

**KULPMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2015**

Opening Prayer by Councilperson Stephen Motyka
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by body present, Kulpmont Borough Council held
its regular monthly meeting Tuesday August 11, 2015.

President of Council Mr. Bruno R. Varano is the acting Mayor due to the out of town
absence of Mayor Novakoski and Vice President Mr. Clarence H. Deitrick will chair the
meeting.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Acting Mayor Bruno R.
Varano, Nicholas Bozza, Clarence H. Deitrick, Philip Scicchitano, Joseph A. Winhofer
and Stephen Motyka.

ABSENT: Mayor Bernard Novakoski and Councilperson Stephanie Niglio, Borough
Solicitor William C. Cole, Borough Treasurer Paul A. Niglio, Jr. and Borough Supervisor
Bruce Graff.

PRESENT: Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk, Chief Michael Pitcavage, Code Officer
Russ Moroz, Fire Chief Jeff Gilotti, Assistant Fire Chief Ray Siko

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Pancerella, Barry Fetterman, Diane Rompallo, Joanna
Rompallo, Jennifer Bolick, Angela Kelley, Rob Kelley, Glenn Barwicki, Jr., Ann
Barwicki, Glenn Barwicki, Angel Barwicki and Caitlyn Curran.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON ANYTHING THAT IS ON
THE AGENDA:**

No one spoke

PRESIDENTS REPORT (Clarence H. Deitrick)

Acting President Mr. Deitrick states that we will start off the meeting presenting the top
five 2015 graduating students from the Mount Carmel Area High School.

Mr. Deitrick read and presented Resolution #712 to Jennifer Bolick as the 2015
Valedictorian of the class, Resolution #713 presented to Joanne Rompallo as
Salutatorian, Resolution #714 presented to Caitlyn Curran ranked Third in the class,
Resolution #715 to Christian Kelley ranked fourth in the class and Fifth in the Class to
Glen Barwicki Jr., Resolution #716

Council congratulates all five graduates and wishes them the best in all future endeavors.

MAYORS REPORT (Bruno R. Varano)

Acting Mayor Varano states that he has nothing to report.

SECRETARY REPORT (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda Wilk states that approval is needed on the meeting minutes from the July 14, 2015 regular monthly meeting.

MOTION - Mr. Bozza made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Winhofer to approve the meeting minutes from the July 14, 2015 regular monthly meeting.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

Rhonda Wilk states that correspondence was received from the Tax Claims Bureau on the 2015 tax sale municipal claims and the 2015 Judicial Sale Petition and Schedule of Distribution and they were copied to both Council and the Mayor.

Correspondence was received from AmeriHealth Casualty and states that there are some recommendations included in that piece of correspondence copied to Council and the Mayor, and correspondence was received from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation concerning issues on S.R. 2034 and Fifteenth Street copied to both Council and the Mayor.

TREASURERS REPORT (Paul A. Niglio, Jr.)

Rhonda Wilk states that council received a copy of the financial statement and a list of bills to be paid and that a motion is needed to approve the financial statement and to pay the bills.

MOTION- Motion by Mr. Motyka and seconded by Mr. Winhofer to approve and to pay the bills.

ROLL CALL VOTE - BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (absent), MOTYKA (yes), NIGLIO (absent), SCICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes)
5YEAS – 0 NAYS

SOLICITORS REPORT (William C. Cole)

No Report

POLICE REPORT (Chief Michael Pitcavage)

Attachment #2

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT (Jeff Gilotti)

Attachment #3

EMERGENCY (Kevin O’Hearn)

No Report

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT (TRI County COG)

No Report

CODE/HEALTH ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT (Russ Moroz)

Attachment #4

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Phillip Scicchitano)

No Report

SERVICE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE (Nicholas Bozza)

Mr. Bozza states that food surplus distribution this month will be held on August 20th from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

MOTION- Mr. Bozza made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to purchase fifteen 5 gallon pails of yellow paint.

ROLL CALL VOTE - BOZZA (yes), DETRICK (absent), MOTYKA (yes), NIGLIO (absent), SCICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes)
5YEAS – 0 NAYS

FINANCE AND PURCHASING COMMITTEE (Stephen Motyka)

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and Mr. Bozza seconded the motion to pay \$3,000.00 to the fire department body for their heating allotment from the first three quarters of this year to carry them through September.

ROLL CALL VOTE - BOZZA (yes), DETRICK (absent), MOTYKA (yes), NIGLIO (absent), SCICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes)
5YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Motyka states that there was some kick back that council does for the volunteers as much as we should, and states that he just wants to make a note that we do tax the citizens at the highest level amount possible from the state. The heating allotment we pay a lot more than other communities, insurance on vehicles, and states that he thinks we pulled some records before that show that we are above the communities around us.

Mr. Motyka states that on the course of volunteer appreciation he wants to make a motion to show more than he just mentioned.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion to cut a check for \$150.00 for firefighter volunteer appreciation cookout.

Mr. Scicchitano asks Mr. Motyka “for who this will be for.” Mr. Motyka replied for the Fire Department Volunteers.

Mr. Scicchitano states that he would like to meet in executive session at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Deitrick states that there is a motion on the floor and asks if we have a second. Mr. Bozza replied that he will second that motion.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bozza to cut a check for \$150.00 for firefighter volunteer appreciation cookout.

SUBSIDIARY MOTION – Mr. Winhofer made a subsidiary motion and was seconded by Mr. Scicchitano to hold off until there is a discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE - BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (yes), MOTYKA (yes), NIGLIO (absent), SCICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes)
5YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Deitrick states that three dates to meet were given to the fire company and asked Jeff Gilotti if they were still working on setting the meeting for one of those dates.

Jeff Gilotti stated that he emailed Rhonda with the date of August 26th.

Mr. Deitrick states that is two weeks from now and asks if everyone is good with that date, Wednesday August 26th at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Deitrick states that he knows that the solicitor is available.

Mr. Bozza asks where the meeting will be held.

Mr. Deitrick replied that it will be held here at the Borough on Wednesday August 26th at 6:00 p.m., here at the Borough.

CODE/HEALTH/SAFETY COMMITTEE (Philip Scicchitano)

No Report

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE (Stephanie Niglio)

No Report

GRANTS AND RECERATION COMMITTEE (Clarence H. Deitrick)

Mr. Deitrick states that we applied for a \$10,000.00 police grant from the Sun-Rise Pipeline and states that our police department is in need of some upgrading n some things, our taser is getting old and that is our only method of non-lethal force right now and states that we are also going to get a shot gun with bean bag rounds as a second form of non-lethal and states that we put in for body cameras which everyone should have now in this day and age, it protects our police and also the public along with a Enradd Speed timing device for us and some new shackles.

Mr. Deitrick states that if we get this grant our police department will be in the 22nd Century. Mr. Bozza questions if that is the pipeline grant. Mr. Deitrick states that it is the one that Mr. Bozza gave him and they investigated it

Mr. Bozza questions if we got anything back on that yet.

Mr. Deitrick states that we did not; we have confirmation that they received the application but did not hear anything back yet.

Mr. Deitrick states that on our DEP grant, the only thing we are waiting on is our new dump truck and the nice surprise is that it came in a month or two ahead of time. It is now up at Bradco getting the truck body and everything put on it.

Mr. Deitrick states that if things work out we should have it in September well ahead of our anticipated November date. Mr. Bozza states that is good we could use it this year. Mr. Deitrick states that it is getting everything on the box needed to finish it. Mr. Deitrick added that we got lucky because sometimes in November, late in the year Bradco gets piled up and it could have been not until next spring that it was ready, so we did get lucky.

Mr. Deitrick states that the other thing he has is concerning the HOME GRANT and states that received was a letter that reads: On behalf of Governor Tom Wolfe I am please to inform you that the Department of Community and Economic Development DCED has approved additional HOME GRANT FUNDS in the amount of \$350,000.00 on top of what was already received for Kulpmont Borough. These funds are provided through the departments 2013 HOME GRANT. The new contract total will be

\$700,000.00. DCED will be releasing details concerning approval of your project to the media within the next six weeks.

Mr. Deitrick states that this was in the beginning of July that we got this.

Mr. Deitrick states that at this time he will now read the following into the minutes:

**HOME Partnership Housing Grant Program
Kulpmont Borough Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)**

Kulpmont Borough Rehabilitation Program

1. What is the purpose of the Program?

To assist very low and low income property owners in the rehabilitation of their homes to

An acceptable Housing Quality Standard.

2. What is the Project Area?

This program is open to Low and very Low income eligible property owners whose property is located in the Borough of Kulpmont, a small concentrated populated municipality located in Southeastern Northumberland County.

3. What home improvements can be made under this program?

All Section 8 deficiencies (Municipal Property Maintenance Code) after identification including, Lead Based Paint Risk Assessment (LBP) with all code deficient priorities which must be corrected first – replacement of unsafe electrical wiring and plumbing, the repair or replacement of deteriorated roofs, porches, steps, storm water spouting, heating furnaces, and smoke detectors. Less critical rehabilitation activities such as insulation, replacement of deteriorated windows, siding, painting, etc. may be undertaken once code deficiencies have been corrected. Under no circumstances will there be funded rehab of Property Aesthetics. Should a home is deemed beyond repair; a municipal property assessment will be performed to determine the home should be recommended for demolition.

4. What are the advantages of such a program?

The primary advantage of such a program is that financial assistance can be provided to low and very low income households, which is much less costly than conventional financing. To assure affordability, very low and low income households are eligible for conditional grants.

5. What types of assistance are available and who can participate?

If the gross household income falls within the current YEAR HOME LIMITS pursuant to adjusted HOME Income Limits for Northumberland County (Annually Adjusted by HUD), you may be eligible for a conditional grant of up to and not exceed \$20,000.00. The conditional grant is subject to

payback to Kulpmont Borough as Grantee at 20% per Year for five (5) years after completion of the Rehabilitation work should the property be sold or conveyed from current Owner within 5 years of project completion.

6. How will households be selected?

This program is completely voluntary, and is not for all those who apply. Applications will be considered on a first come first serve basis in the Targeted Areas mentioned in Item #2 above. To apply, contact the Kulpmont Borough Municipal Office at (570) 373-1521 or Housing Authority of Northumberland County HANC, at (570) 339-5844. SHOULD YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICE, 420 E. 7TH St., MOUNT CARMEL, PA. 17851.



**ATTENTION
KULPMONT BOROUGH HOMEOWNERS**

YOU Are Immediately Invited To
APPLY for **FINANCIAL GRANT ASSISTANCE** under The Borough's
Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program

In cooperation with
The Housing Authority of Northumberland County
The PA Department of Community & Economic Development
The U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development
HOME Investment Partnership Program

Contact the Following: Kulpmont Borough
Municipal Office, 860 Spruce
Street, Kulpmont PA 17834 phone (570) 373-1521 or The
Housing Authority of
Northumberland County HANC, 420 East 7th Street,
Mount Carmel, PA, 17851
Phone (570) 339-5844 to Inquire and Obtain an
Application and answer any
Informational questions.

*[Kulpmont Borough as Grantee maintains Fair Housing- Equal
Opportunity for All]*

BUILDING COMMITTEE (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka states that he has heard back from the Architect and they are 60% done with the drawings and would like to do a site visit to review some of the parking requirements at the actual site plan. Mr. Motyka states that he asked USDA for a key to the old social quarters and they were willing to give us the key but the architect then could not make the meeting. Mr. Motyka states that if we could make arrangements to see the building it may help us to see what equipment may be left for us to auction off or whatever. Mr. Motyka states that between our solicitor and our treasurer they are still working on interim financing.

SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (J. Winhofer, B. Varano and C. Deitrick)

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Deitrick wishes everyone a Happy Labor Day and states that will be before our next meeting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No one spoke

Acting President Deitrick announced that if there are no additional questions at this time council will meet in executive session.

Mr. Deitrick states that Council will now meet in executive session.

MOTION- Phil Scicchitano made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Winhofer to hold off on paying the fire company the \$3,000.00 allotment.

ROLL CALL VOTE- BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (yes), MOTYKA (yes), NIGLIO (absent), SCICCHITANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes)
5 YEAS – 0 NAYS

The acting President Clarence H. Deitrick states that the board met in executive session for approximately 40 minutes.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

**RHONDA WILK
BOROUGH SECRETARY**

DATE OF APPROVAL