

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2024

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, November 19th & was called to order by Council President Dowdle at 7:00 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

All present were Council Members Dietz, Dowdle, Ellenberger, Poot, Ritter, Yeager, Manager Paashaus, Solicitor Gross McGinley, McCarthy Engineering, Mayor Hovis, Norman, & the Police Chief were absent.

AGENDA

A Motion was made by Dietz & seconded by Poot to approve the Agenda as written. **The Agenda was adopted as amended by a vote of 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Seth Pellegrini, Oxford Ridge, requested Council to increase the security for improvements to the Oxford Ridge Development. Pellegrini stated that the increase would help to cover the cost of completing the improvements, if the developer does not complete the project. There was further discussion about the need for annual increases, the limit on increase, & the status of the project. The Infrastructure Committee will review the concern.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Dietz & seconded by Poot to receive the Monthly Reports (Financial Statements, Council Information Report, Police Report, Fire Report, Engineer Report), & approve the previous meeting Minutes from October 15, 2024. **The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Poot & seconded by Dietz to approve the resignation of Public Works Crew Member, Richard Guers. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.** Dietz, Ritter, & Poot will review the needs of the position & work with Manager to fill the vacancy.
2. A Motion was made by Poot & seconded by Dietz to approve the 2025 Borough Budget – Second Reading. Ritter & the Manager gave a summary of the Committee’s work on the budget & some adjustments after the First Reading. Ellenberger requested more information about Lines 342, 409, 429, 434, & 448. The Manager explained the detail for each line, impact of the community center costs/income, & the actual vs proposed from 2024. There was further discussion regarding the Second Reading, passing the Summary, Capital Planning, & thanking the committee for their hard work. **The Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Infrastructure – Council Member Dietz gave the following updates:
 - Committee Meeting – The Committee did not meet in November due to the Election.
 - Water Repair – The Public Works Department fixed a water leak on Main Street near Tilghman Street successfully & will replace the asphalt this week.
 - Ashford Preserve – The development is continuing.
2. Public Safety – Council Member Ellenberger stated that there will not be a Council information tent at the Tree Lighting due to a lack of volunteers, but he encouraged Council to attend the event.
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. Oxford Ridge remains.
2. Tree Ordinance remains. Dietz gave a brief summary of the committee’s work on the draft.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Ellenberger & seconded by Dietz to adjourn the meeting. The Meeting ended at 7:21PM.