr. Santoroski stated the Public works did a great job with the last two storms and to please pass that on to his crew.

BCO Helman: 90 Permits including 41 Landlord licenses for a total of \$8,210 collected.

Chief Emerich: 148 incidents, 3 arrests. He stated if your child is having an issue at the bus stop, please contact the police department and do not get on the bus and address it yourself. He implored parents to reach out to the Whitehall resource officer or Coplay Police. Collected 325.00. Narrowed candidates for the Secretary position down to three and will hold a competency test for those candidates and make a final determination.

Fire Chief Fenstermaker: 29 calls, air packs from CDBG grant should arrive this week.

Benson: reported that the COVID AARPA grant has been accepted and closed out. We are working with DCED to amend the second part of the Balliet Stadium grant and use the remaining funds for the roof on the concession stand. Pediatric cancer foundation requesting a waiver for the fee at Pavilion for their run in September.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

President Kern addressed the quote received from Acela regarding the Stop sign study

- \$9,750 for stop sign study
- \$4,900 for speed humps study

Mr. Hermany asked if these hoops that we have to go through, PWD Boyle stated even though they are Borough roads we are still required to consult the state. Discussion about the differences between both tasks, they were in unanimous agreement with Task 1. Mr. Hermany asked what the possibility of adding another study for a 4 way stop at Center & Chestnut to cut down on the cost. Mr. Dee expressed his concern about whether they chose to go the speed hump route vs the stop sign.

Mayor: reported Brett Meckes is putting a memorial bench on the trail where his father used to hang out. Mayor thanked Ms. Benson for helping with the information for the DCNR grant, Ms. Benson stated that her, the Mayor and PWD Boyle had a virtual meeting with local representatives from DCNR to move forward with applying for the grant. Mr. Santoroski thanked the mayor for getting the quotes and getting the ball rolling.

Hermany: Park and Recreation met with a Catasauqua Borough official who attended the meeting to work on rates for Catty residents since the YMCA & their Pool closed. Mr. Kern asked Candice if she knew the breakdown of the hits on their Borough page when posting interest of partnering. Mr. Dee asked if there was any consideration for a "Whitehall-Coplay" Student pass. It is worth discussing.

Bodish- Finance: State Fund Liquid Fuels funds received in the amount of \$94,423.15 and Garbage Fund received \$100,856.50 in Current garbage revenues.

Admin – running under normal operations.

Santoroski: reported that most of what he had to report was touched on, he thanked Public works again for their hard work during the past storms.

Grohotolsky: 2 pipe breaks at 2 different locations in the borough, both put through insurance.

Dee: reported on the agenda is Police Chief's comp payout, the police dept was awarded 3 new vests. Cadets are doing well and on track. Mr. Dee stated that he appreciated the 2 FD members that came to the Emergency Services Meeting. Mr. Hermany stated that he read an article in the Borough newsletter that changed the way agendas can be presented.

Read: reported he received the Borough magazine, and congratulated Ms. Benson on her achievement on receiving her CBO certificate, as it was listed in the magazine.

Hearing of Persons Present:

At Regular Meeting:

Approve Lehigh County to use 165 Cherry Street for polling Facility on May 19, 2026 for Primary and November 3, 2026 for General Election.

Approve Juvenile Probation requesting use of gym: April 23rd & 30th from 8-4pm, May 1st, from 8-4pm, September 17th, 24th & 25th from 8-4pm.

Approve Coplay Sports to use Municipal Gym on March 22, 2026 at 1pm for baseball parents meeting.

Approve Task 1 in the amount of \$9,750 for Acela to complete a traffic study on Chestnut Street to install a stop sign.

Approve to waive the rental fee for PCFLV to use the Pavilion from September 17th through September 21st for their Annual Pediatric Cancer fund run to be held on September 19th.

Approve 40 Hours Compensatory time for Chief Ryan Emerich.

Approval for Full time Police Secretary/Coordinator Position starting at \$20.50 per hour with a start date of March 11th pending all required paperwork is completed.

Any other items for Discussion

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Motion by Hermany, second by Grohotolsky to Adjourn Meeting at 7:57 PM