

MINUTES - KOPPEL BOROUGH WORKING MEETING
April 2, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

PRESENT

Mayor – Athena Pangikas-Miller
President - Absent
Vice President - Jeff Dengler
Susan Krawchyk
Anna Marie Plavecsky
Brett Plavecsky
Rich Serge
Suzanne Broge

Sergeant Squicquero

GUESTS PRESENT – Skye Cider, Ryan Bertolo, Sam Hildman, Chuck Bevington

MOTIONS

- A motion was made to apply for the DCED grant. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to hire part-time police officer Don Lutz. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to hire part-time police officer Ron Williams. All in favor and all approved.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Many council members checked with various banks to determine the amount of interest and terms for possibly taking out a loan to begin work on a playground.
- Building a pavilion at the field was discussed – council members will reach out to builders to get a quote.
- The water and drainage issues at the ballfield were discussed. This probably needs to be done before any other work can take place on the field.
- The possibility of generating revenue from permits for the use of the ballfield was discussed.
- Councilman Serge suggested holding a Town Hall Meeting to get residents input for the ballfield/park. Many ideas were discussed on how to get this started.
- Discussions on where and how to install the new toilets that were purchased for the ballfield.
- Tenaris is donating \$2,000 for the tree planting event on May 11th. Anyone interested is invited to attend.
- The application for the CDBG grant was sent in for \$110,000 for ADA sidewalks and some playground equipment. A requirement of applying for the CDBG grant is that we must apply for a DNR or a DCED grant. The grant would be for approximately \$150,000 for more sidewalks and equipment.

- The Dodge Charger is leaking transmission fluid and also having multiple maintenance issues. Councilman Serge, who has over 50 years in the automotive industry, will put it on a hoist and see what can be done.
- The need for new police cars is imminent. Discussed various ways on how to pay for these vehicles.
- Sargeant Squicquero talked about a quote he looked into for 2 police cars. More details to follow.
- While working in town, a Verizon truck drove thru the park on Rt 18 and put big ruts in the ground– they were contacted and will take care of getting it fixed and flattened out as soon as the ground dries out.

GUESTS - Ryan Bertola suggested that council involve the community more in decisions. Councilman Dengler stated no one comes to the meetings. There was a discussion on best way to get residents more involved.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:23 PM