

**MINUTES KOPPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Koppel Borough Fire Company Hall**

PRESENT

Barbara Gioffre, President
Tom Sobona, Vice President
Chuck Bevington
Carrie Clerici
Joe Budicak, Solicitor

ABSENT

Athena Pangikas-Miller, Mayor
Jeffrey Dengler
Frank Pisano
Brandon Fombell, Engineer

GUESTS PRESENT

Tim Brewer, Anna Marie Plavecsky, Dave Plavecsky, Carol Shirilla, Suzanne Broge, Henry Tjernlund

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS**Meeting Minutes**

- Approval of minutes for July 19, 2022 meeting. Motion to approve. 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.

MOTIONS**Elimination of Part-time Maintenance Position due to budget constraints**

- Motion to approve the elimination of the part-time maintenance position.
- Approved - Tom Sobona, Chuck Bevington, Barbara Gioffre. Denied - Carrie Clerici. The motion was carried and the part-time maintenance position was eliminated.

Appointment of Council Position Vacated by Eugene Docchio

- Motion to appoint was tabled due to the number of Council Members absent from the meeting and will be brought up again at the September 20th meeting.

Two registered voters of Koppel Borough have shown interest in serving on Council; they are Timothy C. Brewer and Suzanne Broge. Both were asked to speak about their experiences and why they were interested in the vacated position.

Suzanne Broge spoke first and reported that she was a volunteer at the Koppel Fire Department and was President for 5 years and is very involved in the community and is interested in helping in any way she can. She is currently employed by Tenaris in the Maintenance Department as a Planner.

Timothy C. Brewer moved into Koppel 15 years ago. He is currently a volunteer at the Koppel Fire Department and has helped out with community events in Koppel and interested to continue doing that as a Council member.

It was explained that whoever is appointed would then also serve on several committees – those being the Chairman of Parks & Recreation, Community Relations Planning & Development, and Public Works.

It was asked by Councilman Tom Sobona if this appointment could be tabled until all council members are present. A motion to table the vote was made. All in favor and all approved.

REPORTS

Zoning Officer Report

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

Police Department Report

The report was dropped off by Officer Conti for Council. There were 22 calls on the report. No officer was present at the meeting.

Fire Department Report

Tim Brewer reported that on November 12th a pork chop dinner will be held. On December 18th a Christmas Party for Koppel children is planned.

Maintenance Report

Mike Stabryla, Maintenance reported that all is good.

Engineer's Report

S.R. 351 Icing Condition - Michael Baker International has been in contact with PennDOT, PA American Water, and the property owner. The issue is ongoing and all are seeking a resolution.

PA American Water/Second Avenue - Michael Baker International has provided a letter to PA American Water stating the various issues that have become apparent in regard to recent paving activities. We are awaiting a response.

5437 5th Avenue - Michael Baker International provided a letter to the Borough concerning issues associated with the building.

Solicitor's Report

A meeting between Joe Budicak, Solicitor and Zoning/Code Enforcement, Owen Pella was held to discuss violations and enforcement for problem properties located on 3rd Avenue and 5th Avenue. Mr. Pella's authority for enforcement through the International Property Maintenance Code was discussed and clarified by him. The Solicitor will contact Mr. Pella for continued enforcement of those code violations cited as the allowable time to repair has long since ended.

Mayor's Report

No report given. Mayor Athena Pangikas-Miller was absent from the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – no committee reports given

KOPPEL PARK

SA Recycling

At a recent dinner meeting with SA Recycling, their representative expressed an interest in giving Koppel a donation toward the Koppel Park.

Tenaris

A recent phone call from Tenaris Community Relations informed Koppel Borough they will donate a total of \$15,000 toward the Koppel Park; \$7,500 will be given this year and \$7,500 next year.

GUESTS COMMENTS

Guests complained that the garbage is not being picked up on Tuesdays.

MOTION TO ADJOURN - Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.