

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2024

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, September 17th & 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. The Police Chief was absent.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Norman & seconded by Dietz to receive the Monthly Reports (Financial Statements, Council Information Report, Police Report, Fire Report, Engineer Report), & approve the previous meeting Minutes from August 20, 2024. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Norman & seconded by Dietz to approve the Second & Final Reading of the Young Lungs at Play Ordinance. The ordinance was updated with a warning for the first violation & a \$50 fine. Future Borough properties can be added with correct signage. **Ordinance 689 passed by a vote of 7-0.**
2. A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Norman to approve the Second & Final Reading of the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for full-time retiring police officers. **Ordinance 690 passed by a vote of 7-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Dietz gave the following updates:
 - 9th Street Wetland/Tree Issue – LCCD will take actions for enforcement, & property owner has engaged Gilmore & Associates. No further update.
 - Tree Ordinance – An Ordinance Draft is being prepared.
 - Ashford Reserve – Construction & site preparation is continuing.
 - Oxford Ridge – No further update. LCCD was contacted & stated that they were no longer going to discuss the project. LCCD will move to corrective action with the developers.
 - MSK – Site work has started. Developer must renew HOP with PennDot
 - MS4 – Public Works staff is continuing to work on MS4 procedures, education, & projects. The annual report is due before the end of September.
 - Water Authority – The meter replacement program is complete, & the pump station project will be bid out for construction.
 - Liberty Trolley Culvert – Funding sources are being researched for replacement, & the Public Works Department has made improvements to the entry side of the culvert.
 - Coopersburg Diner – This sewer issue appears resolved.
2. Public Safety – Mayor Hovis stated that the police assisted in a few homeless situations, the committee will review an ordinance prohibiting the ability to live in a car on a public street. Ellenberger stated that the Farmers Market is extending their season & invited Council members to volunteer at the Tree Lighting.
3. Administration & Finance – Council VP Poot stated that the Borough received an additional \$90,000.00 from PennDot for the milling/paving of a section of Main Street, that the First Reading of the 2025 Borough Budget is scheduled for the October meeting, & that the 2024 Profit & Loss are trending in an acceptable way. The Committee Meeting on October 1st will be a budget hearing.

REPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

1. Solicitor: No additional report
2. Engineer: Engineer Perelli stated that the MS4 report will be filed before the end of September.
3. Borough Manager: No additional report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

1. Oxford Ridge remains.
2. Tree Ordinance remains.
3. 314 S 9th Street – Council Member Dietz stated that a letter should be sent to the owner stating that any plan submission should include the replacement of trees cut on Borough owned property.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Norman to adjourn the meeting. The Meeting ended at 7:18PM.