

**KULPMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2016**

Opening Prayer by Councilman Clarence H. Deitrick
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by body present, Kulpmont Borough Council held
its regular monthly meeting Tuesday January 4, 2016

President Bruno R. Varano states that this is a meeting for General Purposes on January 4, 2016 at 7:20 p.m.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mayor Novakoski, Clarence H. Deitrick, Bruno R. Varano, Joseph A. Winhofer, George Malakoski and Walter Lutz.

ABSENT: Stephen Motyka, Treasurer Paul A. Niglio, jr., Solicitor William C. Cole.

PRESENT: Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk, Borough Supervisor Bruce Graff, Code Officer Russ Moroz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Politza, Pat Malakoski, Stephanie Niglio, Larry Rompallo, Donna Rompallo and Mike Staugaitis.

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

No one spoke

PRESIDENTS REPORT (Bruno R. Varano)

Mr. Varano states that we have a council vacancy that it seems that nobody wants and states that the person that keeps getting elected to it keeps dodging it so, council is required by law to fill the vacancy within 30 days. Mr. Varano asks if we have a motion to fill this vacancy to council.

MOTION- Mr. Deitrick made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Winhofer to fill the vacancy on council with Mr. Nicholas Goretski, III.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DEITRICK (yes), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (absent), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes)

6 Yeas – 0 Nays

Mr. Varano states that we have a problem with the boiler and states that the condensation tank is leaking pretty badly and the floats are not working, another pipe is leaking as well. Mr. Varano states that a loss prevention inspector from the insurance company was in

and said that we should have this fixed or it could affect our insurance coverage. Mr. Varano states that Steam Services came in out of Selinsgrove and they gave us a price of \$2980.00 to do all of this work and states that he thinks that is a little crazy and when he talked with the inspector he said it should not cost more than about \$500.00. Mr. Varano states that he possibly did not get as good of a look at it as these professionals did, but he did refer us to them.

Mr. Varano questions council on what they think and asks Bruce Graff if when it goes on low water does the boiler shut down.

Bruce Graff states that yes that is why they have the water turned on all of the time so that if it does go down the water is on.

Mr. Varano states that we have been fighting this for two, three years now and that he cannot see putting \$3,000.00 into a building that is going to be torn down and into a pipe that is going to get scrapped.

Mr. Deitrick states that he feels that we should contact the insurance company and see what the liability is if something would happen, if all of our insurance is null and void or what.

Mr. Varano states that he would imagine that it's just like if you loose your heat and the pipes freeze up and such.

Mr. Deitrick states that if that would happen then we would have to have temporary quarters until we were finished with the East End Building.

Mr. Winhofer states that would only happen if it were a Friday night, because over night it would not get that cold in the building to start freezing pipes.

Mr. Deitrick questions if we can get someone else to give us another opinion.

Bruce Graff stated that we did that and it was four thousand something.

Mr. Winhofer questioned what it is.

Bruce Graff stated that the condensation tank that is in the pit has a float and when that gets up high enough it shuts the water off that way the water shuts off in the tank and won't overflow everything.

Bruce Graff stated that the return pipe going back into the condensation pipe, that is leaking and the water is running out of there and we are not getting water back into the tank and that is why we have the water on.

Mr. Winhofer states that you are not re-using the water.

Bruce Graff states that is correct and if any water is getting back in there it is very minimal.

Mr. Winhofer states that all you are really doing is wasting water by not reclaiming the steam that is all.

Mr. Varano added that it is low water pressure so you do not have to worry about it being pressurized.

Mr. Winhofer states that if we were going to stay here for the next ten years then yes, you would want to get it fixed.

Mr. Winhofer questioned Mr. Malakoski and states that he was here and questions what he thinks.

Mr. Malakoski states that he feels that there is no use to put money into it.

Mr. Deitrick states that the cost of water compared to a \$3,000.00 repair cannot be that much.

Mr. Lutz states that it would be hard put to spend \$3,000.00 in water, which is the economics of it.

Mr. Varano agrees we will not spend that in water.

Mr. Varano states let's see what kind of report we get back from the home office, he said there will be a report so let's see what we get back.

MOTION- Mr. Deitrick made a motion to table the decision to repair the boiler and was seconded by Mr. Lutz.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

Mr. Varano states that the fire department is not here and the Treasurer is not here and we will have to wait on our regular meeting to see if the money is available to pay them the remaining \$2,000.00.

Mr. Deitrick suggests that if they are low on oil, why we not just fill the tank.

Mr. Varano states that we should go down and check that tomorrow.

The Mayor states that he can go down and check that tomorrow.

Mr. Varano states that if it is needed then we will fill it out of their second part of last year's allotment.

Mr. Varano states that we had a meeting with them and they said at that time they were running low on oil.

Mr. Varano states that we cut them a check for \$2,000.00 and we did not really have the money because we had all of this money tied up with the state from these grant reimbursements we were waiting on and anyway they were supposed to get oil out of that.

Mayor Novakoski states that \$2,000.00 that is a lot of oil and nobody burned a lot of oil this winter. Mr. Varano states that if they only have a 275 gallon tank we will just fill it.

Mr. Winhofer agrees to just fill it and take it out of the allotment.

Mr. Deitrick states that we do not even need a motion for that.

Mr. Deitrick explains that what Mr. Varano is talking about is we received a DEP grant for recycle bins and a new dump truck and we are waiting on the reimbursement from DEP right now and it is moving kind of slow.

Mr. Deitrick states that it is not as bad as it seems, that is money we have but we do not have it yet so our bottom line is somewhere around \$70,000.00 to the good.

Mr. Lutz asks a question that to get an update on the building who is it that could he and Mr. Malakoski could speak with for an update and status.

Mr. Deitrick replied that he could speak with Mr. Motyka or Russ Moroz.

Mr. Varano states that we could discuss this right now.

Mr. Lutz states that he would be happy to have a meeting at your convenience.

Mr. Varano states that Mr. Motyka will be back in a few days and states that he is away at Disney.

Mr. Winhofer states that he would like to meet in executive session to discuss the building and bring them up to speed fairly quickly. Mr. Lutz replied that whatever works.

Mr. Varano states that if there is not anything else council will now meet in executive session.

Council President Bruno R. Varano states that council met in executive session for approximately one hour to discuss contractual and personnel matters.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

**RHONDA WILK
BOROUGH SECRETARY**

DATE OF APPROVAL