

MINUTES – KOPPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 20, 2024 – 6:00 PM

Koppel Fire Hall

PRESENT

Mayor – Absent

President - Absent

Vice President – Jeff Dengler

Anna Marie Plavecsky

Brett Plavecsky

Susan Krawchyk

Rich Serge

Suzanne Broge

Joe Budicak – Solicitor

Sergeant Squicquero

GUESTS PRESENT

Dave Plavecsky, Skye Cider, Carol Shirilla, Joann Smith, Frank Pisano, Michael Peters, Jim Krawchyk, JoAnn Serge

MOTIONS

- A motion was made to accept the July 16th Council Meeting minutes and the August 6th 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 approve the payment of bills from the Fire Dept. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to adopt the Burning Ordinance. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to adopt the Noise Ordinance. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to adopt the Nuisance House Ordinance. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to send a proposal to New Galilee for police patrol. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to order a swing set for the park. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to go into an Executive Session. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made after the Executive Session to move forward with civil procedures for a nuisance property. All in favor and all approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

- Some properties were tagged for grass.
- Sergeant Squicquero's advanced EMS training to start.

POLICE REPORT

- The citation report was handed out and discussed.
- The New Galilee bid for police coverage was discussed. The bid will be sent to them for review.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Devon Price stepped down as Fire Chief. Sergeant Squicquero is acting Chief.
- The Fire District is progressing with the first meeting being held last week. The merger is still scheduled for January 1, 2025.

SOLICITOR REPORT

- A citation for a nuisance property needs to be remanded back, which means send it back to the lower court because it didn't get finished. The owner appealed but it didn't get approved or denied, it just got thrown back. A new hearing will be scheduled.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- No report

MAINTENANCE REPORT

- There were concerns about the roof leaking and some loose wood coverings at the church property. Rick and Jim Krawchuk got the window covering fixed up. The roof was not really leaking but the roof access door was left open. The drains were also clogged and about 2 feet of water accumulated on the floor.
- Discussed what to do with the old salt that has hardened since last year. Details to follow.
- Thanks to Jim Krawchuk for donating some concrete which was used at the ballfield for the new outdoor bathroom installation.

ENGINEERS REPORT - No report

GUESTS – Frank Pisano asked what the plan was for paving. Council stated PAW will begin paving soon. Frank commended council on getting the demolition on 5th Avenue done and also getting the money reimbursed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- PAW will only charge us a re-activation fee to set up water at the park. A meter box and a sewer line are being installed.
- Discussed minor changes to each of the ordinances before they were adopted.
- Beaver County Job Training program has been eliminated for the time being.
- A check for \$68,949.16 has been received from Beaver County for reimbursement of the demolition on 5th Avenue.
- Councilman Rich Serge has put together a fund-raiser for the park. Only five hundred tickets will be sold. The package will be various different meats, potatoes, green beans and \$500 in cash.
- Many thanks to Lindy Paving for their generous donation of \$5,000 for the park and for paving the front section of the fire department.
- The best location for the signage for the park was discussed. Details to follow.

Council moved to an Executive Session to discuss a nuisance property.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm