

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 8, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

Opening Prayer by Councilman Mr. Chesney
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the body present,
Kulpmont Borough Council held the meeting for general purpose on
Wednesday June 8, 2022

Roll call was taken, and the following members were present: Mayor Slaby, Stephen Bielskie, Mike Bradley, Robert Chesney, Joseph Dowkus, Marlin Hodge, Stephen Motyka and Bernard Novakoski

ABSENT: none

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Solicitor Edward Greco, Treasurer Paul A. Niglio, Borough Supervisor Bruce Graff, Code Official Heather Owens, and Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Ridner, Lynn Ridner, Edwin Howerter, Joe Politza, Raymond J. Siko and Nick Bozza.

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

No one spoke

PRESIDENTS REPORT – (Stephen Bielskie)

Mr. Bielskie stated he and Heather met with owners of the mill and discussed borough expectations. Mr. Bielskie stated they are waiting for power right now and should be two or three weeks.

Mr. Bielskie stated we have a property on Pine Street and stated the contractor contacted him and they are going to move equipment in for the demolition.

Mr. Bielskie stated we have been getting many complaints on ATV's going through our Streets and stated we are going to look into whatever other communities do as far as ATV's.

Mr. Bielskie stated at the intersection of 11th and Scott Street many kids play there and cars blow right through the stop sign. He added the neighbors came to him and wanted a speed bump to put in to slow them down. Mr. Motyka stated we had a flashing red light to go on the stop sign, he added we used it before and possibly that would help. Mr. Motyka asked Bruce if we have that somewhere and we can put that up. Bruce Graff

stated he does not know where it is at, he stated he will try to locate it. Bruce Graff stated it was flashing yellow, not red. Bruce stated he thinks it was yellow, yellow or red. Mr. Dowkus stated the day before that accident happened there, he told the kids to go play in the field and they did, he stated you never know and can't predict such things.

MAYORS REPORT- (Robert Slaby)

Mayor Slaby stated he has nothing to report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda Wilk stated approval of the May 11, 2022, meeting minutes is needed.

MOTION- Mr. Dowkus made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Novakoski to approve the meeting minutes from May 11, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE- NOVAKOSKI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), BRADLEY (yes), CHESNEY (yes), DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), HODGE (yes)
7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Rhonda Wilk stated under correspondence we received the following:

Northumberland County Dept of Economic Development and Planning – Re:
Implementation of the Northumberland County Act 167 Stormwater Management Ordinance – Copy Mayor/Council and Solicitor

Mr. Motyka stated the first line states each municipality in Northumberland County much adopt an ordinance and asked Solicitor Greco to review before the next meeting. Solicitor Greco agreed.

A letter from County of Northumberland Office of the Commissioners – Community Notice Letter - Re: 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Copy Mayor/Council/Solicitor

Mr. Motyka stated there is a pile of money here to apply for if anyone has any ideas. Mr. Motyka stated years past he attended meetings and the Borough was not able to qualify due to being to wealthy of a community. Mr. Motyka stated it would require local surveys to be done. Mr. Motyka stated if anyone on council would like to look into this it is a big obstacle but if you want to do local surveys for resident income.

Holy Angels Parish – Re: Parish Picnic- Requesting Closure of the 800 block of Fir Street Friday August 5th and Saturday August 6th from 3:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Copy Mayor/Council

Mr. Novakoski stated we should consider until 12 midnight because people from the parish are still at that time putting things away and transporting things.

MOTION- Mr. Dowkus made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Novakoski to close the 800 block of Fir Street from 3 p.m. to 12 midnight.

ROLL CALL VOTE- NOVAKOSKI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), BRADLEY (yes), CHESNEY (yes), DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), HODGE (yes)
7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

TREASURERS REPORT (Paul Niglio)

Mr. Niglio stated you all received a copy of the financial statement and bills to be paid. Approval is needed to pay the bills.

MOTION- Mr. Chesney made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Dowkus to approve and pay the bills.

ROLL CALL VOTE- NOVAKOSKI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), BRADLEY (yes), CHESNEY (yes), DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), HODGE (yes)
7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

SOLICITORS REPORT- (Edward Greco)

Solicitor Greco stated he did send a letter concerning the mill to Eli. Solicitor Greco stated they did contact him back and stated Mr. Bielskie did report on that.

Solicitor Greco stated a letter was sent out to Service Electric regarding the franchise and within a week he received a letter asking what changes the borough would like to see and so it was referred back to the Ordinance Committee adding we may start with the concern over the removal of wires that are no longer used.

Mr. Chesney commented, at this time this is open for debate. Solicitor Greco replied, “yes,” as far as changes adding an increase in fee would come back to the borough subscribers.

Mr. Motyka stated we are looking at overhead wires not being used for 6 months to be removed from the right of ways. Mr. Motyka commented it would really clean up the town.

POLICE CHIEFS REPORT – (Stephen Mazzeo, Officer in Charge)

Officer Mazzeo stated the report is attached

Officer Mazzeo stated he included in the packet for the Ordinance Committee sections of vehicle code and stated he has also received several complaints and stated they have been resolved.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT – (Kevin O’Hearn)

Chief Kevin O’ Hearn stated the report is attached. He stated the fire department trains on Wednesday night and so there is conflict with that and stated he is a member for 40 years and to him and the guy’s training is more important and saves lives. He stated it is much more important for them to attend training. He asked council to contact them if there is something that comes up that needs to be addressed so someone may attend but otherwise, they are not going to skip training nights to attend a meeting when they have nothing additional to add.

Chief O’Hearn stated out of respect they came here today to see if there are any issues. He stated recently they have had two fires in the borough and training they go through all the necessary review of equipment adding they just purchased a new squad. Chief O’Hearn stated that is going to cost over \$300,000.00 when it is done. Chief O’Hearn stated the fire department is paying the entire cost of that and it is being upgraded to be more efficient and effective to current standards and we are going to be spending much time to get the unit ready over the next several months. He added until it is all done and said it will cost us another \$50,000.00 in equipment.

Chief O’Hearn asked to please understand that their time is important to them to try and protect the citizens of the Borough and ask for Council’s cooperation. Chief O’Hearn stated Rhonda knows how to get a hold of him and stated they will make sure he or Ray, Marshall, Matt or one of the other officers attend the meeting.

Chief O’Hearn stated going forward if nothing additional is needed from them they will be attending training. Chief O’Hearn addressed Mr. Niglio’s concern from the May meeting on who they report to. He stated the report they give to the borough is what they have given to the borough and stated if there were something more Council would like to see to please let him know. Chief O’Hearn stated they report every call they go out on to the State of Pennsylvania. He stated they report every time, members, equipment used, training update, any injury, everything. Chief O’Hearn stated they require them to do so and so there is a more in-depth report required every time. Chief O’Hearn stated the report required is being completed by his son and an average call takes about 20 minutes with a structure fire it takes over one hour to complete. He stated also insurance companies will ask for a report and that is what is given to them.

Chief O’Hearn stated he thought Mr. Niglio had a very legitimate question and stated he came this evening to express this information. He stated he has been a Chief for 25 years and after doing it for so long you sometime do not think about other people not really understanding it because we are so involved in what we do. He stated he appreciates the Boroughs assistance and stated we do have a good working relationship; and stated they are not coming to meetings purposely. Chief O’Hearn stated as leaders of the department it shows the members, we are there with them and stated they are fortunate to have so many active members at this time and stated they are one of the few departments to be able to add members.

Chief O'Hearn stated they have been successful in the Junior department and have had many come up the ranks the years and some recent interest and stated he only asks for Council's cooperation with what they are trying to do.

Mayor Slaby stated the Fire Chief Stephen Jeffrey in the City of Shamokin in a meeting after the fire on the 500 block of Spruce Street, he wanted the department to know how well they did in avoiding a catastrophe and the department did a magnificent job in stopping the fire from not burning the whole block burn down.

Chief O'Hearn stated in the future if you have any questions or concerns feel free to reach out anytime and stated he would rather be called and get the right answer.

Mr. Hodge stated he was looking into and trying to get the siren back in Kulpmont and contacted Jamie Hosterman of Keystone Communications and stated he said The company has added sirens many times before to many municipalities. He said commented and advised the following.

- Will the siren double as storm warning or just station call out?
- A receiver would be installed that can decipher the tone and acknowledge that's it's a Kulpmont ton.
- Must get Northumberland County 911 center on board. They must approve.
- He asked that the fire company themselves be contacted.
- He recommended that the public be notified that we are adding back a siren. He has seen residents complain if not notified.
- He asked if we would be installing a new siren or reusing the old one.
- He asked about location and if it would be like mounted or building mounted.

Once we get 911 permission, we can schedule this gentleman to visit Kulpmont and provide a price.

Ray Siko stated he spoke with Mr. Hodge concerning the siren and stated they did away with the sirens when the new 911 center went into effect, and we change systems. Ray Siko explained that tones were eliminated by Northumberland County and there are no more tones for it. Ray Siko explained how the siren worked bay in the day and what would be required today for a siren.

Ray Siko explained the amount of calls and the cost for a siren when it would be tripped to go off. He also explained how sirens would go off for numerous types of calls. Ray Siko presented council with some examples of issues an incidents other municipalities had come across that utilized sirens. Ray Siko explained the modern use of cell phones and how alerts are set out over cell phones today and the efficiency of these alerts. He explained pros and cons of a siren and the concern for liability in having a siren.

Chief O'Hearn stated obviously it is up to the Borough Council on what they want to do. Ray Siko added the siren may go off 300 or 400 times per year. Mr. Chesney questioned what their suggestion is. Chief O'Hearn stated they have not had one for several years

and they don't miss a beat, its originally purpose was to alert volunteers. Ray Siko stated now a day there are cell phones, scanners etc.....

The Fire department expressed concern on the mill with powering back. Mr. Bielskie stated there was a new service put in and stated he is not leaving them go in there without recharging the sprinkler system. Mr. Motyka questioned if the power now is only to the lower building. Mr. Bielskie confirmed it is only to the lower building at this time. Ray Siko stated the sprinkler system in the bigger building froze and blew out and is inoperable. Mr. Bielskie stated they spoke about putting a new water line in there within a few months.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – (Kevin O' Hearn)

Kevin O'Hearn stated he has nothing to report and stated when there is anything he forwards the information to Rhonda and stated that is few and far in between.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT– (Tri County COG)

Mr. Bielskie stated where Archies restaurant was that will be opening back up as a pool room and they are making some renovations on the back porch.

Mr. Hodge questioned what he knows about Bressi Market. Mr. Bielskie stated if they go to open, he will not let them. He stated he knows they are cleaning up right now. Mr. Bielskie stated what it is now is mercantile and from what he heard there would be wine tasting and so it would then go to assembly. He explained a change in occupancy, a different occupancy would require ADA compliance.

CODE/HEALTH ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT – (Heather Owens)

Report attached

Mr. Chesney said keep doing what you are doing Heather, don't give up.

SERVICE AND FACILITIES – (Wm. Mike Bradley)

Mr. Bradley reminded residents the food distribution will be held this month on June 23rd from 8:00 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Borough Garage.

Mr. Bradley stated an emergency purchase was made to purchase from Hilly Ridge a tire for the 2017 Mark X Lawn Mower, \$131.00.

Mr. Bradley questioned the borough grass cutting and said he is looking for clarification on this because he kind of got hit with it and was kind of surprised that the borough cuts peoples grass and asked why we do it. Solicitor Greco replied we are not cutting grass just to do it; we are trying to eliminate a potential nuisance. The Solicitor said Heather first cites and sends notices out notifying the grass is high and to cut within this amount

of time. Solicitor Greco said if they don't cut it and we do, we are keeping track and liens are then placed against the property. Mr. Bradley stated Bruce told him they barley use the truck and they use the weedwhacker and the hourly rate is \$15.00. Mr. Bradley commented, "we are not even breaking even on that." Mr. Bradley stated the fees should be updated.

Bruce Graff asked if Council realizes the grass, they are cutting is not 6" high, it is chest high. Bruce Graff stated they are going in there with no way of knowing what is in there, snakes, rats. He stated he understands clean it up as they are saying, but they are going in there praying the noise of the weedwhacker is going to chase everything away.

Mr. Bradley stated he is sure if one of these landscaping companies cut it, they would charge a couple hundred dollars. Solicitor Greco replied we are not supposed to make money, but we should at least cover our costs.

Mr. Bielskie stated Mayor Slaby stated they charge \$50.00 in Shamokin and stated we need to figure out what our costs are and at the next meeting vote on it and approve it. Solicitor Greco stated besides the hourly rate the equipment cost and gas.

Bruce Graff questioned why they are cutting grass when someone is living in the house. Solicitor Greco stated, again they were given notice. Bruce Graff replied, "it does not matter," and asked why they are cutting the grass when someone is living in the house. The Code Officer, Heather Owens stated they were fined and then given the lien notice. Bruce Graff stated the lady came out and was giving him, grief and he stated he gave Heather the phone.

Mayor Slaby stated as government you are responsible to provide safety and if there are rats running around and someone could show you pictures, you better do something about it. Mr. Motyka questioned how it is Bruce is allowed to go on private property, but Heather cannot step a foot on private property.

Solicitor Greco replied we have the authority to eliminate a nuisance and we give them a notice and say you do it and if you don't do it, we are going to. Mr. Bradley stated when we act, it seems like a very minimal force.

Mr. Bradley stated he is sure these people from New Jersey are looking at this like, "Hell, I pay more than this to have the grass cut I will just let these guys keep doing it," it is not supposed to be convenient it is supposed to be extremely inconvenient. Mr. Bielskie stated he believes all these people have had citations. Mr. Bradley stated this has nothing to do with Heather and said she does a bang-up job. Solicitor Greco stated the document is a great way to keep track.

Mr. Bradley stated today on the phone Bruce told him he is doing 17 lawns. Bruce Graff stated 17 yards already. Mr. Bradley stated he does not think taxpayers are responsible for mowing yards. Mayor Slaby questioned Bruce that there are 17 properties. Bruce replied 17 he is doing; some are doubles and there are two more she gave him. Mr.

Bradley commented Heather is on fire adding she is on top of things. Bruce Graff stated he does not do anything until she gives him the paperwork. Solicitor Greco addressed Bruce Graff and stated you have to understand there is probably a property owner on each side that will probably start screaming that their neighbor's grass is 4' high and so you must understand your eliminating a nuisance. Bruce Graff replied saying his wife's phone is blowing off the wall. Solicitor Greco stated you are eliminating a nuisance and an unhappy taxpayer, and again you should get the money back but unfortunately you must expend it and cite it.

Mr. Bradley stated we will table it and do some research, but he feels the fees are way to low and does not think it should be a convenience to anybody it should be an inconvenience to have the borough cut your grass.

Mr. Novakoski stated we could call Landscape Services and ask what they charge, of course they would be charging for profit. Mr. Novakoski gave an example on a lawn that was not cut for a few weeks, and it was very high and is not even 50' x 80' long and it took him a while to cut it and so he stated he could relate.

Treasurer Paul Niglio stated with 17 properties that is approximately 50 or 60 hours and we have two full time employees and one part time, you can't get anything done. Bruce Graff stated there are at least 20 more out there that he seen.

Heather Owens stated the grass season before she started there were 19 properties and they were just mowed, there was no lien process or anything. She stated the one property address she gave to Bruce, she gave him because she did not think it was going to be mowed and the letter said it was to be mowed by this date, and it was mowed. Heather stated some of the properties are new owners and do not know how we work. She said she will send them a bill now and if they don't pay it, we will then file the lien.

Heather Owens stated there are 8 properties that are delinquent tax properties and most of them are two and three years. Solicitor Greco commented that is the problem, the County is not going to take this responsibility to mow those and so if we don't take the action nobody is. Mr. Bradley questioned if then we are then obligated by law then to cut the grass. Mr. Greco replied, "no, we are obligated to cut grass we are eliminating nuisances, it does not say cut the grass." Mr. Bradley stated he understands but unfortunately like Paul said, "we are tying up our street department," and they do a great job. Mr. Bradley stated Heather is doing a fabulous job, he stated we are taking a beating on this. Mr. Motyka stated for instance we mowed the grass at the mill for ten years and all liens were waived, and we got stuck, not a nickel out of it.

Bruce Graff stated he was here for 13 years and does not think there was ever any money collected for cutting grass. Heather stated she is certain there was a property owner that paid the amount when a letter was sent out with the amount to be placed as a lien.

Solicitor Greco stated if you go for refinancing or a mortgage and then suddenly there is a lien on the property. Mr. Bradley stated that is pretty serious. Solicitor Greco stated The

News Item is here tonight and hopefully they will put something in the paper that Kulpmont is not going to tolerate high grass and you will be getting fined, we will take an aggressive approach to it.

Bruce Graff stated as he said, again, why are we cutting grass if somebody lives in the house. Solicitor Greco replied, like he said it is a nuisance. Bruce Graff replied, what he is saying is why can't they hire somebody to cut the grass, and why is the street department being hired out to cut the grass when somebody lives there.

Solicitor Greco replied, because Heather fines them and they haven't taken any action..... Bruce Graff interjected and said the lady did come out after them when they were cutting the grass and asked what you are doing. Bruce said he told the lady they are cutting the grass, and this is what they were told to do. Bruce Graff said the lady asked who told him to do it and he said so he called Heather on the phone, adding he did not know she was on vacation, stating he did not know that. Bruce said he gave her the phone and said here, you talk to the lady. Bruce Graff said Heather talked to the lady.

Solicitor Greco stated she was fined and will get the lien on her property. Heather Owens stated that is what she told her. Bruce Graff said, "do you know what she said to us when we left, thank you, like we did it for nothing. He said don't get him wrong it is marked down on his paper, but she figured it out this is great, you guys cut my yard. Bruce Graff stated she said," don't cut my flowers down" and stated he asked how you could see them commenting the grass if 5' high. Mr. Motyka stated we can't misuse manpower and keep falling behind on the streets.

Mr. Dowkus stated in the early 2000 he recalls high school buddies working here in the borough weed whacking the curbs, he said it was not community service, but he does not know what it was, but it is something we need to look into.

Mayor Slaby stated another thing we can investigate is Northumberland County juvenile probation. Mr. Chesney stated a concern would be liability. Mayor Slaby stated the insurance is not as expensive as you would think, it is cheap, and you would want to have that. Mayor Slaby stated Mr. Zielinski, a former Shamokin football coach often has kids in the juvenile system that could do this.

Mr. Motyka stated Magistrate Cole reached out to him concerning community service and he stated he does not think this is the avenue we should use them on adding we should use them on our own parks, this is a slippery slope.

Bruce Graff stated his thing is if you guys want to do that stuff, you better have someone to watch them because he is not going to babysit adding he has his own work to do. Bruce Graff stated Zielinski was here a few years ago and he had aids and they watched them. Mr. Motyka stated we used prisoners from the Federal Government that helped with the parking lot across the street and stated if we did that he would be there as then.

Bruce Graff stated he won't get anything done if he must babysit. Mr. Dowkus stated we will look into it, stating we have to, and we are shooting ourselves in the foot here. Mr. Bielskie stated we will get some numbers for next month. Bruce Graff asked if we are going to trust them to drive our \$13,000.00 lawn mower and not to hit rocks and break something on it. Solicitor Greco stated it would be something like painting curbs something like that. Bruce Graff agreed and said he is not comfortable with that.

Mr. Bradley thanked everyone for brining him up to speed on that adding it kind of hit him off guard and stated obviously it is something we are going to address.

Mr. Motyka reported he has been working with the Kulpmont 100 and stated a hole has been dug for the brand new \$14,000.00 clock for at the town park and are ready to go and pour concrete on Friday. Mr. Motyka stated it is 33' off the center of the highway. Mr. Bradley commented and said something Mayor Slaby brought up today was if anyone checked with PennDOT.

Mr. Motyka stated if we are not in their right of way and 33' is the right of way. Mr. Bradley stated 50' is the right of way is what he tells me. Mr. Motyka replied no, no it is not. Mr. Motyka stated "well, they are going to pour concrete for this on Friday." Mr. Motyka asked how 50' could be the setback when 50' would be in people's kitchens.

Mayor Slaby said he does not have a problem with it and asked not to take him wrong stating he is being told that by PennDOT. Mr. Motyka stated, concrete is going in on Friday and asked the question, "what do you want me to do, stop it? Mr. Bradley questioned if it would be possible for them to say you must move that clock. Members of Council agreed it would be possible, with Mr. Niglio stating it is a state law. Mayor Slaby referred to a situation at the end of town what was Kuzo Auto Sales and said they are in litigation about that.

Mr. Motyka stated if you carried our sidewalk in town park East and West you would be into everyone's porch that everyone does work on. Mr. Motyka stated we are far enough back in his eyes and asked how we move forward. Solicitor Greco questioned if we have the plans for Kulpmont, for the whole town on what they will tear up. Mr. Niglio replied "no," and stated they asked the borough if we had any plans, they are tearing up and rebuilding the whole thing.

Mr. Niglio stated the law is only on new development and was not in existence back then. Solicitor Greco suggested to get in touch with PennDOT and stated some laws state 120' but that would never be possible in the Borough. Mr. Chesney questioned about the Gazebo; it has been there for years. Mr. Bradley stated that is not considered to be a permanent structure. Solicitor Greco stated someone should reach out to PennDOT and verify.

Mr. Motyka questioned if they are going to provide him a document for Kulpmont. Solicitor Greco stated he is not saying they are right, and you are wrong and suggested for he or someone from the Kulpmont 100 to reach out to PennDOT. Solicitor Greco

stated if not, shoot him an email and he will reach out. Mr. Bradley stated so what if you pour the concrete, you're not putting a clock up. Mr. Dowkus stated then you will just be wasting all that money on concrete, and it is not cheap anymore. Mr. Bradley stated you understand chances are this is going to happen but without a guarantee you don't want to put out a whole lot of money. Mr. Motyka commented just 15' down the street Giorgini just put a wall up that is closer to the highway than this clock would be.

FINANCE/PURCHASING – (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka stated he is still trying to schedule a meeting with the members of finance committee.

CODE HEALTH AND SAFETY- (Marlin Hodge)

No Report

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - (Joseph Dowkus)

Mr. Dowkus stated he contacted Mr. Lyons from PennDOT concerning the traffic light and will meet with the committee to address the red light. Mr. Dowkus stated the light is only red for a couple seconds and stated Mr. Lyons has all the documentation in his computer and stated it could be a potential problem. He stated he wants to meet the 3rd. or 4th week of June.

Mr. Dowkus stated he wants to also provide information on ARLE and the GLG Grants available for maintenance on the controller. Mr. Dowkus stated Kreco Electric came down and looked at the apparatus that is in there and it is very old. He stated it has been maintained but we are waiting on a price on the controller, which the grant would cover.

Mr. Dowkus stated we need to nail down when we could meet, those of us that work will not be able to make it and so I hope that one or all of us on that committee could meet and alleviate a big safety issue.

Mr. Dowkus stated we have been back and forth with the Red X program and stated the Solicitor reviewed it. He stated Shamokin uses it and so if you drive through Shamokin and see the Red X's on the houses, it is another safety measure they are doing and we are moving in that direction as well.

Mr. Dowkus states concerning the side-by-side ordinances, he provided council members with the state ordinance as well as two others from Boroughs in Pennsylvania. He stated we need to narrow down as to what we need and how our police force is going to handle these situations to keep our citizens safe.

MOTION- Mr. Dowkus made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to advertise the Red X program.

ROLL CALL VOTE- NOVAKOSKI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), BRADLEY (yes), CHESNEY (yes), DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), HODGE (yes)
7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Dowkus stated there has unfortunately been a couple fires in town and some buildings that need to be razed and so just another step in the right direction to keep our citizens safe in Kulpmont.

Mr. Dowkus stated the committee needs to get together on the ATV Ordinance. He commented we need to set a precedent and we need to get tough on this stuff because people are getting away with it and think it is the norm. Mr. Dowkus stated obviously if they are trailer in their ATV's they don't live in the borough. He stated these outdoorsmen come and see us in Kulpmont acting up and not following rules they are going to follow suit.

GRANTS/RECREATION – (Robert Chesney)

Mr. Chesney stated Mr. Motyka did hit on the CDBG and stated the meeting is tomorrow at 6:30 adding it is based on population and income. Mr. Motyka stated the sewer authority got it one time, but a survey was required door to door, block by block.

Mr. Motyka stated on the 21st the County will present the check in the amount of \$300,000.00 and stated he will not be available to go. Mayor Slaby will accept the check. Mr. Chesney questioned if that is a 50/50 match? Mr. Motyka replied, "no."

Mr. Motyka stated we met the criteria, and they funded our project. Mr. Niglio stated our amendment does not state that it just states to be used for certain things, we don't have to spend \$300,00.00 we must spend their \$300,000.00. Mr. Motyka stated our proposal states we are going to spend the \$200,00.00 we have and the \$100,000.00 we have from Seventh Street to meet the 50/50 match. He stated we are currently designing \$600,000.00 in storm water improvements in this borough.

Mr. Motyka stated in addition to this money on the 24th of this month our Growing Greener Plus application is going in for another \$400,000.00 for all of the inlets and so we might be up to \$1,000,000.00. Mr. Bielskie stated that is one of our biggest problems here, because we are losing our roads.

Mr. Motyka stated and with the County and State Conservation District is calling on Wood Street which is half in Mt. Carmel Township, they are confident the project would fund and that would be an additional \$50,000.00. Mr. Motyka stated in addition the water company is doing 8,000 feet of water line and are required to pave curb to curb. He commented over the next year and a half we should see more street work in this town than in the last 30 years. Mr. Bielskie commented they canceled the third meeting they were supposed to have with us.

PERSONNEL- (Joseph J. Dowkus, III)

Mr. Dowkus stated a new officer, Jarrod Scandle was added part time to work 25 to 28 hours per week. He added he has 14 years' experience and was in the military.

Mr. Dowkus stated we are working on trying to hire some additional part time officers and will hopefully soon have some more coverage here.

MOTION- A motion was made by Mr. Dowkus and seconded by Mr. Chesney to ratify the hiring of Jarrod Scandle to work part time 25 to 28 hours per week.

ROLL CALL VOTE- NOVAKOSKI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), BRADLEY (yes), CHESNEY (yes), DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), HODGE (yes)
7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

FIRE/EMA/POLICE COMMITTEE – (Joseph J. Dowkus, III – Vice Chair)

No Report

Mr. Dowkus stated he asked the Fire and EMA committee to open up the communications and stated everything was covered today with Mr. O'Hearn and Mr. Siko coming here this evening, including the Red X program.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No one spoke

OLD BUSINESS-

Mr. Hodge stated we voted on having the monument put out here a few meetings ago and stated nothing was done yet in placing the monument. Mr. Motyka stated we have some projects going on this summer in the borough and stated he will get with Tom and will get that placed.

NEW BUSINESS-

Mr. Motyka stated he was passed information on about two very successful residents, Joe Jazz Diminick and Joe Cesari, family members asked that we recognize their accomplishments and stated he was very impressed by what he read and will distribute the information to members of council, and we can discuss some plan forward.

Bruce Graff asked with the car cruise coming next week if he is posting Chestnut Street for Sunday. He stated he will get in touch with Joe on a time frame.

Mayor Slaby stated basically it is their 20th anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Chesney asked all to remember June 14th is Flag Day and wished all a happy Father's Day and for a happy July 4th Holiday

ADJOURNMENT

The June 9, 2022, meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair

**Rhonda Wilk
Borough Secretary**

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