

MINUTES – KOPPEL BOROUGH WORKING MEETING

December 3, 2024 – 6:00 PM

Municipal Building

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor – Athena Pangikas-Miller

President – Tom Sobona

Vice President – Jeff Dengler

Anna Marie Plavecsky

Brett Plavecsky

Rich Serge

Susan Krawchyk

Suzanne Broge

Police – Chief Warren and Sergeant Squicquero

GUESTS PRESENT

Skye Cider, Tom & Patty Palamone, Brent Kelosky, Anthony Fabyanic

MOTIONS

- A motion was made to install a new floor in the Police Dept and Maintenance Office costing \$1,050.00. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to purchase two sets of playground equipment with the ARPA money the Borough received during Covid. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to purchase two more guns for the Police Dept. at a cost of approximately \$900. All in favor and all approved.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Tom and Patty Palamone attended the meeting to ask for help in getting various rodents under control. The issue that is causing the rodents is the neighbors lack of putting out the garbage and not picking up the dog waste, which is all over the yard. They have tried to talk to the neighbor but to no avail. They also called the landlord to help but nothing was done. It was suggested by council that Patty call the Police Dept if she sees multiple bags of garbage piled up. This is the only issue that can be cited by the Code Enforcer. Council stated they will continue to look into this matter.
- Guest Brent Kelosky asked council about the process of making a parking lot out of a property that he owns due to the fact that his business needs more parking for company vehicles. Council referred him to our Planning Commission Solicitor for some insight on how to proceed.
- The ARPA money that the Borough received during Covid (\$75,585) has to be spent before December 31. It was determined that the best use of the money would be to spend it on additional playground equipment.
- The advertising signs that have been put on the telephone poles in town need to come down. It's a state law that you cannot put signs up on a pole. Chief Warren will call the number on the advertising and tell the company to come and take them down.
- Guest Anthony Fabyanic has had some issues with Koppel Auto Service because the sign for the auto business is on the Fabyanic property. Koppel Auto Service has also bolted the sign to the street name pole, which is not allowed. Koppel Auto also said they have a permit to hang the sign, which is not the case. Council has approved Chief Warren to let Koppel Auto Service know that the sign needs to be removed.
- Chief Warren drafted a policy for the gun buy-back program. He sent it to our solicitor for feedback. More discussion and detail to follow. Each interested officer will have to work a minimum of hours to participate.

- Chief Warren also discussed amending the Uniform Union contract to set a minimum of hours that need to be worked before being eligible for the uniform allowance. This also needs to be discussed with our Solicitor.
- Rick, Maintenance Supervisor, would like to rearrange the parking in the garage to allow the snow plow to be stored inside for the winter. Council approved the purchase of two new garage door openers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm