

MINUTES – KOPPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 18, 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

Nathan Morgan – Solicitor

Police - Chief Squicquero

GUESTS PRESENT

Chuck Bevington, Jeff Dengler, JoAnn Serge, Nick Giles, Karen Zito, Joe Signore, Frank Pisano, Neal Prence

GUEST COMMENTS

- Karen Zito was questioning what council is doing about hiring a maintenance person as the town is looking really bad.

MOTIONS

- A motion was made to approve the July 21st 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 pay the Youngblood Paving invoice for their work on the alleys. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to accept Samuel Crangi's resignation from council. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to amend the agenda to appoint Jeff Dengler to council. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to outsource lawn care temporarily to Paul's Lawn Care for \$477/week. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to allow the code enforcer the use of an office at the Borough building. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to park the code enforcer's car in the garage at the Borough building. Not all in favor and not all approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Have sent out a certified letter to one problem property in town giving them 30 days to reply or will have to take the next step.
- Have door tagged some properties and have not gotten a response. Next step is to send out certified letters.
- Have called some realtors about cutting grass on the properties they are selling.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

- No report

POLICE REPORT

- A police report was handed out – 21 calls for the month.
- There's been an influx of drugs in town – had two incidences which are on the call sheet.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Bills are being paid.

SOLICITOR REPORT

- No report

MAYOR'S REPORT

- No report

MAINTENANCE REPORT

- 3 lights need replaced in the maintenance building.

ENGINEER REPORT

- No report

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Discussed cars speeding on Mount Street during shift change at Tenaris.
- Discussed if a permit is necessary for religious groups who are not selling anything.
- Discussed multiple ways to empty the bin, which is located behind the maintenance building, of all the brush that is overflowing. Residents are also dropping off large logs, etc. which is not allowed and has made the situation even worse.
- Our engineer, EADS, is looking into grants thru Pen Dot to repair Mount Street.
- In reference to selling of the church, Pastor Nick Giles stated that they would be able to pay for the subdivision of the church which could cost around \$6-7,000. At this point, there is no value to the borough as the repairs to the building would cost more than the borough can afford. The other option would be to demolish it, which also would cost the borough around \$100K, again, not something the borough can afford. The vision of the Pastor for the property is to restore it to use as a church, a school, and a pantry for food distribution. Everything they want to do will be a benefit to the residents of Koppel and they look forward to being a valuable addition to the community.
- Council will review resumes for the maintenance job and decide who to interview at the working meeting.
- Discussed purchasing salt for the winter from Co-stars.

Executive Session at 7:13

Meeting Adjourned at 7.20 pm