

MINUTES – KOPPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

February 17, 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, Dave Plavecsky, Jeff Dengler, JoAnn Serge, Chuck Bevington, Wesley Ridings, William Maglicco, Keiden Brewer, Marlynn Beham, Persephone Pangikas-Miller, Emelia Serge, Haley Bailey

GUEST COMMENTS

MOTIONS

- A motion was made to accept the January 20th Council Meeting minutes, the February 3rd Working Meeting. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to approve requesting an appraisal for the church from Ed Cline. Cost will be approximately \$1,500. All in favor and all approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Discussed getting a newer version of the International Property Maintenance Code book. An ordinance will have to be created before that can happen.
- Chuck explained the Richardson Inspection process which could take as long as 9 months for a single citation.
- Richardson still has not responded to Chuck's repeated calls.
- The mayor will reach out to Richardson to ask why they don't respond to Chuck's calls.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

- No report.

POLICE REPORT

- A police report was handed out.
- Discussed officer reimbursement for body armor. An example of a contract was written up by Chief Squicquero and will be discussed in more detail at a later date.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- A spreadsheet has been created to show how the budget/money is being used.
- A copy will be forwarded to the borough email so it can be distributed to council.

SOLICITOR REPORT

- In reference to the selling of the church, a public auction or a bid would have to be held. There are no exceptions for boroughs to sell to a non-profit organization.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Several sophomore students attended from Beaver Falls High School for a required assignment. The mayor stated that if any of them need volunteer experience, the Easter Egg Hunt would be a good one and much help is needed.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

- Working on maintenance of the snowplow after all the snow removal.
- Used about ½ tank of diesel fuel with all the snow plowing. Typically, a tank (250 gallons) will last a year.
- Making a list of what signs to order.
- Need to find a way to get the 18-wheelers off of 6th Avenue. The asphalt will not hold up if they continue using that and other roads. Discussed the signs to post and how the police can help by citing the trucks.

ENGINEER REPORT

- No report.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Frank Pisano stated that Jimmy Krawchyk, maintenance supervisor, and Sammy Crangi, councilman, did an excellent job with snow removal.
- There were complaints about a box truck delivering mail that is speeding through town.
- Fishers-of-Men requested a date to rent the park. It was determined that the fee will be waived due to being a non-profit.

Recess to Executive Session re: non-uniform personnel, union personnel and a pending litigation – 6:58 pm

Resume Meeting – 7:45 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm