

MINUTES – KOPPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
September 16, 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, Chuck Bevington, Skye Cider, Jeff Richardson

MOTIONS

- A motion was made to accept the August 19th and September 2nd 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 accept Brett Plavecsky's resignation from council. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to accept the lowest bidder, Verardi Landscapes, for the DGLVR grant. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to advertise updated ordinance #220 for solicitation. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to go into an executive session. All in favor and all approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

- Sergeant Squicquero discussed a property on 4th Avenue he is still working on.
- Discussed other areas where cars are just sitting and what can be done about them.
- There is also a property that is burning plastic and wires which is not allowed. This will be looked into.

POLICE REPORT

- A police report was handed out

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Nothing to report

SOLICITOR REPORT

- No report

MAYOR'S REPORT

- No report

MAINTENANCE REPORT

- The steering cylinder on one side of the backhoe is leaking.
- Snow plow is ready to go. Lights are fixed – had to put a new wiring harness on it. Saved around \$700 by doing it ourselves.
- There is a water leak on the lower bay where the pipe is rusting out. Needs to be addressed before it bursts.
- Leaf machine will be brought here from Indiana by B&P Enterprises.
- Verardi Landscapes, the company working on the rest of the playground, has offered to spread our topsoil on the rough spots around the playground for us due to all the help they received from the maintenance department.

ENGINEER REPORT

- Dominic Greives of EADS Engineering stated Verardi Landscapes was the lowest bidder for the DGLVR grant.
- He also reviewed the information on the grant and how it will proceed. Work should be starting soon.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- The bid for the DGLVR grant was awarded to Verardi Landscapes.
- Follow up to the resident's complaints from 3rd Avenue about animals getting into the garbage. The current code enforcer, Sargeant Squicquero, hasn't had time to look into it. Ordinance #399 says all dwelling should have garbage cans with lids on them. The new code enforcer will look into this.
- Chuck Bevington is possibly interested in taking the code enforcer job once council creates a job description.
- Jeff Richardson of Richardson Inspections said we can use the International Property Maintenance Codes for citations.
- Jeff Richardson inspected a property on 6th Avenue and issued a Notice of Violation in June and deemed it unsafe. The owner had 30 days to fix the problems and they did not. Richardson re-inspected it after the 30 days and nothing was rectified. Filing with the magistrate is the next step.
- The 3rd Avenue property is still an ongoing process.
- Richardson Inspection will look at a property on 5th Avenue to determine whether a driveway can be used to access 5th Avenue or not.
- Tenaris was not pleased with the way the Fire Department handled a fire at their plant. Many issues that happened during the fire were discussed.

Move to Executive Session – 7:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm