

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
June 9, 2021
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
Wednesday June 9, 2021

Robert M. Slaby asked for a moment of silence for a member of our community
Joe Pancerella. Mr. Slaby stated he was involved with the Kulpmont 100 and many
projects here in the borough.

Roll call was taken, and the following members were present: Mayor Bozza, Stephen Bielskie, Robert Chesney, Joseph Dowkus, Robert Fanella, Stephen Motyka, Michael Sinopoli and Robert M. Slaby.

ABSENT: none

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Solicitor Edward Greco, Chief Foust, Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk and Code Official Heather Owens.

OTHERS PRESENT: Barry Fetterman, Jeff Gilotti, Lynn Ridner and William Ridner.

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

PRESIDENTS REPORT – (Robert M. Slaby)

Mr. Slaby asked at this time anyone that would like to be heard on anything that is on the agenda.

No one spoke.

Mr. Slaby stated council will at this time meet in executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Council met in executive session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters.

MAYORS REPORT- (Nicholas Bozza)

Mayor Bozza stated as a reminder the Community Yard Sale will be held on June 19th from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and the rain date will be June 26th.

Mayor Bozza stated under correspondence a letter was received and copied to all concerning the church picnic and stated a letter authorizing permission to close the 800 block of Fir Street is also being requested and can be addressed under correspondence.

Mayor Bozza stated a letter was also received from David Shinskie requesting permission to hold a First Responders Parade and also asking for a letter if approval is granted. Mayor Bozza stated this may be addressed and discussed under correspondence.

Mayor Bozza asked people to be considerate to their neighbors, not only with recreational fires, but fireworks. There have been many complaints and issues with smoke from back yard fires recently. The Borough has an Ordinance

Council and Chief Foust discussed issues with recreational fires. Mayor Bozza stated the problem is way out of control. Foust agreed and stated the borough recently smelled like one big fire pit. It was discussed the fact the borough has an ordinance for recreational fires and some, most residents are in violation.

A discussion took place concerning fireworks and according to state law, commonwealth residents age 18 and older can purchase Class C fireworks such as firecrackers and bottle rockets. Those fireworks, however, cannot be set off within 150 feet of an occupied structure.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda Wilk stated approval is needed for the regular meeting minutes from May 11, 2021.

MOTION – A motion by Mr. Bielskie and seconded by Mr. Sinopoli to approve the May 11, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)
7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Rhonda Wilk stated correspondence was received from Holy Angels requesting to close the 800 block of Fir Street during the picnic hours from 3:00 p.m. until 11 p.m. on August 6th and 7th, that letter was copied to both Mayor and Council.

MOTION- Mr. Fanella Made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bielski to close the requested block of Fir Street for the Church picnic.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)
7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Rhonda Wilk stated a letter was also received from David Shinskie of the Kulpmont 100 requesting permission to conduct a ceremony at 10:00 a.m. at the corner of 8th and Chestnut Streets paying tribute to first responders and seeking permission to have a

parade beginning at 1:00 p.m. the committee is seeking consideration in allowing this honorable service for First Responders. That letter was copied to both Council and Mayor.

MOTION- Mr. Sinopoli made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Dowkus to grant the K100 permission for parade honoring the first responders and permission to apply to close the street.

Mr. Slaby stated he believes there is a new application that PennDOT is requiring for a special event.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)
7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Slaby asked Rhonda to respond to the Kulpmont 100 with a letter granting permission for the Kulpmont 100 to proceed with the events to honor the First Responders.

Rhonda Wilk stated a letter was received from E. Noll of 745 Chestnut Street requesting permission to set up a free party in front of home, the letter was copied to both Mayor and Council.

A brief discussion took place and it was decided to table any decision at this time. Mayor Bozza agreed to discuss with the person making the request and get more information.

A letter was received from PA Department of Environmental Protection and that was copied to both Mayor and Council.

TREASURERS REPORT – (Paul A. Niglio)

Mr. Niglio stated the report is attached and list of bills to be paid for approval.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)
7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

SOLICITORS REPORT- (Edward Greco)

Solicitor Greco stated the deed has been prepared for Mr. Mark Kraynak, purchaser of the property on Chestnut Street and stated he is responsible for recording the deed.

POLICE CHIEFS REPORT – (Nathan Foust)

Police Report Attachment #2

MOTION- Mr. Sinopoli made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Fanella to accept the police report.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

FIRE CHIEF REPORT – (Jeff Gilotti)

Fire Chief Report Attachment #3

MOTION- Mr. Fanella made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Sinopoli to accept the report.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – (Kevin O’ Hearn)

No Report

BUILDING INSPECTOR’S REPORT– (Tri County COG)

Tri County COG provided a report. Mr. Bielskie stated his office issued one permit and the fees are as listed on the report.

MOTION- Mr. Fanella made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Sinopoli to approve and accept the report.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

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

Report Attachment #4

The Code officer stated there is still a rodent problem and stated it seems to be in particular areas. It was asked of the public once again to keep trash cans closed and all trash in a closed container and not to store in the home or garage.

Pigeons have also been an issue. It was also asked for residents and property owners to inspect their property for broken or open windows or areas where they could enter a structure.

SERVICE AND FACILITIES – (Robert Fanella)

Food Surplus Distribution will be held on June 17th from, the hours for the distribution will be reduced to three hours to be held from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the borough garage.

Mr. Fanella stated he met with the gentleman from PennDOT and stated it was agreed on at a previous meeting to consider paving at least two streets this year.

MOTION- Mr. Fanella made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Chesney to advertise for sealed proposals for paving of 8th Street, Spruce to Pine and Maple Street 10th to 11th.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)
7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

MOTION- Mr. Fanella made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Chesney, Fir Street project has been completed and asked that the final payment of \$17,840.35 be approved to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)
7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

MOTION- Mr. Fanella made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Dowkus to accept donations for the purchase of a bench in memory of Joseph Pancerella to be placed at the Terry Miriello Field.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

FINANCE/PURCHASING – (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka suggested with the payment the borough received from UGI it be considered to purchase a milling attachment for the bobcat and broom. Mr. Motyka stated we would be able to better make repairs to our streets. A discussion took place and it was decided Mr. Motyka would get with Mr. Fanella and work to get some price quotes through COSTARS

CODE/HEALTH AND SAFETY – (Stephen Bielskie)

No Report

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - (Joseph Dowkus)

Mr. Dowkus stated Ordinance 2021-05 has been advertised.

MOTION- Mr. Dowkus made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Sinopoli to adopt Ordinance 2021-05, Quality of Life Ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)
7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Dowkus stated the committee is continuing to investigate some of the loose wires and low wires that have become a concern and what could be done. He stated there was a question on light pollution at the last meeting and stated he is still doing some research on that.

GRANTS/RECREATION – (Robert Chesney)

Mr. Chesney stated concerning zoning, we are moving forward working with Mt. Carmel Township and Marion Heights. He stated they will meet again on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. and stated he will report back to Council on the progress.

Mr. Chesney stated the application for the Covid Money was submitted and thanked Rhonda helping to get that submitted. Mr. Chesney stated he is hopeful some of that money may be used for replacing the roof on the fire truck room possibly.

PERSONNEL- (Michael Sinopoli)

No Report

FIRE/EMA/POLICE COMMITTEE – (Robert Fanella)

No Report

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No one spoke

OLD BUSINESS-

A brief discussion took place between members of council to consider the possibility of broadcasting the meeting live over Facebook for the community although our meetings are now open to the public. It was discussed this will be something we will need to figure out, to set up a camera to do so. It was also discussed that if a resident or person has a concern or issue, they would like to discuss that they attend a public meeting to do so.

Mr. Chesney stated he would just like to thank Mr. Christiana for use of the high lift. He also stated concerning the cameras at the recycle bins, they should be checked more frequently for violators. Mr. Fanella replied that he has asked the street department workers to take a look at the bins periodically and if they see something wrong to notify our code officer so she could review footage. He added, this will assist in finding the violators in a timely manner and cut down the review time by narrowing the time frame down.

Mr. Fanella stated it was discussed to install a guardrail at the location of the Fir Street project but at this time that is on hold because Penn Dot may put one up, which would be a benefit because we would not have to absorb that cost.

Mr. Fanella stated he would like to say he agrees with Mr. Motyka concerning the milling attachment and stated he would like to approach Mt. Carmel Township on interest for a crew agreement with them to put all guys together as a patching crew. He stated this would benefit both municipalities since both have a small crew. A discussion took place and Mr. Fanella stated he would approach the township on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS-

Mr. Motyka stated he received some information on a Rail Trail project that would run 27 miles and stated this would be a good thing for our community. He continued to say if this comes through, it will be in the area of the Veterans Memorial Field.

Mr. Motyka stated the YMCA approved the next step which is a needs assessment and stated he is hopeful. Mr. Motyka stated an informational meeting will be held on Wednesday at 4:30 and stated the committee will meet here at the borough, it will be over the computer and asked any member interested in attending this informational meeting to email him so he may provide a link to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Father's Day

And Happy July 4th

ADJOURNMENT

The June 9, 2021 meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair

**Rhonda Wilk
Borough Secretary**

Approval date – July 13, 2021