

MINUTES – KOPPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

November 18, 2025 – 6:00 PM

Koppel Fire Hall

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor – Athena Pangikas-Miller

President – Tom Sobona

Vice President – Jeff Dengler

Anna Marie Plavecsky

Jason Chalupiak

Susan Krawchyk

Rich Serge

Suzanne Broge

Joe Budicak – Solicitor

Police - Chief Squicquero

GUESTS PRESENT

Dave Plavecsky, Chuck Bevington, Jim Krawchyk, Joe Signore, Nick Giles, Jen Giles, Skye Cider, Frank Novotny, Tracy Frampton, Michael Peters

GUEST COMMENTS

Joe Signore talked about the possibility of buying the church and what all that would bring to the community. Pastor Nick Giles and his wife Jen from Bridge to Life spoke about their potential plans in Koppel. They love Koppel and have really enjoyed talking to many people in town. They believe there could be a bright future here and have many great ideas. They will continue to look for the best way to serve the people in Koppel.

MOTIONS

- A motion was made to accept the October 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 add to the agenda the payment of \$1200.00 monthly directly to the fire department. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to pay \$1200.00 via check directly to the fire department. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to add to the agenda the advertisement for part-time police officers. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to advertise for part-time police officers. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to hire Chuck Bevington as Code Enforcer for \$20/hour. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to appoint Eric Squicquero permanent Chief of Police. Majority in favor.
- A motion was made to sign a resolution to proceed with the Arthur Street Storm Sewer project. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to advertise and accept the 2026 Budget as a work in progress. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to recess and go into an executive session. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to return to council meeting from executive session. All in favor and all approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

- No report

POLICE REPORT

- A police report was handed out

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Nothing to report

SOLICITOR REPORT

- Discussed the email sent to council to clarify the use of an executive session. They are to be used for personnel matters, not administrative issues.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Working with Skye Cider to get the winter newsletter sent out.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

- When picking up leaves, something got stuck in the leaf machine so it is being worked on.
- Penn Power hooked up the electric at the pavilion.
- The gate will continue to be locked at the reservoir until the electric company is done working in the area.
- The Ford police car needs tires. Jim Krawchyk, maintenance supervisor, found a business that works with police departments via the state. The cost of four of the best tires designed for use on police cars is \$849.00.

ENGINEER REPORT

- Tracy Frampton from the EADS Group introduced Frank Novotny who will replace Dominic Greives as our engineering representative. Frank presented a budget for the rest of the Arthur Street Streetscape Improvement Project. A resolution will be signed so that the grant request can move forward.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- After much discussion, it was determined that going forward the Borough will continue to support the fire department by giving them a check for \$1200.00 a month to help with their bills. The difference will be that the fire dept is now solely responsible for determining what gets paid and will be accountable for those payments by providing a spreadsheet every quarter at the council meeting for approval.
- Discussed the hiring of Chuck Bevington as Code Enforcer and how the job will be structured.
- There has been no communication from Richardson Inspection despite multiple attempts at trying to reach them about multiple properties.

Recess to Executive Session – 7:55 pm

Resume Meeting – 8:15 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm