

MINUTES – KOPPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

June 17, 2025 – 6:00 PM

Koppel Fire Hall

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor – Athena Pangikas-Miller

President – Tom Sobona

Vice President – Jeff Dengler

Anna Marie Plavecsky

Brett Plavecsky

Susan Krawchyk

Rich Serge

Suzanne Broge

Joe Budicak – Solicitor

Police - Chief Warren and Sergeant Squicquero

GUESTS PRESENT

Dave Plavecsky, Skye Cider, Michael Peters, Henry Tjernlund, Dominic Grieves, Nicole Labelle, Sarah Jopchak, Clayton Pieri

MOTIONS

- A motion was made to accept the June 17th Council 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 payment of bills from the Fire Department. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to award the contract to Verardi Landscapes LLC for the GTRP grant contract. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to pay \$458.00 to paint no parking lines in front of Fire Department. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to accept the resignation of Chief Justin Warren. If Chief Warren changes his mind within 10 days, he would be accepted back as Chief. All in favor and all approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

- Discussed properties that were tagged for ordinance violations and others that need to be tagged.

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Warren spoke about the weigh master class that he took and how that can be used going forward. He cited two trucks this past week. We need a traffic study going forward for weight restricted roads.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Acting Fire Chief Squicquero said they are still looking for a buyer for one of their fire trucks. The other fire truck behind the police station will be leaving in 2 weeks. It is being donated to a fire department in Kentucky who lost all their fire equipment in a flood.

SOLICITOR REPORT

- No report

MAYOR'S REPORT

- No report

MAINTENANCE REPORT

- Working to get some of the alleys repaired, but this is a two-man job. We are still looking for a part-time helper for maintenance.

ENGINEER REPORT

- Dominic Grieves of EADS, explained that the opening of bids for the GTRP grant took place at the Borough building on June 16. He revealed that Verardi Landscapes LLC was the lowest bidder and explained the cost breakdown of the bids. This grant will be used at the park for additional work such as: adding the concrete under the pavilion, walkways and ADA compliant parking.
- Discussed the possibility of doing a weight restriction study. If we want the roads to be weight restricted, we would have to pay the engineers to do a traffic study in order for that to be recognized and enforceable in the state of Pennsylvania. Chief Warren asked that he serve as Motor Carrier Enforcement – details to follow.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Some complaints were received about the IMBS club. Chief Warren has been in touch with the new Manager and he really wants to make changes and improve on the complaints in the past. The Chief will talk to him again.
- Discussed solicitation in town by vendors, which has become a problem. There were no permits given to any solicitors. It was decided our solicitation ordinance #220 needs to be revised.
- It was decided to let Richardson Inspection proceed with next steps for the property on 6th Avenue.

7:53 pm - Executive Session to discuss uniform personnel-related issue – opening up the process to search for a new Police Chief and asking interested Koppel officers to submit their resumes. Eric Squicquero will be acting Chief until further decision from council.

8:10 pm – Executive Session – to discuss non-uniform personnel-related issue – no action to be taken at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm