

**MINUTES KOPPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 16, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Koppel Fire Hall**

**PRESENT**

Mayor – Athena Pangikas-Miller  
President – Tom Sobona  
Vice President - Jeff Dengler  
Anna Marie Plavecsky  
Suzanne Broge  
Susan Krawchyk  
Rich Serge

Joe Budicak – Solicitor

Police Chief Warren and Sergeant Squicquero

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Dave Plavecsky, Carol Shirilla, Joanne Smith, Josh Konecheck, Skye Cider, Sabrina Campbell, Roman Kozak, Judah Kozak, Kenya Johns, George Whippo

**MOTIONS**

- A motion was made to accept the March 19<sup>th</sup> council meeting minutes and the April 2<sup>nd</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 approve the bills for the Fire Department although no report was given. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to accept the union contract for the non-uniform employees. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to accept the union contract for the uniform employees. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to pay for a bullet proof vest for Officer Williams and a carrier for Officer Lutz for approximately \$1,348. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to sign the Tenaris contract for police patrol. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to purchase 6 flag poles and the various military flags. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to hire Robert Franconeri to help Rick Milligan. All in favor and all approved.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

- The property on 2417 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue has tons of garbage in the yard – the owner has been cited and the garbage should be cleaned up.
- The Borough is behind on the Emergency Action Plan. This is one of the reasons we get turned down for grants. Brett Plavecsky, Rich Serge, Mayor Pangakis-Miller, and Suzanne Broge have volunteered to begin work on this plan.

**POLICE REPORT**

- President Sobona asked how many patrols are done on night turn. He has had residents ask him the same question and suggested more patrols. Councilwoman Krawchyk asked that they patrol 1<sup>st</sup> Street also.
- The Dodge Charger has to have some maintenance work on it...details to follow.
- Chief Warren said a bullet proof vest and a carrier is needed for the two new officers. Approximate cost is \$1348.00.

- Chief Warren said that in the future vests can be paid by the Deputy Sheriff's Association for him and Sargeant Squicquero because they are full-time officers.
- A new police car will have to be purchased in the future. Chief Warren got a few quotes for a new police car and the details were discussed. This will be tabled for now.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- The Fire District is moving along and they should have initial preliminary numbers in a few weeks.

#### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

- Solicitor Budicak spoke about the union contracts that need approval at this meeting along with the Tenaris contract that also needs approval.

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

- A new grant was applied for through PennsylvaniaParks.org. There is no match and it is for \$50,000. The CBDG Grant has been submitted. EADS is now working with DCED for another grant.
- We are looking for a speaker for our Memorial Day event on May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- A Christmas in July event is potentially planned – looking for vendors.

#### **MAINTENANCE REPORT**

- Rick Milligan will bring in his bucket truck to work on the flag pole and change the light.
- A sincere thank you to Buddy Marshall who made a tooth-bar for the backhoe and it is working really well.
- Also sincere thanks to Jimmy Krawchyk, Larry Reed and Mike Edmond for all their help with various projects.
- Councilwoman Krawchyk asked about the curb that is busted up on the corner of Mount and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rick is aware of it and it will be taken care of.
- A lot of the trucks going thru town, getting lost and trying to turn around are busting up the sidewalks. Tenaris will work with Rick to get the right signs hung up and hopefully direct the trucks in the right direction.

#### **ENGINEERS REPORT**

- No report given

#### **GUESTS**

- Kenya Johns, Mayor of Beaver Falls, is running for State Representative for the Democratic party. She gave a short overview of why she is running. She believes that we should put the people first and stressed the importance of working together to find solutions to problems. She always tries to be honest and transparent.
- Roman Kozak, is running for State Representative for the Republican party. He got involved by helping others run their campaigns and last year was elected as the Chairman of the Republican community for Beaver County. He has a passion for this area and wants to make this area a better place for his four sons.
- A guest spoke to let everyone know the issues she is having with the noise at a club in town near her house. She has had trouble sleeping many nights and the noise wakes up her 3-year-old daughter. They are supposed to stop selling liquor at 3 am and the drinking and noise sometimes goes on until 4-6 am. Different ordinances were discussed to help alleviate this problem. Council assured her they would look into this matter.

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

- Tenaris is opening up the tree planting/restoration event on May 11<sup>th</sup> to all of their employees. Anyone wanting to volunteer is welcome. The start time would be 9:00 AM. Rick can bring his small digger and that would help speed up the process. Ideally, Tenaris would like to do something like this every year to help the community.
- Discussion on where to order the 6 flagpoles for the park. The Mayor would like the flags hanging by the Memorial Day event.
- A Townhall Meeting is planned for June – details to follow.
- Councilman Rich Serge passed out a paper with various small safety issues that need to be taken care of.
- The potential noise ordinance was discussed and how it affects residents and businesses in town.
- The Mayor will contact Kenya Johns about potentially using their intern program for helping Rick in maintenance or helping at the Borough building.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:27 PM**