

**KULPMONT BOROUGH  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2022  
7:00 P.M.**

Opening Prayer by Councilman Stephen Motyka  
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the body present,  
Kulpmont Borough Council held the meeting for general purpose on  
Wednesday September 14, 2022

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

**ABSENT:** Stephen Bielskie and Robert Chesney

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Solicitor Edward Greco, Borough Supervisor Bruce Graff, Chief Stephen Mazzeo, Code Official Heather Owens, and Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nicholas Boscolovich, Nicholas J. Boscolovich, Edwin Howerter, Joe Politza, Jennifer Snyder, Branden Snyder, Nick Bozza Sr. and Pete Lentini

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

No one spoke

**PRESIDENTS REPORT** – (Stephen Bielskie)

No Report

**MAYORS REPORT**- (Robert Slaby)

Mayor Slaby stated the borough is required by resolution to certify provision of local match for state operating financial assistance for the Lower Anthracite Transportation System (L.A.T.S) and stated the Boroughs match for 2022-2023 is \$622.00.

**MOTION**- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Novakoski to adopt Resolution #759 certifying local funds in the amount of \$622.00 to match state funds for fiscal year 2022-2023.

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

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

Rhonda Wilk stated approval of the August 10, 2022, meeting minutes is needed.

**MOTION**- Mr. Dowkus made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Novakoski to approve the meeting minutes from August 10, 2022.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- NOVAKOSKI (yes), BIELSKIE (absent), BRADLEY (yes), CHESNEY (absent), DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), HODGE (yes)  
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Rhonda Wilk stated under correspondence we received the following:

Correspondence was received from Tara Stever, Kulpmont Football Baseball Association- Bon Fire October 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm – 9 pm, Copy Council/Mayor

**MOTION**- Mr. Bradley made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Novakoski for approval of the bonfire to be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**VOICE VOTE** –

Unanimous

Statewide tax recovery, LLC, provide update on collection accounts older than 7 years contact representative and phone number provided, Copy Council/Mayor

Kevin O’Hearn, Fire Chief – Update by email dated August 11<sup>th</sup>, Engine 215 will remain in service at this time as work continues to be completed on the new squad. The Fire Department along with the West End will notify the Borough when Engine 215 will be completely out of service. Hahn is retired and insured for nonemergency status such as parades and public events. Copied Mayor/Council

Kulpmont Fire Company apparatus parade request use of the Veterans Memorial Field from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and no parking on Chestnut Street and the South side of Scott Streets from 6<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Streets from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and requesting to be posted no parking. Members of Council and Mayor are invited to the housing ceremony at approximately 2 p.m. September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Memorial Field.  
Copy Council/Mayor

**MOTION**- Mr. Hodge made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Novakoski to allow use of the Veterans memorial field and post street routes, posting the North side of Scott Street and not the South side.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- NOVAKOSKI (yes), BIELSKIE (absent), BRADLEY (yes), CHESNEY (absent), DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), HODGE (yes)  
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Northumberland County Board of Elections – Re: Machine delivery and polling locations, Copy Council/Mayor

A letter was received from Erika Noll of 745 Chestnut Street and addressed to both Mayor and Council requesting signs to be placed to make it safe for autistic children being picked up by busses to help slow down traffic making it safer. She stated this is a door pick up only.

Mr. Motyka suggested to forward this on to PennDOT since it is their Right of Way. Mr. Dowkus stated we will look into that and possibly reach out to have a different pick-up site on the odd side of the street, so it is not using Chestnut Street. Mr. Bradley stated we will need to contact PennDOT on that.

A letter was received from Charles and Pamela Lucas seeking the release of a paper street that borders their residence, copied to Mayor and Council.

Solicitor Greco stated typically what happens with a request if Council chooses to move forward, we will direct the homeowner making the request to pay for a survey for the property in question.

Solicitor Greco stated once the survey is completed then council could vote to vacate the portion of that street. Mr. Novakoski questioned what becomes of the property the borough owns beyond that street adding it becomes landlocked. Solicitor Greco agreed and stated it does become landlocked unless you vacate the entire portion.

Mr. Bradley questioned if we have maintenance on that property. Bruce Graff replied we cut the grass there, with liquid fuel money you would be taking money out of our pockets. Mr. Bradley questioned if we long term lease it to them and questioned if a long-term lease would still allow us to get liquid fuel money. Solicitor Greco stated it is still a borough property, but if they put a swing set or...., it's hard to stay it is a street. A short discussion took place, and it was decided by council to investigate it.

**TREASURERS REPORT** (Paul Niglio)

Treasurer Paul Niglio stated Council received a copy of the financial statement and bills to be paid and approval is needed to pay the bills.

**MOTION**- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Novakoski to approve and pay the bills.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- NOVAKOSKI (yes), BIELSKIE (absent), BRADLEY (yes), CHESNEY (absent), DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), HODGE (yes)  
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Mr. Motyka stated DCED sent us a tax manual, and we discussed last month, he questioned Mr. Niglio if he has had any success with the school district. Mr. Niglio replied he has not, he was unable to contact. Mr. Motyka questioned if we decide to address occupation taxes and adjusting the taxes, what month we need to do that by. Mr. Niglio replied, “before the new year.” Mr. Motyka stated we will work on that.

**SOLICITORS REPORT**- (Edward Greco)

Solicitor Greco stated we sent a notice regarding the franchise concerning renewing it and the correspondence received from them questioned what changes if any the borough would like to see. Solicitor Greco stated one change specifically was we wanted to add in there that we want the wires unused to be removed. Solicitor Greco stated this is just a reminder if the Ordinance Committee wants to look at it for any changes.

Mr. Motyka stated 6 months or older unused to be removed. Solicitor Greco stated the language he must look at is abandoned cable in the boroughs right of way that has not been used for 180 days or more. Solicitor Greco stated that is one change we want to see, but he does not want to send it in if there were other changes we would like to see. After discussion Mr. Dowkus stated the committee will look at it and it was also discussed to consider Verizon as well in an Ordinance.

Solicitor Greco stated he has sent PennDOT a letter regarding their letter addressed to Mayor Slaby and stated he did not hear anything back on that.

Solicitor Greco stated Mr. Slaby for the city has provided him some information of change to the fireworks law and stated there are Ordinances that we could put some teeth into an Ordinance and do some permitting and regulation fees. Solicitor Greco stated we could pass that onto the Ordinance Committee if they would like to look at that, now would be the time. Mr. Dowkus stated they can look at that absolutely.

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

Report attached. Chief Mazzeo stated he has nothing additional. He stated stats are up in August. He thanked members of council for the approval to purchase some equipment for the police department. Chief Mazzeo stated they have received the equipment.

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT** – (Kevin O’Hearn)

Report attached

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

No Report

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT-** (Tri County COG)

Mr. Dowkus stated the report is attached. He stated a few permits were issued this month.

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

Report attached.

Mr. Bradley questioned Heather on the letter she wrote to the people with the pigeons and questioned if she received a response for that. Heather Owens replied that she has not and added a public nuisance fine has gone out. Mr. Bradley stated properties are being destroyed on Scott Street because of pigeons and stated he is open for suggestions.

Mr. Bradley stated there is a hole in the roof and you can watch the pigeons going in and out of the house and the roof will eventually fall in over the winter and we are going to get stuck with this property. He stated he read the letter and it was terrific and covered pretty much everything and stated if it is addressed now, it would probably save the building but if it is let go over the winter.... He stated we are getting no response and asked what we could do about this.

Solicitor Greco stated we could use the Red X program to address the issue. Mayor Slaby commented that is for safety. Mr. Motyka commented, abandoned buildings. Solicitor Greco agreed for safety issues, but as Mr. Motyka said, public nuisance. Mr. Dowkus added we will document and have a paper trail.

Mr. Bradley stated it is an enormous problem and stated he is seeing it every day. Mayor Slaby stated you are talking of a problem on Scott Street but there is a pigeon problem galore in the 1400 block of Chestnut Street and stated a problem is developing where he lives. Mayor Slaby stated a neighbor of his put a new roof on their house two years ago and the pigeons are destroying his roof.

Mr. Bradley stated this is costing the taxpayers of Kulpmont an enormous amount of money stating a minimum roof today is \$10,000.00. He stated something must be done. Solicitor Greco stated he thinks the Red X Ordinance that we passed has the greatest teeth of what we have in our arsenal. Mr. Motyka stated the fire victim on the 500 block of Spruce, possibly we could help him out with the Red X Ordinance as well. Mr. Bradley stated he is willing to buy the property and pay to have it torn down and is getting nowhere. Mr. Dowkus added we will document and have a paper trail on these issues.

**SERVICE AND FACILITIES** – (Wm. Mike Bradley)

Mr. Bradley stated the food distribution will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8 to 11 a.m. at the borough garage. Mr. Bradley stated the guidelines have changed and feels many more people in Kulpmont may qualify and should apply.

Mr. Bradley stated an application must be completed and encouraged the residents to look into this program. Mr. Bradley stated he would even volunteer himself to go up from 6 to 7 in the evening on the same day as the distribution if it would help out. Mr. Dowkus also said he would be willing to help and stated it is something they could look into.

Mr. Bradley stated the recycling trailer needed tires.

Mr. Dowkus stated the quote for the red light from Kreco Electric was for \$4,325.00 for the controller and the labor cost \$250.00. He stated the state came in and ran a survey and with that completed we can lengthen our red and yellow lights. Mr. Dowkus stated this will provide a safer intersection.

**MOTION**- Mr. Bradley made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to spend \$4, 325.00 for the controller and labor for Kreco to proceed with the up grade on the red light.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- NOVAKOSKI (yes), BIELSKIE (absent), BRADLEY (yes), CHESNEY (absent), DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), HODGE (yes)  
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Mr. Bradley stated the recycling tires were purchased in the amount of \$495.00 for the recycle trailer adding the trailer needed them to pass inspection.

