

Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting of Koppel Borough Council for *November 19, 2019*

Council Attendance: Glenn Marshall Jr., Frank Pisano, Barbara Gioffre, Sandy Florie, Athena Pangikas-Miller

Borough Solicitor: Not Present Borough Engineer: Brandon Fombelle Borough Police Officer: Officer Sarcone
Mayor: Tom Vannoy

Guests: Jeff Dengler, Carol Shirilla, JoAnn Smith, Tim Brewer, Martin Vietz, Patty Palamone, Dean Knepp, and John Young, Jr.

The meeting opened with a Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance by Barb Gioffre

A motion was made by Athena Pangikas-Miller and seconded by Sandy Florie to accept the minutes from the work session of November 5, 2020 and the minutes of the regular council meeting of October 15, 2020. The motion was approved by all present council members.

A motion was made by Glenn Marshall, Jr. and seconded by Athena Pangikas-Miller to approve payment of the Borough bills from the general fund. The motion was approved by all present council members.

A motion was made by Frank Pisano and seconded by Sandy Florie to approve payment of the Fire Department bills. The motion was approved by all present council members.

Koppel Police Department

The Police report was presented by Shay Sarcone of the Koppel Police Department. It was brought up by council that the department experiences the loss of officers who are trained and then quit shortly after. To deter this from happening repeatedly, it was discussed to consider providing a 401K and adding sick days to the police benefits. These suggestions will be further investigated and discussed again in the future.

Koppel Volunteer Fire Co.

There was no representative from the Fire Department present at the meeting. The Annual Christmas Party for Children ages newborn to 12 years old was mentioned.

Engineer's Report

The report was presented by the Borough Engineer, Brandon Fombelle of Michael Baker International and regarding the Mount Street repairs. MBI assisted in the completion of the bid process and recommended that Mahoning Builders be awarded the bid. The proposed work was bid at \$69,439.

The work by PA American Water Sanitary Work was also addressed and the assistance of MBI with coordinated construction issues between the contractor, borough, and PA Water.

Also addressed was the traffic light repair. MBI provided information and has been in contact with PennDOT representatives regarding the Borough and Big Beaver Borough's financial responsibility.

Solicitor's Report

The Borough's solicitor Myron Sainovich was not present at the meeting. From Mr. Sainovich's email the following was reported. A second notice was sent on November 19, 2019 to Attorney Michael F. Santicola regarding rental properties of Samuel Crangi in violation of the Municipalities Planning Code. A notice of appeal was filed August 20, 2019 for the appeal for tax exemption of borough properties. An Affidavit/Verification was submitted to the Board of Assessment in regard to 32-002-0109, 0110, and 0111 for tax exemption in October 2, 2019.

Maintenance Report

Ken Orrico, Borough Maintenance Manager report was given about the leaf collection process and the maintenance department will continue to pick up leaves through the middle of December. Maintenance requests that resident's rake the leaves in piles in the alley or close to the curb so that the sweeper can easily pick the leaves up. Also, it was brought up that the leaves should not be put into bags and that the garbage collection will not pick up bags of leaves. Ken was questioned when the Christmas lights would be put up and said that Beaver Falls would assist in putting the lights up the following week.

Code Enforcement Report

Owen Pella was not present but submitted his written report. The report is available in the borough office.

Mayor's Report

Tom Vannoy reported that two part-time police officers were hired.

4407 4th Avenue

Dean Knepp presented a request to purchase the property out of repository and asked that council approve and sign his request. Council agreed unanimously and signed his request. The Koppel Borough Code Enforcement Officer Owen Pella has been pursuing the county to tear the structure down with the responsible party's agreement. The agreement has not been received and citations were in the process of being filed against the owner. If the sale does not go through further action by the Code Enforcement will continue.

EADS

A presentation was given and a drawing was given to show for approval of council to move forward on a Small Water and Sewer Grant. The copies of the drawing were passed out to the guests and council to following along with their plan for Phase 1 along Arthur Street. The council adopted by a majority vote to apply for the grant. The grant is for \$500,000. Barbara Gioffre, President of Council executed all the documents and agreements between Koppel Borough and the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

Garbage Bids

Two bids were submitted for Koppel Borough garbage contract for 2020; those being J. Young and Valley Waste. The bid was awarded to J. Young for the lowest bid and Mr. Young was present at the bid opening.

Potter Baseball

Potter Baseball will be hosted by the Borough and is scheduled for July 17, 2020. The event will be to restore the ballfield on that day at 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. There is a need to raise \$2,500 through gofundme.com, and a bingo fundraiser, and recruitment of volunteers from former players and local resident's, friends and family. A community-wide meeting will be held and announced in the future to promote the event.

2020 Budget

A preliminary budget was presented and reviewed by council members for their approval. A motion to approve the budget was made and passed. The 2020 Budget was advertised in the Beaver Valley Times and is available for public review.

Planning Commission

The inability to form a Planning Commission for Koppel Borough was discussed and resulted in a resolution for the council members to serve on the newly formed Planning Commission for the Borough.

President, **Barbara Gioffre** adjourned the meeting.

Signature and Date by Borough Secretary: _____