

**MINUTES KOPPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 2021 – 6 p.m.  
Koppel Borough Fire Company Hall**

**ROLL CALL**

***PRESENT***

Council:  
Barbara Gioffre, President  
Frank Pisano  
Jeff Dengler  
James Loomis  
Carrie Clerici  
Athena Pangikas-Miller, Mayor

Secretary: Mary Sue Binkowski  
Solicitor: Joseph Budicak  
Maintenance: Michael Stabryla

***ABSENT***

Council: Sandra Florie  
Eugene Docchio  
Engineer: Brandon Fombelle  
Zoning: Owen Pella  
Fire: Susanne Broge

***GUESTS***

Tim Brewer, Chuck Bevington, Beaver County Times Nick Vercilla, Dave and Anna Marie Plavecsky, Tracy Frampton EADS, John and Tammi L. Baker.

***SPEAKER***

**Tracy Frampton, EADS**

**ARPA Grant**

Application for the American Rescue Plan Funding and in addition to the allotment received by the Borough, Beaver County received a grant as well and they will commit to give funding for infrastructure. Primary uses of the grant are for sewers, storm sewer and broad band. Since storm sewers are an issue in Koppel it is an excellent opportunity for apply. Last year, Koppel received a \$90,000 grant from CDBG and was referred to as Phase 1 Storm Sewer Project. An application was applied and not awarded for Phase 2. This new application, ARPA Grant is an 80/20 grant and the engineering cost are included. If awarded, will help to complete the storm sewer on Arthur Street and the total cost of the project is \$528,000. There is no cost to the Borough for the application of the grant to be completed by EADS.

***MOTIONS***

**Meeting Minutes**

Approval of minutes of September 21, 2021 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.

**ALPR Cameras**

Approval to purchase ARPA cameras to be installed on SR 18.

Motion to approve. All in favor and all approved.

**EMPLOYMENT****Police**

Approval for the hiring of Justin Warren as Koppel Borough Police Chief.

Motion to approve. All in favor and all approved.

Approval for the hiring of Jeremiah Curtis as Koppel Borough Police Sergeant

Motion to approve. All in favor and all approved.

**Part Time Maintenance**

Approval to hire Jimmy Krawchyk for Koppel Borough Part Time Maintenance.

Motion to approve. All in favor and all approved.

**GRANTS****ARPA Grant Application**

Approval to apply for the ARPA Grant by EADS at no cost to the Borough.

Motion to approve. All in favor and all approved.

**REPORTS****Fire Department Report**

Tim Brewer reported on the fire department about the November 13, 2021 event for a braised steak dinner and 150 tickets will be sold with no takeout and only sit down to eat.

**Maintenance Report**

Water running on SR 351 going to the bridge was reported to PennDOT and has been alleviated. The flagpole is erected and a new light has been installed. The borough maintenance truck was taken to McElwain's and is being repaired. There was a recall on Police Vehicle 237 and was taken to Ron Lewis.

**Police Department Report**

No report given.

**Engineer's Report**

No report given.

**Solicitor's Report**

An executive session is asked for possible litigation. The Brian Bush hearing for nonpayment of garbage was postponed due to a death in the family.

**Mayor's Report**

The next event planned is Fall Fest on October 23, 2021 with kickball, concession stand, activities for the kids and plans to show a movie in the evening. There was a request for volunteers to help with the event. Trick or Treat is 6 to 8 pm on the 28<sup>th</sup> and treats will be distributed in the old jail.

**Zoning Report**

None given.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION****Guests**

Questions about buying a property out of repository was asked. It is a vacant lot and has not been maintained. The solicitor responded with the need to get an application to purchase and then going to the County, School and Borough regarding the taxes and costs to purchase.

Again, the question was asked what progress has been made about explosions. An inquiry about a solution to alleviate the problem for muffling the sound and blasts is being done.

Complaints about trailers in a lot on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and ordinances prohibiting them. Owen Pella has been made aware and will be addressing this problem.

**TABLED ITEMS**

**Adoption of Act 3 Right to Know Compliance** – Tabled until next meeting

**Act 108 Recycling of electronics devices** – Tabled until next meeting

**Roof replacement of old part of municipal building roof** – Tabled for the new year in 2022

**Motion to Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm and an executive session was held after for employment issues.