

MINUTES – KOPPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
July 15, 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 - Sergeant Squicquero

GUESTS PRESENT

Dave Plavecsky, Skye Cider, Jim Krawchyk, Ron Williams, Tim Brewer, Rob Franconeri, Greg Cromer

MOTIONS

- A motion was made to accept the June 15th 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 approve the Construction Observation Team to oversee the park project once a week for three weeks. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to purchase about eight cement blocks to be placed at entrance to the park and borough building. Approximate cost is \$700. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to rent a trailer to haul the leaf vac from Indiana – cost is \$230. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to advertise outside for the Police Chief position for two weeks. All in favor and all approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

- Councilwoman Krawchyk asked why several properties in the area were not being cited for various code violations. Many of these violations have been ongoing for a year. Sergeant Squicquero stated that Chief Warren had taken over the Code Enforcement within the last few months and had tagged some places. But this still doesn't answer the question why nothing had been done about these properties over the last year.
- Councilman Dengler asked about a property on 3rd Avenue and why nothing was being done about it. This has been another ongoing issue and has not come to any conclusion for the last two years.
- There are many places that need tagged for various code violations and nothing has been done about it.
- Council discussed hiring a code enforcer that will actually enforce the ordinances and follow up and cite them.
- Discussed the best way to handle code violations: have them cited or lien their property.

POLICE REPORT

- A police report was handed out.
- Discussed the wrecked fender on the Charger police car that occurred when Chief Warren was at a free training in Pittsburgh. During that time, Chief Warren hit a deer and damaged the fender. Councilman Serge said he could get a fender donated and Chief Warren said he could get it painted. Chief Warren has since resigned.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Received a report from Tenaris for the fire that occurred on their site. The total cost for damages was \$3,117,000.00
- During the Tenaris fire, one firefighter did go down with heat exhaustion. He was taken to the hospital where he received fluids and then released. A Workmans Comp claim is being processed.

SOLICITOR REPORT

- No report

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Pangikas-Miller presented the first "Johnny Appleseed" award to Chris Krupa. Chris has donated money and many hours of his time beautifying the borough and also taking care of the community garden. Chris is definitely a valued asset to the community and very much appreciated by everyone.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

- Requesting about cement eight blocks to be placed at entrance to the park and borough building. Approximate cost is \$700.
- A rental trailer is needed to haul the leaf vac from Indiana – cost is \$230.

ENGINEER REPORT

- No report.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Council thanked Rob Franconeri for helping to cut the grass. Rob is going to look into the cost of a small zero-turn mower for the borough.
- Greg Cromer, an aerial photographer, presented a framed aerial photograph of Koppel to see if there was any interest in purchasing it.
- There was another complaint about the IMBS Club's hours of operation. The police need to be called if there is a complaint, so that it will be on record.
- The solicitation ordinance #220 was retyped and reworded by Councilwoman Krawchyk. She emailed a copy to the solicitor and all of council for review.
- Discussed how many hours the Construction Observation Team should oversee the park project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm