

Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting of Koppel Borough Council for May 19, 2020

Council Attendance: **Barbara Gioffre, Eugene Docchio, Glenn Marshall Jr., Frank Pisano, Athena Pangikas-Miller, Michael Sabino, Sandy Florie**

Borough Solicitor: Joseph Budicak
Mayor: Tom Vannoy

Borough Engineer: Brandon Fombelle

Borough Police Officer: Art Shidemantle

Also Present: Jeff Dengler, Patty Palamone, Carol Shirilla, Ken Orrico, Tracy Ierino, Martin Veitz, Ciaria Borghi, Mark Cearfos
Absent:

The meeting opened with a Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance by Barbara Gioffre

A motion was made to **accept the February 18, 2020 minutes.**

Motion made by: Sandy Florie

Motion seconded by: Athena Pangikas-Miller

Roll call – Completed

*The motion was approved by all present members of council.

A motion was made to **pay the borough General Fund bills.**

Motion made by: Glenn Marshall, Jr.

Motion seconded by: Eugene Docchio

Roll call – Completed

***The motion was approved by all present members of council.

A motion was made to **pay the borough Fire Dept bills. – Fire Dept did not submit their bills in time but council approved on condition that a copy of the bills for May will be presented at the next council meeting in June.**

Motion made by: Sandy Florie

Motion seconded by: Michael Sabino

Roll call – Completed

***The motion was approved by all present members of council.

A motion was made to **waive the penalty for the year 2020 for the Borough tax.**

Motion made by: Athena Pangikas-Miller

Motion seconded by: Michael Sabino

Roll call – Completed

***The motion was approved by all present members of council.

A motion was made to **file charges regarding Police Officer Brian Borghi April 21.**

Motion made by: Eugene Docchio

Motion seconded by: Athena Pangikas-Miller

Roll call – Completed

***The motion was approved by all present members of council.

A motion was made to **file charges regarding Police Officer Shay Sarcone April 21.**

Motion made by: Glenn Marshall, Jr.

Motion seconded by: Athena Pangikas-Miller

Roll call – Completed

***The motion was approved by all present members of council.

A motion was made to **hire a part-time Police Officer, John Villa starting March 23, 2020.**

Motion made by: Athena Pangikas-Miller

Motion seconded by: Glenn Marshall, Jr.

Roll call – Completed

***The motion was approved by all present members of council.

A motion was made to **hire a second part-time Police Officer, Malynda Garcia starting April 15, 2020.**

Motion made by: Eugene Docchio

Motion seconded by: Glenn Marshall, Jr.

Roll call – Completed

***The motion was approved by all present members of council.

A motion was made to **make all Police officers part-time and set a new pay rate for them.**

Motion made by: Athena Pangikas-Miller

Motion seconded by: Frank Pisano

Roll call – Completed

***The motion was approved by all present members of council.

A motion was made to **make Police Chief position part-time and set a new pay rate.**

Motion made by: Glenn Marshall, Jr.

Motion seconded by: Athena Pangikas-Miller

Roll call – Completed

***The motion was approved by all present members of council.

A motion was made to **move money from an annuity of \$100,000 into the General Fund account.**

Motion made by: Glenn Marshall, Jr.

Motion seconded by: Sandy Florie

Roll call – Completed

***The motion was approved by all present members of council.

A motion was made to **allow Jesse Burnette to work an additional 8 hours per week starting on April 15, 2020.**

Motion made by: Glenn Marshall, Jr.

Motion seconded by: Frank Pisano

Roll call – Completed

***The motion was approved by all present members of council.

A motion was made to **approve using \$1,000 donated money held in recreation account to repair dugouts.**

Motion made by: Frank Pisano

Motion seconded by: Glenn Marshall, Jr.

Roll call – Completed

***The motion was approved by all present members of council.

A motion was made to **allow the Solicitor to Advertise the updated Ordinances (Garbage and Curfew) in the newspaper.**

Motion made by: Glenn Marshall, Jr.

Motion seconded by: Sandy Florie

Roll call – Completed

***The motion was approved by all present members of council.

A motion was made to **sell, move, or dispose of unused Borough equipment.**

Motion made by: Glenn Marshall, Jr.

Motion seconded by: Sandy Florie

Roll call – Completed

***The motion was approved by all present members of council.

Guests:

Jeff Dengler asked if a pothole on SR 351 could be patched on corner of 4th Avenue. It was discussed and reported that SR 351 is the responsibility of PennDot and the Borough is not permitted to repair it.

Martin Veitz of 6th Avenue questioned if parking truck and trailer on local avenues is permitted. He stated that a truck and trailer are parked on 6th Avenue. A discussion followed by all present regarding the parking of truck cabs, truck and trailers, and campers parked on the Borough streets. Police Officer Art Shidemantle informed all about the law regarding this and driving their commercial vehicle to their homes. Sandy Florie asked how other towns restrict oversized vehicles from parking on their streets.

The question of a curfew ordinance came up and a motion to adopt a curfew. The solicitor said it would need to be considered by council, drafted, and then advertised in the newspaper. A new garbage ordinance was also discussed.

Engineer Report

Brandon Fombelle of Michael Baker Engineers reported that repairs and construction to 5th and Mount Street are ongoing and have been impeded by the Coronavirus and they are continuing to provide support. When PA American Water replaced sanitary sewers at that intersection, they damaged or broke one of the Borough's pipes and failed to notify the Borough. There was some flooding and when report PA American Water then made repairs and MBE worked to observe the repair. Also, PA American Water and Columbia Gas were notified of street opening ordinance and their compliance in accordance with the requirements needs to be made and identified areas needing to be repaired.

A review of ordinances such as the street opening, stormwater, land disturbance, and sub-division is being made.

Solicitor Report

Attorney Joe Budicek reported on the legality of this meeting according to Governor Wolfe's mandate and that it is allowable.

A suggestion was made regarding a waiver by resolution for real estate tax discount/penalty that could be done for this year only and a decision by council to do that.

Maintenance Report

Ken Orrico reported that continued work on alleys, patching pot holes, and grass cutting is ongoing. Ken asked Council to approve to sell, move, or dispose of unused equipment.

Mayor Report

An executive session was held to discuss the two officers and the filing of charges.

Barbara Gioffre adjourned the meeting.

Signature and Date by Borough Secretary:

Mary Sue Brakowski 6/2/2020