

## **MINUTES – KOPPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 20, 2026 – 6:00 PM**

**Koppel Fire Hall**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor – Athena Pangikas-Miller

President – Tom Sobona

Vice President – Anna Marie Plavecsky

Susan Krawchyk

Rich Serge

Suzanne Broge

Jason Chalupiak

Sammy Crangi

Nathan Morgan – Solicitor

Police - Chief Squicquero

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Skye Cider, Michael Peters, Josh Konecheck, Dave Plavecsky, Jeff Dengler, Dave Krupa

### **GUEST COMMENTS**

### **MOTIONS**

- A motion was made to accept the December 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting minutes, the December 30<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting minutes and the January 5<sup>th</sup> Reorganization Meeting minutes. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund based on the correct balance for vendor S&D Calibration. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to approve purchasing a vest for police officer Thomas. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to purchase a gun and holster for police officer Thomas. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to recess and go into an executive session for a non-union personnel matter. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to return to council meeting from executive session. All in favor and all approved.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

- One citation was filed. It was determined that Chuck Bevington, code enforcer, will write the citations going forward.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

- The fire hall is being used as a warming center if needed during the cold weather.

### **POLICE REPORT**

- A police report was handed out
- A quote was handed out for the purchase of a vest and service weapon for Officer Thomas.
- Two sets of road spikes were donated by US Deputy Sheriff's Assoc.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- The fire department paid the \$8,400 for the radios and then the county moved the date because the towers are not ready.

## **SOLICITOR REPORT**

- No report

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Beginning to map out what events will occur this year.
- A quote was received for the appraisal of the church. The cost would be \$2,500 and take about 3 weeks to complete. The appraisal is tabled until the next council meeting.

## **MAINTENANCE REPORT**

- All mowers are maintained and ready for spring.
- New tires and a new deck belt were put on the zero-turn lawn mower.
- There is a resident that is interested in the part-time position for maintenance. An interview will be set up.
- There are about 6 street signs in town that need replaced. Currently pricing signs. Discussed the Fire Dept signs that also need replaced.
- Discussed the process of getting roads patched this spring.

## **ENGINEER REPORT**

- The DCED grant for the park will be closed out soon and payment made to the vendor.
- A multimodal grant may be applied for once Mayor Pangikas-Miller gathers more information.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

- Josh Konecheck from Tenaris attended to hand out copies of the News Release about Tenaris restarting heat treatment and finishing operations. This follows a \$2.1M investment to strengthen their industrial footprint. Tenaris will also be hiring around 80 employees to support the reactivation of these lines.
- Tenaris also purchased SA Recycling – it will be operating as is for a while.
- Much discussion was had on how to document certain purchases made by borough maintenance. It was determined that receipts would be presented at each meeting.
- Discussed how to handle some old weapons that were found in the evidence locker at the police station.
- Discussed potentially purchasing new Christmas lights/decorations for town.
- Bridge-to-Life church asked if yard signs could be posted to advertise their launch date and website. It was determined that if we let them post signs, we have to let everyone. The solution was to put the information on the sign by the police department.
- Discussed some additions to Koppel Park such as upgrading the ballfield.

Recess to Executive Session re: non-uniform personnel – 7:39 pm

Resume Meeting – 8:05 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm