

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 25, 2014**

Opening Prayer by Councilperson Clarence H. Deitrick
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the body present,
Kulpmont Borough Council held a Special Meeting
Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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

ALL PRESENT

APPOINTED POSITIONS: Borough Solicitor William C. Cole and Treasurer Paul A. Niglio, Jr.

PRESENT: Russ Moroz Code Officer, Rhonda Wilk Borough Secretary and Police Officer Patrick McAndrew.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Chesney, Steve Matzura, Myron Turlis, Frank Bergonia, Mike Kaleta, Robert Michalkovich, Bernie Nestico and Joe Pancarella.

Bruno Varano announced that at this time council will go into executive session to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation.

The Borough Solicitor William C. Cole states that the board met in executive session for approximately thirty minutes to discuss potential litigation, and personnel matters.

CODE, HEALTH AND SAFETY (Bruno R. Varano)

MOTION- Mr. Winhofer makes the motion and was seconded by Mr. Deitrick for Resolution 703 to change the registration fees of rental units to \$50.00 per unit, per year.

ROLL CALL VOTE – BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (yes), MOTYKA (no), NIGLIO (yes), SCICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes)
6YEAS – 1 NAY

SERVICE AND FACILITIES (Nicholas Bozza)

MOTION- Mr. Bozza makes a motion and was seconded by Mr. Deitrick to purchase a cutting edge for the loader at a cost of 229.00.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

Mr. Bozza announces that the Borough will hold a Surplus Distribution on Thursday March 13th 8a.m. until 12:00 noon

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Novakoski states that on the Borough's website on the front in **RED** any announcements can now be listed there. Mayor Novakoski states that residents may now check the Boroughs site as well as local news, media and radio stations for any upcoming snow announcements. Mayor Novakoski states that he is also checking into other options for announcements.

Mr. Varano states that he believes it will come across on The News Item's alerts and does not know how quick that is going to happen. Mrs. Niglio states that they will do it as long as they have someone down there and said she was told sometimes there are five people in there and sometimes only one person in there so they will do their best as soon as they know.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Varano states that we will now have an opportunity for citizens to be heard and states that we are limiting it to three minutes and asks that if anyone would like to be heard to please limit it to three minutes.

Mr. Deitrick states that when the recent collapse happened in the Borough of Kulpmont Joe Winhofer contacted KPI the Borough Engineer and reads the letter we received from the Engineer, reading as follows:

On February 21, 2014 we were asked to provide a field review of a partially collapsed two story structure located near the intersect of Oak Avenue and 13th Streets. Prior to our arrival the east side of the second story wall had earlier fallen onto the adjoining property causing damage and substantially weakening the remaining walls. Upon our review it appeared that rood of the structure had collapsed under the weight of snow and/or rain accumulation causing the second story block walls to fail.

The second story walls on the west and south sides were both in imminent danger of further collapse. While on site we recommended that the remaining roof and second story walls should be removed as soon as possible to prevent further damage to the neighboring properties and to eliminate the public safety hazard.

It is our understanding that the Borough was to hire a responsible contractor to remove the remaining roof and second story of the structure.

If we could be of any further assistance please call our office.

Michael R. Begis, Municipal Project Manager

Mr. Motyka states that the registration fees were in the budget this year and states that he feels that the budget has to be revisited to see where cuts can be made. Mr. Varano agrees. Mr. Motyka asks if that would be the finance committee to do that. Mr. Varano states that is correct.

Mr. Varano states that council will now go into executive committee to discuss possible litigation on the building collapse building.

The Borough Solicitor William C. Cole states that the board met in executive session for approximately forty minutes to discuss potential litigation.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

**RHONDA WILK
BOROUGH SECRETARY**

DATE OF APPROVAL