

**KULPMONT BOROUGH  
MEETING FOR GENERAL PURPOSE  
MAY 17, 2016**

Opening Prayer by Councilman George Malakoski  
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the body present, Kulpmont Borough Council  
held the meeting for general purpose on Tuesday May 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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

**PRESENT:** Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Joe Pancerella

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

No one spoke

**PRESIDENTS REPORT** (Bruno R. Varano)

Mr. Varano states that he, Mr. Deitrick and Mr. Goretski met this morning with Representatives from Aqua Pa, Stephen Draus and John Klinger and states that they had a very productive session negotiating with them.

Mr. Varano states that if we waive the fees they are going to put a water line in for us down to the property on Fir Street and a fire hydrant. He added that they are also going to do a project next year that would entail 2000 linear feet.

Mr. Varano states that this project started out at \$900,000.00 and he states that when the engineer received his budget it was for \$900,000.00 and so he then went back to his bosses and said that he cannot do it for that amount and by the time he received approval it was up to 1.8 million.

**MOTION-** Mr. Deitrick made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Goretski to waive the \$22,000.00 cut fees.

Mr. Lutz questioned that next year it was mentioned about the additional 2000 linear feet and asks if he can elaborate on that.

Mr. Varano replied that it will be 2000 feet of main line but as to where, he does not know he did not look at the blue prints. Mr. Deitrick added that is about 5 more blocks.

Mr. Lutz states so we are getting the water line extended and a new hydrant. Mr. Varano replied that is correct. Mr. Goretski states that we will then contact PPL and get power lines put in, because that is a continuation of the street.

Mr. Winhofer commented that we already waived the permit fee for them to do that, which they never did. He added that last time they waived the fee and they never put the water line in which was the agreement last time.

Mr. Varano agreed with Mr. Winhofer but commented that we are now dealing with all new people and states that he did mention that to them. Mr. Winhofer states that the streets that they are paving, it is because of the construction process, but most of them do not even need paving.

Mr. Winhofer states that as far as the sidewalks, people are not getting all new sidewalks they are getting a 3' x 4' cut or so, they are not getting all new sidewalks. Mr. Winhofer states that the problem he has is that they never paid the last debt.

Mr. Varano commented that we came out ahead on the job up at the stadium; we definitely made out on that deal and added that we came out \$30,000.00 or \$40,000.00 ahead on that one.

Mr. Goretski commented that we brought it up to them and it is not the same people, which is unfortunate.

Mr. Winhofer commented that you are talking peanuts out of a 1.8 million dollar job.

Mr. Goretski states that it is not the same people. Mr. Winhofer replied that Aqua Pennsylvania is Aqua Pennsylvania.

Mr. Goretski states that it's new owners. Mr. Winhofer replied that it is not new owners.

Mr. Goretski replied that the people that are running that are new people. Mr. Winhofer replied that it may be new people in the construction office, but the same owners. Mr. Varano added shame on us for not following up on it.

Mr. Winhofer states that he still cannot see how a \$20,000.00 fee that they can pay this borough will bankrupt them on this job and added that they will spend more than that on change orders.

Mr. Varano states that we talked about this at the last meeting and it was said go back and get that street, so we went back and got the street.

Mr. Winhofer states that he was under the impression that we were meeting with the water company at this meeting tonight.

Mr. Varano states that they did not want to meet in a public meeting.

Mr. Winhofer states that he is here tonight thinking we were meeting with them and states that he never got an email that we were not meeting with them.

Mr. Varano replied that he scheduled this as a regular meeting. Mr. Winhofer states that he had thought originally we were going to have an executive meeting with them.

Mr. Deitrick states that he just thinks it is a compromise that benefits out citizens that we cannot pass up and adds that before he was for it.

Mr. Goretski added that he was against it. Mr. Varano replied that he was against it as well, but that he does not want to loose this project and states that the day after they called him before he even had a chance to call them.

Mr. Deitrick added that they admitted that they did not want to sound threatening and that it was a miscommunication.

Mr. Lutz commented that the deal with it is you give up the \$22,000.00 and you get hydrant and the line and asks how much that is worth.

Mr. Varano added that plus they will have to pave that street.

Mr. Lutz comments that it appears as though it's worth more than the fee.

Mr. Winhofer adds that the water line does not really serve a purpose now; before we were going to build down there now we are not. Mr. Deitrick states that there is a benefit is that if we were to ever sell the property the utilities will be there.

Mr. Winhofer questioned if we have set precedence now for anybody who wants to dig up the street now when they tell us they are going to re-pave.

Mr. Goretski replied no, we negotiated and added that they have to give us something for us to give something up and that is why we had the meeting.

Mr. Winhofer states that he can remember a time when something was negotiated and they still had to do something and added that when the sewer lines were put into town it was negotiated t put a line up in the stadium, but they still had to pave streets and it is not fair to them.

Mr. Varano added that nobody that paved more streets than the sewer authority. Mr. Winhofer replied that is what he is saying; it is not fair to them.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- DEITRICK (yes), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (no), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (no), GORETSKI (yes)

5 Yeas – 2 Nays

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Motyka states that when he found out that Aqua PA was coming in here he contacted UGI and states that he has been going back and forth since February. He states that he contacted him on doing work that coincides with the Aqua project.

Mr. Varano questioned whatever happened with that deal when they were here and were promising us everything.

Mayor Novakoski replied that they are in Riverside. Mr. Varano replied that we lost it to Riverside then.

Mr. Lutz questioned if we have a notion what to do next.

Mr. Varano states that he is curious on how many of the residence responded with their interest in getting gas service.

Mr. Deitrick questioned where the Federal Government is and commented that they talked about all of this renewable energy and states that the cleanest burning fossil fuel is gas and questions why they don't put money into that instead of throwing money away, why don't they put money into the infrastructure so that people could get gas.

Mr. Goretski states that they quoted him \$10,000.00 to run gas to him.

Mr. Varano states that his was going to be close to \$30,000.00 and states that he would not consider that at his age.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No one spoke

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No one spoke

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

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**RHONDA WILK  
BOROUGH SECRETARY**

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**DATE OF APPROVAL**

