

**MINUTES KOPPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Koppel Borough Fire Company Hall**

PRESENT

Barbara Gioffre, President
Athena Pangikas-Miller, Mayor
Chuck Bevington
Jeffrey Dengler
Carrie Clerici
Frank Pisano
Suzanne Broge
Joe Budicak, Solicitor

ABSENT

Tom Sobona, Vice President
Brandon Fombell, Engineer

Appointment of Council Position Vacated by Eugene Docchio – Appointee was Suzanne Broge

GUESTS PRESENT

Timothy C. Brewer, Anna Marie Plavecsky, Dave Plavecsky, Brett Plavecsky, Eric Squicero, Carol Shirilla, JoAnn Smith, Henry Tjernlund, Mike Stabryla

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS**Meeting Minutes**

- Approval of minutes of September 20, 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.

Maintenance

- A motion to accept the resignation of Michael Stabryla. Motion to approve. All in favor and all approved.

Halloween

- Motion to purchase candy for Halloween not to exceed \$100. Motion to approve. All in favor and all approved.

Brick Repair

- Approval for Travis Agnew to repair the parapet on the old section of the Municipal Building for \$10,500. Motion to approve. All in favor and all approved.

New Roof Old Building

- Approval for Umbrella Roofing to replace roof at the Police Station building for a cost of \$19,600. Motion to approve. All in favor and all approved.

Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Webinar Program

- Approval to enroll in the PSAB Webinar Program for 2023. Cost is \$450 for the next budgeted year. Motion to approve. All in favor and all approved.

REPORTS

Zoning Officer Report

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

Police Department Report

Report received by Council. Calls for Service –47. Chief Justin Warren was in attendance. The Toughbooks computer was installed in the cruiser. The need for a hot spot was discussed and the possibly of a printer for “on the spot” issuance of a citation. The Chief will research the cost involved. Questions were asked in regard to dog attacks and if issues of this type are enforceable by the police.

Fire Department Report

Tim Brewer reported that on November 12th a pork chop dinner will be held from 3pm to 6pm. It is eat-in or take-out and the cost is \$10 per person. On December 18th a Christmas Party for Koppel children is planned.

Maintenance Report

There was no report given. Michael Stabryla resigned as maintenance. The maintenance position is vacant and not currently filled. The job will be advertised and dates for interviews were discussed.

Update: The maintenance position has been filled by Devon Price. Devon started work on November 7th.

Engineer’s Report

No report given.

Solicitor’s Report

No new 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

Nothing to report for this month. Halloween candy will be distributed by the police.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – no committee reports given

Zoning – Owen Pella

A request by Council was made to meet with Mr. Pella at the next work session. A complaint that the zoning report was vague and Council needs more detail. A meeting with Mr. Pella is needed to better co-ordinate with him the zoning ordinance violations.

Discussed were the following:

- 5437 5th Avenue bricks are falling off the building and the owner was cited and awaiting to hear from the magistrate. A discussion was made about Zoning and Owen Pella’s authority to inspect the property for safety with the possibility of condemnation and placing the responsibility of an engineer’s study for safety on the owner by appeal.
- 3302 3rd Avenue - a call to the Humane Society on September 1 and what that call entailed is not shown on his report. The corner of Big Beaver Blvd. and Mount Street on September 1 for use as a self-storage facility was discussed and the allowable uses for that property as to how it is zoned.

Falling Brick on Municipal Building

Bids were requested for repair on the parapet of the old part of the municipal building. Three bids are required but only two bids were received. One bid was from Cameron Cortez for \$20,000 and the other given was from Travis Agnew for \$10,500. He was referred to Koppel by Randy Tooch. It is a dangerous condition and needs to be repaired. The obligation of 3 bids was met due to only 2 responding.

Municipal Building Roof

The roof on the old part of the municipal building needs replaced. It is in a poor condition and leaking. Bids in the past were received for the repair and a 2022 updated bid was given by Umbrella Roof for \$19,600. Other bids requests by roofers goes unanswered. The newer part of the municipal building roof was replaced in 2018 with an Umbrella Roof System (DuroLast) and has a 20-year warranty with 100% labor and material.

Tax Increase

A proposal to increase taxes up to 2 mils was discussed and is done by ordinance. The Solicitor will advise.

Security Camera Placement

A possible agreement was discussed with Tenaris to allow security cameras to be placed and positioned so that the church/school is visible. Also, there is a need for cameras on the Concession Stand.

Tenaris

Water running on SR 351 and the icy issues will be taken care of with Tenaris assuming responsibility for the repair. Work should begin soon.

Recreation Fund

SA Recycling has donated \$10,000 and it has been deposited into the Recreation Fund. Plans for a pavilion and improvements to the park are being made with the possibility of applying for a grant.

An Executive Session was called to discuss police issues and was held at the end of the public meeting.

GUESTS COMENTS

There were no comments made.

MOTION TO ADJOURN - Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.