

**KULPMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2015**

Opening Prayer by Councilperson Nicholas Bozza
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by body present, Kulpmont Borough Council held
its regular monthly meeting Tuesday October 27, 2015.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mayor Novakoski, Nicholas Bozza, Stephanie Niglio, Phil Scicchitano, Bruno R. Varano and Joseph A. Winhofer.

Councilman Stephen Motyka arrived at 7:35 p.m.

ABSENT: Clarence Deitrick

APPOINTED POSITIONS: William C. Cole Solicitor, and Paul A. Niglio, Jr., Treasurer.

PRESENT: Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk and Code Officer Russ Moroz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Pancerella

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 council has to act on an Ordinance authorizing the incurrence of non-electoral debt of the Borough of Kulpmont, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Varano states that this is to borrow \$250,000.00 to borrow to buy the East End Building.

The Borough Solicitor, William C. Cole states that is correct and states that for the record, the final enactment of the Ordinance will be in about 15 days and states that once council acts upon it tonight it will be sent to DCED for approval by the states and then it will be advertised again and that will be it for the final approval. Mr. Cole states that we do have that here tonight and states that it is Ordinance 2015-06.

MOTION- Mr. Winhofer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bozza to authorize this Ordinance 2015-06.

ROLL CALL VOTE- BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (absent), MOTYKA (absent), NIGLIO (yes), SCICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes)
5 YEAS – 0 NAYS

William C. Cole asks if we could also have a motion to come before the board to have the authorized officials to sign all of the related documents to the Ordinance and the loan that we would need to forward to DCED and states that would included the debt statement pursuant to the Local Government Unit Debt Act, the commitment letter from BB&T Bank, the borrowing base certificate and any other ancillary documents.

MOTION- Mr. Winhofer made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Niglio to approve the proper officials to sign the debt statement, commitment letter and borrowing base certificate for the loan and any other related documents

ROLL CALL VOTE- BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (absent), MOTYKA (absent), NIGLIO (yes), SCICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes)
5 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Varano asks if we have any other ordinances that we want to act on tonight, he states that we are here and we may as well get them out of the way.

Mrs. Niglio asks Rhonda Wilk where we are at with the ordinance and states that she does not have her notes from the last meeting. Mrs. Niglio states that we are not ready to go on the landlord one because Stephen Motyka is not here, so we are not going to advertise that yet. Rhonda Wilk replied that the other two were already advertised. Mrs. Niglio states that this is the only other one we have and we have to discuss a part and adds that she has all of the changes up until recently. Mr. Varano and Mayor Novakoski question Mr. Moroz about the one they were talking about earlier. Mr. Cole questions if that one was brought up to be advertised. Mrs. Niglio replied no that it was not and adds that she gave Mr. Cole her copy of that one and states that she does not have one. Mr. Cole states that would be an Ordinance to adopt the international property maintenance code. Mr. Varano states that would supersede our current ordinance so we could pursue reimbursement from the property down there on Chestnut Street.

MOTION- Mr. Winhofer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bozza to advertise International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance 2015-07.

William C. Cole states that this motion is just to advertise. Mr. Varano states that is correct.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

Mr. Varano questions Mrs. Niglio if she wants to act on any of these other ordinances that were advertised.

Mrs. Niglio states that these two were advertised since the last meeting. Mrs. Niglio states that Excavation was 02 and the Building Permit was 03.

Mrs. Niglio questions when they were advertised. Rhonda Wilk states that it was around the 16th or shortly after that. Mr. Varano states that it was probably the 16th and questions if we can adopt them today. Mr. Cole replied yes, if council so desires. Mr. Bozza questions if we lowered that percentage for the trench that was lowered correct. Mrs. Niglio replied yes and the drawing and to the specification is there.

MOTION- Mrs. Niglio made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bozza to adopt the Excavation Ordinance 2015-02

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

MOTION- Mrs. Niglio made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-03 Building Permit Ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Bozza.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

The Treasurer Paul Niglio, Jr. directs a question to the President and questions where 04 and 05 are.

Rhonda Wilk replied that they were adopted at the last meeting. Mrs. Niglio added that these two were held up because we were waiting for information.

NEW BUSINESS-

Mr. Bozza questioned Mr. Niglio on the budget and questions if he will be working on the budget soon.

Mr. Bozza states that he would like to give the borough employees a raise this year and states that he knows how the treasurer feels about that and states that he does not know how everyone else feels about it but adds that some of them have not had a raise in three or four years and states that he feels that they deserve a raise this year.

Mrs. Niglio states that she remembers giving them a raise since she has been here.

Mr. Varano states that we didn't bring the budget in yet but, if we give a raise we could include it in.

The Treasurer Paul Niglio states that at this point and time the tentative budget will be and exact duplicate of what we got and states that just before the meeting he was discussing with council that he is running out of money and does not even know if he is going to have enough money to pay these guys this year.

Mr. Niglio adds that we are down roughly about \$30,000.00, \$40,000.00 from last year and we have outstanding revenue to come from the truck and the recycle bins.

Mr. Niglio adds that with the state budget not being passed, so we have 16, 17, 18 thousand dollars hanging out there we may not even see that money this year.

Mr. Scicchitano states that these raises would be for 2016 anyway, not this year.

Mr. Niglio states that what we carry over affects that budget, which normally \$40,000.00 or \$50,000.00.

Mr. Varano states that once we get our money for the bins and the truck and the money from the sale of the truck will help out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Novakoski announced for all to have a Happy Halloween and added “don’t forget to Vote.”

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Joe Pancerella of 700 Pine Street, Kulpmont. Mr. Pancerella states that he thought that the meeting was to be to finalize plans for the new municipal building and to put out bids.

Mr. Varano replied, no not this meeting.

Mr. Varano states that this meeting was basically to set up financing.

Mr. Pancerella questions who the lending institution is.

The Solicitor William C. Cole states that it is Susquehanna Bank, BB & T here in Kulpmont.

Mr. Pancerella questions the term of the loan. William C. Cole states that this is basically a temporary loan for one year, an interim loan until the USDA closing occurs.

The Borough Solicitor William C. Cole states that the board met in executive session for approximately 30 minutes.

MOTION- Mrs. Niglio made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to advertise Residential Rental Housing License Ordinance 2015-08.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

RHONDA WILK
BOROUGH SECRETARY

DATE OF APPROVAL