

MINUTES – KOPPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

March 18, 2025 – 6:00 PM

Koppel Fire Hall

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor – Athena Pangikas-Miller

President – Tom Sobona

Vice President – Jeff Dengler

Anna Marie Plavecsky

Brett Plavecsky

Susan Krawchyk

Rich Serge

Suzanne Broge

Joe Budicak – Solicitor

Police - Chief Warren and Sergeant Squicquero

GUESTS PRESENT

Dave Plavecsky, Skye Cider, Konner Rechel, Derrick Beck

MOTIONS

- A motion was made to accept the February 18th Council Meeting minutes and the March 4th Working Meeting minutes. 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 pay the Fire Department bills. All in favor and all approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

- Chief Warren listed seven properties that were door tagged, with 10 days allowed to take care of the issue. Four properties have taken care of their particular issue. Other homes were discussed for code violations.

POLICE REPORT

- The investigation for a criminal incident in town is ongoing. Koppel Police met with West Virginia State Patrol in West Virginia to investigate.
- A Letter of Commendation was read by Chief Warren and awarded to Sergeant Squicquero for his thorough work on that criminal investigation and his diligent work of following up on details, contact with county detectives, and all search warrants. The suspect is now in Beaver County jail with a \$1M bond, which has only happened four times in the county.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- The gear grant for \$12,000 was received by the Fire District.
- Another choice for a 2006 fire truck from Ellwood City became available for \$50,000. This is a better truck and the Fire District will give us \$15,000 as a down payment. It only has 30,000 miles on it and much less engine hours. A full set of rescue equipment is also included. The difference in cost will be leased.
- The insurance company has not decided on a resolution for the wrecked fire truck.
- A check for \$1,740 will be issued for the match of the gear grant.

SOLICITOR REPORT

- No report

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Many event dates were discussed and will be posted in the Spring Newsletter.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

- There have been many issues taken care of in the maintenance building. Many thanks to Jim Krawchyk and Mike Edmond.

ENGINEER REPORT – No report

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Discussed a logo for the maintenance department and code enforcement that could be made into vinyl signs that can be added or removed on the vehicles as needed.
- Chief Warren is requesting a color printer and will get a quote. Still waiting on a quote for a new computer that was approved many months ago.
- Discussed Shop-with-a-Cop program and the possibility of setting it up for Christmas.
- Much discussion on ideas for maintaining the park going forward, such as garbage cans, installing electric and cameras.
- Councilman Brett Plavecsky went to his first COG (Council of Governance) meeting for Beaver County. He stated there are many benefits of membership. On August 19th from 2-6 pm at Riverside High School they will be doing an electronic recycling program. There is no charge for this service. They are also hosting a free government training for newly elected council members on April 30th. Help with advertising large events if needed is another service they provide.
- Mayor Pangikas-Miller discussed all the options that are available for the park through a company called Tandem Mobility. There is the potential of receiving a grant for some of the options.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm