

**KULPMONT BOROUGH  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
January 8, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

Opening Prayer by Councilman Robert Chesney  
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the body present,  
Kulpmont Borough Council held the meeting for general purpose on  
Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mayor Bozza, Robert Chesney, Stephen Bielskie, Robert Fanella, George Malakoski, Michael Sinopoli and Robert Slaby

**ABSENT:** Walter Lutz

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Solicitor, Edward Greco and Treasurer Paul A. Niglio

**PRESENT:** Police Chief Nathan Foust, Borough Supervisor Bruce Graff, Code Official Russ Moroz and Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Joe Politza, Rose Bielskie, Diane Graff and Hope Masser

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

Mr. Stephen Bielskie Vice President of Council asked the citizens if they would like to be heard on anything on the agenda at this time.

No One Spoke

**PRESIDENTS REPORT** – (Walter Lutz)

Mr. Bielskie stated a letter of resignation from the Kulpmont Marion Heights Joint Municipal Authority Board and stated a motion is needed to accept the resignation of Robert Michalkovich from the KMHJMA Board.

**MOTION-** Mr. Chesney made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Fanella to accept the resignation of Robert Michalkovich

**ROLL CALL VOTE-** BIELSKIE (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), SLABY (yes), LUTZ (absent)  
6 YEAS – 0 NAYS

**MOTION**- Mr. Chesney made the motion to advertise for applicants for appointment to the KMHJMA Board.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- BIELSKIE (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), SLABY (yes), LUTZ (absent)  
6 YEAS – 0 NAYS

**MAYORS REPORT**- (Nicholas Bozza)

Mayor Bozza questioned Mr. Chesney stating the last meeting or two meetings ago we discussed about a flashlight for the police department and said they are down to one. Mr. Chesney stated he forgot all about that and will check into it.

Mayor Bozza questioned Mr. Fanella on the shelves needed for the Police Department. Mr. Fanella replied they are checking into metal ones and stated he did speak to the Chief about it. Mr. Fanella stated the Treasurer spoke to him about shelves that are also needed in the office adding they are looking into it.

Mayor Bozza stated the Crime watch will be meeting at Holy Angels next Thursday at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Bozza stated he saw an elder gentleman dumping his ashes off and stated he let him know he couldn't dump them there and told him he needed to go back the road to the pile to dump his ashes. Mayor Bozza stated the gentleman said his car was bottoming out and it was hard for him to make it back there to do that. Mayor Bozza asked if there is anything that could be done to fix that. Mayor Bozza asked Service and Facilities to check it out.

Mayor Bozza stated he donated his Mayor pay the past year to the Kulpmont 100 and so all of his money went back into the borough. Mayor Bozza stated he met with some organizations in town and it just so happens that this year is the American Legions 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the VFW 120-year anniversary. Mayor Bozza stated he plans to donate 6 months of his Mayor pay this year to a flag program for the Borough residents and the remaining 6 months of pay will be donated to a cause to be announced at a future time.

Mayor Bozza asked council to please invite him to all meetings in 2019, he stated he does not know if he should have been invited to the personnel meeting concerning the sewer authority and stated anything pertaining to the Borough or residents he would like to be invited to. Mr. Chesney replied is that he thinks they assumed committee meetings, the people on the committee would do that. Mayor Bozza questioned Mr. Slaby on how that works. Mr. Slaby replied the Mayor should be invited to everything as Mayor, committee meetings, executive sessions, everything.

Mr. Slaby questioned the Mayor on the Police Department only having one flashlight and questioned the Chief on what kind they have and the cost. Chief Foust replied they use the stream light stingers and stated he thinks they were \$120.00 each when they were

purchased last. Mr. Slaby stated you cannot operate with one flashlight and stated if you have two officers on and you have a situation, you cannot operate with one.

**MOTION**- Mr. Slaby made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Fanella to purchase a flashlight for the Police Department not to exceed \$150.00.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- BIELSKIE (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), SLABY (yes), LUTZ (absent)  
6 YEAS – 0 NAYS

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**- (Rhonda Wilk)

Approval is needed on the December 11, 2018 monthly meeting minutes and the January 2, 2019 special meeting minutes.

