

MINUTES KOPPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 21, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Koppel Borough Fire Department Hall

PRESENT

Barbara Gioffre, President
 Athena Pangikas-Miller, Mayor
 Jeffrey Dengler
 Frank Pisano
 Chuck Bevington
 Joe Budicak, Solicitor
 Brandon Fombell, Engineer

ABSENT

Tom Sobona, Vice President
 Eugene Docchio
 Carrie Clerici

GUESTS PRESENT

Timothy C. Brewer, Randy Croston, Anna Marie Plavecsky, Dave Plavecsky, Linda DeSanzo, Brett Plavecsky, Joann Smith, Carol Shirilla, Frank Bathgate, John Tudor

MOTIONS**Meeting Minutes**

- Approval of minutes of May 17, 2022 meeting. Motion to approve minutes of last meeting. All in favor and all approved.

General Fund

- Approval to pay bills from the General Fund. Motion to approve. All in favor and all approved.

Fire Department

- Approval to pay bills for the Fire Department. Motion to approve. All in favor and all approved.

Police Department

- Approval for hiring Richard Conti, Jr. as a part-time police officer for Koppel Borough. Motion to approve. All in favor and all approved.

Motion - approve purchase of a window air conditioner for municipal building

- Approval to make a purchase of a window air conditioner not to exceed \$1,000. Motion to approve. All in favor and all approved.

REPORTS**Zoning Officer Report**

Owen Pella provided a zoning report for April 2022. The zoning report in its entirety is available for view at the Koppel Borough Municipal office.

Further questions were asked by Council about the procedures for the condemnation of 3302 3rd Avenue. The Borough Council decided not to secure the structure following condemnation as advised by the Borough Solicitor. Approval for cutting bushes at the property in the right-of-way was requested and approved.

Police Department Report

Richard Conti, Jr. has applied for employment as a part-time officer with Koppel Borough and Chief Justin Warren made a request to hire him.

Fire Department Report

Koppel Borough engine was repaired and paid for by the Koppel Fire Department. Devon Price attended classes for certification training. Tim Brewer reported that the Koppel Borough Fire Department will be having a fundraiser luncheon dinner on June 25th and will serve pulled pork, baked beans and coleslaw for \$8 on a first come first serve basis.

Maintenance Report

Mike Stabryla, Maintenance, reported that animal feces on 4th Avenue has been a problem. Council advised Mike to notify the police when he encounters people not using bags to pick up their dog's feces. Repairs to both police vehicles need to be done and a request to purchase acetylene tanks was made. Council needs a cost estimate to purchase before approval. A fence made of pipe is needed at the end of Richard Street near the railroad tracks and a request for approval to put one in was made and Council approved its installation. The bushes in the right-of-way will be cut at 3302 3rd Avenue when there is time.

The need to repair the railroad crossings were brought to the attention of council. The ties have rotted and bolts are protruding. Past requests have been made with no result. Contact information was given to Chuck Bevington to contact the railroad.

Resolve: Councilman Bevington phoned the railroad requesting that the repairs be made and asked that they also spray the weeds along the tracks. The railroad responded that they will look into the request.

Engineer's Report

Brandon Fombelle, Engineer, reported that he is tracking the icing issue on SR 351 near the bridge. The property owner is working with PennDOT to determine the source of the water running on the road near the bridge. PennDOT has made repeated visits at the traffic signal and adjustments were made, but replacement is needed, and not much can be done until that is accomplished. Brake retarder signs need to be installed and the directions for placement were sent to Council by Brandon. Those directions are to be emailed to Jeff Dengler who will help with installation.

Solicitor's Report

Joe Budicak, Solicitor reviewed the weight limit ordinance and told council he will advertise. He will follow through with 3302 3rd Avenue.

Mayor's Report

GOOFY GOLF

Jeff Potter will be in Koppel for Goofy Golf on July 14th. Club Hope will join in and co-host the event. The concession stand will be open for this event.

FISHER'S OF MEN

A ministry called Fisher's of Men will be at the ballfield in Koppel on July 23 at 12 pm. They will provide ministry, music, food boxes and gifts for those who attend. Information will be posted at the Post Office.

JEFF POTTER – Ball Field

Weeding, cleaning and work on the ball field was done by Jeff and Sheryl Potter.

GUESTS

Complaints about quads racing around the Borough and cars running the stop sign on 2nd and 3rd Avenue were made and the police will be looking to curtail this activity.

A complaint was made about the Tenaris plant and the excessive railroad signaling warning sound at intersections. Tenaris safety department will be contacted by Council regarding the noise.

MOTION TO ADJOURN - Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.