

MINUTES KOPPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
November 21, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Koppel Fire Hall

PRESENT

Mayor - Athena Pangikas-Miller
Acting President – Tom Sobona
Susan Krawchyk
Anna Marie Plavecsky
Jeff Dengler
Chuck Bevington
Frank Pisano
Chief Justin Warren
Sergeant - Erie Squicquero
Joe Budicak - Solicitor

GUESTS PRESENT

Josh Konecheck, Dave Plavecsky, Jim Krawchyk, Carol Shirilla, Joann Smith, Amy Hatt, Matt Cesare

MOTIONS

- A motion was made to accept the minutes from the October 17th meeting. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to approve the bills for the Fire Department. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to contribute \$500 to the Fire Department for their Christmas Party. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to discuss a potential contract with Homewood to patrol their community. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to authorize a Resolution for requesting a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant to be used for Arthur Street Improvement Project Phase 2. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to hire Brian Sipes Inspection to do a building material survey for asbestos on the 5437 5th Avenue property. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to have a home Christmas Decorating contest. Winner will receive a \$100 gift card. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to change the millage to 4.6. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to approve the Comcast Franchise Agreement. All in favor and all approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

- Looking for the correct ordinances for vehicles (a boat and motor home) parked along the railroad tracks. Also, the grass needs to be cut around these vehicles.

POLICE REPORT

- The new Trac System is working out really well and council will be getting a separate print out of the citations issued.
- The left hand turn from Rt. 18 onto Mount Street has been a problem. Chief Warren stated that our police cannot cite anyone because that part of 18 is in the Big Beaver Borough jurisdiction and Mount Street is in the Koppel jurisdiction. The magistrate suggested the Chief reach out to Big Beaver or Beaver Falls to see if we can get a neutral agreement with them to cite a violation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Discussed nominations for new officers.
- Possibly starting bingo up once a month to see the response they get.
- Christmas Party will be held on December 17th – they will advertise the time and more information

SOLICITOR REPORT

- Solicitor Budicak said the Union received all of the information that was sent in.
- Judge Ross granted the emergency demolition request. Solicitor Budicak suggested that we advertise the job in the paper for bids after the asbestos testing report is received. We could potentially receive reimbursement from the county for the demolition costs.
- Working on the new burning ordinance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Discussed the potential to contract with Homewood and New Galilee to patrol their communities. Amy Hatt, Mayor of Homewood Borough, attended the meeting. She stated that in addition to the \$1,000 per year, there is an option to keep fines and forfeitures. Amy and her husband own A1 Auto and they are offering to service all vehicles at cost of parts plus up to three hours of free labor to offset the costs in exchange for this partnership. By partnering with these communities, it increases the chance of our getting grants through the PCCD. A meeting with New Galilee will be set up.
- Discussed the Christmas decorating contest. A winner will be chosen Sunday, December 17th and will receive a \$100 gift card.
- Our engineers, EADS, created a resolution for requesting a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant to be used for Arthur Street Improvement Project Phase 2. They will only charge \$100 to do this.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

- Christmas lights were hung up.
- Leaves are almost picked up and potholes are being filled.

GUESTS

- Josh Konecheck said paving is done and they continue to put water down. The Baghouse construction is on-going. Finally, the leak on 351 was addressed and they will keep an eye on that. If anyone sees water, please let us know. Tenaris took care of the problem themselves.
- There are ongoing discussions about what to do with the church. The Mayor is scheduling a time when Tenaris and the Historical Society can look at the church to see if there is any interest.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Councilman, Jeff Dengler, discussed multiple advertising signs that were put up in town by a roofing company. He called the company to tell them this is a violation of our ordinance and to have them taken down.
- Many thanks to Rick Milligan and Jim Krawchyk for working on the concession stand.
- Jim Krawchyk asked if Richardson Inspection can look at the house across from his. It looks terrible and is a fire hazard.
- Fixing 2nd Avenue is still an on-going discussion.
- Chief Warren talked about a new product called "Aquaphalt" which would be great for potholes instead of using cold-patch.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:16 PM