**MOTION**- Mr. Slaby made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Sinopoli to approve the meeting minutes from December 11, 2018 and January 2, 2019.

**VOICE VOTE** –

Unanimous

**TREASURERS REPORT** – (Paul A. Niglio)

Mr. Niglio stated everyone received a copy of the financial statement and stated a motion is needed to approve and to pay the bills.

**MOTION**- Mr. Malakoski made the motion and Mr. Fanella seconded the motion to approve the financial statement and to pay the bills.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- BIELSKIE (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), SLABY (yes), LUTZ (absent)  
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**SOLICITORS REPORT**- (Edward Greco)

The Solicitor stated there was a hearing scheduled last month for disbursements from an Industrial Fund, he stated it was continued and stated he sent that information over to the Borough.

**POLICE CHIEFS REPORT** – (Nathan Foust)

Chief Foust stated the report for December is attached and stated going forward the report will change. He stated there will no longer be a miscellaneous category, there will be a total breakdown of each category.

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT** – (Raymond Siko)

Fire Chief Report Attachment #3

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** – (Kevin O’ Hearn)

No Report

**BUILDING INSPECTOR’S REPORT**– (Tri County COG)

No report

**CODE/HEALTH ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT** – (Russ Moroz)

Report attachment #4

Russ Moroz stated it is going to start getting warm again before you know it and stated we still have a lot of garbage out there without lids.

**SERVICE AND FACILITIES** – (Robert Fanella)

Mr. Fanella announced the food surplus distribution will be held in the Borough on January 17, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Borough Garage.

**MOTION**- Mr. Fanella made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Slaby to advertise the 2019 Street Sweeper Schedule the first week of February.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- BIELSKIE (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), SLABY (yes), LUTZ (absent)  
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**FINANCE/PURCHASING**– (Robert Slaby)

No Report

**CODE HEALTH AND SAFETY** (Stephen Bielskie)

No Report

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** - (George Malakoski)

No Report

**GRANTS/RECREATION** - (Walter Lutz)

No Report

**PERSONNEL-** (Michael Sinopoli)

No Report

**FIRE/EMA/POLICE COMMITTEE** – (Chesney, Sinopoli and Fanella)

Mr. Chesney stated we received the report from the Fire Chief and stated they did not have any extra man hours this month. Mr. Chesney stated in the near future we are going to call a general fire meeting just to discuss the status of the department and what is needed on both sides in order to have a clear understanding of everyone's responsibilities.

Mr. Chesney stated while the government shut down is in place we cannot even speak to our main contact Ann. Mr. Chesney encouraged all residents to contact their congresspeople and ask them to please end this so that not only so that Federal workers can take care of their families, but that so other projects could move forward also.

Mr. Chesney stated he has been in contact with people in the County and stated we may be in line for blight money and stated that will help us with some of these buildings that have been neglected over the years.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

No one spoke

**OLD BUSINESS** –

None

**NEW BUSINESS-**

Mr. Chesney stated throughout the history of the Borough our meetings have always been the second Tuesday of each month. Mr. Chesney stated however since the Kulpmont Marion Heights Joint Municipal Authority has deemed it necessary to switch their meeting to the exact day and time of our historically scheduled meeting he stated as borough officials he feels that we should follow the intent of our opening prayer which urges us to do what is best for the citizens we represent to the best of our ability.

Mr. Chesney stated with that stated he feels we are compelled to alter our decades long standing date. Mr. Chesney stated changing the date would make it feasible for all citizens who would like to attend both meetings with little conflict as possible.

**MOTION-** Mr. Chesney made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Slaby to change the monthly meeting dates to the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- BIELSKIE (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes),  
MALAKOSKI (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), SLABY (yes), LUTZ (absent)  
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**MOTION**- Mr. Chesney made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Fanella to advertise  
the meeting date changes to the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- BIELSKIE (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes),  
MALAKOSKI (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), SLABY (yes), LUTZ (absent)  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

none

**ADJOURNMENT**

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**Rhonda Wilk**  
**Borough Secretary**

**Date of Approval** \_\_\_\_\_