

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

**March 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, Chuck Bevington

### **GUEST COMMENTS**

### **MOTIONS**

- A motion was made to accept the February 17<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting minutes and the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Meeting minutes. 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 purchase 4 used body cams for the police department. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to pay the Fire Dept for an old invoice for Borough Engine 2. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to amend the agenda to adopt, advertise and buy a 2024 International Property Maintenance Code book. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to amend the agenda to go into an executive session. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to adopt and advertise a new ordinance for the purchase of a 2024 International Property Maintenance Code book. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to purchase a 2024 International Property Maintenance Code book. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to adopt and advertise the park rental ordinance after discussed changes are made. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made ratifying the expenses for water damage at the borough building. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to go into an Executive Session and not reconvene the meeting. All in favor and all approved.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

- Doing some research on various properties.
- Haven't put any door tags on recently due to the Maintenance Code book in hand is outdated.

- Will try to set up a meeting with Richardson Inspection to see why they are not responding to requests from code enforcement.

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

- No report.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

- A police report was handed out.
- The cost of the used body cams is \$400 each but software will be around \$1170/year.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- On March 13<sup>th</sup> there was a significant wind storm. We were able to cut a lot of the trees up that had fallen. There was minimal damage. The Mayor wanted to thank the fire department and maintenance department for all their hard work cleaning up after the storm.
- No report was emailed to the borough for their monthly expenses.

#### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

- Requesting an executive session.
- Has a proposed park rental ordinance for council to review.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- The Mayor asked for help with the Easter Egg Hunt. Bridge-to-Life Church offered to help which was really appreciated.

#### **MAINTENANCE REPORT**

- Going to cut down the bushes on corner of Mary Street as they are blocking the intersection.
- Getting a price on block windows for the maintenance building. It will save on heat and a/c costs.
- Garage doors need sealed on the bottom
- Plan on painting the flag pole at the police station soon as it is all rusted.
- Will remove the bleachers from the ballfield soon.
- Many street lights are out – will call Penn Power in the next few days to let them know.
- Purchased a cover for the thermostat in the police office.
- The humidifier in the boiler room quit working, but Sammy Crangi donated one, saving us about \$300.

#### **ENGINEER REPORT**

- No report.

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

- The Mayor took out an ad for the Beaver Falls Musical for \$100.
- President Tom Sobona still wants to do something like a multi-purpose use on the baseball side of the park. There was much discussion on how to make this happen. Councilman Serge will get an estimate for taking care of the water problem, which is the main issue.
- Discussed potentially having a town-hall meeting to get the residents feedback on what they want added to the park.

- In reference to paying the fire department back for an old invoice on Engine 2....the fire department owes the borough \$6,622.00. They have been making \$500 monthly payments, which leaves a current balance of \$5,122.00. The old invoice for the fire engine was \$5,355.29. The balances owed pretty much offset each other with the borough owing the fire department \$233.29. That amount was added to their monthly check of \$2,000.00 and paid to them (\$2,233.29). Going forward, the borough monthly check to the fire department will be \$2,000.00.
- Council, along with the Solicitor, reviewed the park rental ordinance to prepare for advertising.

Recess to Executive Session and meeting will not reconvene.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 pm