**MOTION**- Mr. Bradley made a motion to ratify the purchase of the tires for the recycling trailer and was seconded by Mr. Novakoski.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- NOVAKOSKI (yes), BIELSKIE (absent), BRADLEY (yes), CHESNEY (absent), DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), HODGE (yes)  
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Mr. Dowkus stated we have not been able to come to a conclusion concerning the recycling containers for cardboard and paper bins with Coal Township because of the off-set times of their meetings being a Thursday before our meeting and so they were removed. Mr. Dowkus stated we are currently researching how we may still provide that same service and to provide it as cheaply as we can or as it was before.

**MOTION**- Mr. Motyka stated he would like to make a motion to advertise for a service to provide a dumpster for paper, magazines and cardboard and transfer them to the

recycle center, so we have a quote, and we would receive the money for the reimbursed cost to recycle the cardboard and was seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Motyka stated we could include a 6- or 9-month contract. Solicitor Greco suggested we could say 6 months with the option to renew monthly after that.

Mr. Bradley stated the most profitable item we have would be the cardboard and stated it fluctuates like the price of gas fluctuates and stated he feels a six-month contract would be doable adding he does not think we would want to go much longer than that because we would be losing money.

Mr. Motyka stated we talked to several recycling companies and stated he feels this is the best approach to have them provide us a service and provide us the profit to reimburse us for our services as we go door to door for our recycling program.

Solicitor Greco agreed and added we should have something that they are all going to use for the proposal, so they quote apples to apples. Solicitor Greco stated such as to pick up weekly or twice per week. A discussion took place concerning it to be decided on how often they be picked up and stated he thinks it would be easier to say they must be picked up a certain amount of time per week and suggested to discuss with Bruce concerning how often they be collected and how many bins. Solicitor Greco then an advertisement could be made once decided.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- NOVAKOSKI (yes), BIELSKIE (absent), BRADLEY (yes), CHESNEY (absent), DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), HODGE (yes)  
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Mr. Niglio questioned where we are going to advertise. Mr. Bradley questioned Rhonda where she normally advertises. Rhonda Wilk replied normally in The News Item.

Mr. Dowkus questioned if we could possibly put the advertisement on our website or are we able to send out the advertisements to the companies to solicit a quote. Solicitor Greco stated to advertise in multiple papers could be expensive.

Mr. Bradley commented it would be unlikely that someone from out of the area would be interested because we really do not have a lot. Mayor Slaby stated Bloomsburg has a nice recycling program. Bruce Graff commented on that they are very strict. Solicitor Greco stated we would need to advertise in a newspaper for general circulation and so The News Item would cover it.

Mr. Novakoski stated he would like to discuss the cameras and problems we are having. Mr. Novakoski stated the camera system we have up at the field, every time we have something that happens at the field we come in and try to review footage and cannot get it up and running. He continued to say last time it was four days to get the footage to come up.

Mr. Novakoski stated he does not know who is interrupting or what is happening, but it should not be adding someone is tapped into the line. Mr. Novakoski stated he is looking to get in touch with the man that installed the system and have him come in and see what is happening that the signal is being interrupted. Mr. Novakoski stated his theory is that someone is in the back door, also you could get on your phone and monitor this, and it is not for the public, we could get sued for that. Mr. Novakoski stated it is to be a secured line. Mr. Novakoski stated it is nonsense and we need to secure this line.

Mr. Niglio stated the problem is you don't have a line, its being broadcasted and is open to the world. Mayor Slaby stated he has been told by the installer that someone is tinkering with the system and have been for some time. Mr. Novakoski stated as far as someone tinkering with it, if you code it out, they don't have access you would need to spend hours to figure it out.

Mr. Motyka stated just to offer some history, the Kulpmont 100 received \$25,000.00 grant from Degenstein before they did any work up there, they fixed the camera system and that was within the last two years and so it is a newer system and should be able to be fixed again.

Mayor Slaby stated he will provide contact information for the cameras to Mr. Novakoski. Mr. Novakoski agreed to contact him and get this figured out.

#### **FINANCE/PURCHASING** – (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka stated last year as a personal citizen he had purchased the lot on the 900 block of Chestnut Street and stated Bucknell intern came to him with a design and get community input to make it a park. Mr. Motyka stated this intern started working on this project and stated he thinks with Bucknell's involvement that will go a long way to getting a grant to fix the property up.

Mr. Motyka stated he would donate it back to the Borough tomorrow, but with certain DCNR requirements, it needs to be appraised and such. He continued to say it will be coming back to the Borough as a park. Mr. Motyka stated the same student is going to apply for a \$50,000.00 T-Mobile grant for the same property.

Mr. Motyka stated working on an economic development as we should all do as council and mayor. He stated we wrote a letter to the seller agent for the Truist Bank and asked if it must be voted on for all council and mayor to sign. Mr. Motyka stated we looked at a half dozen of Real Estate agents, Banker agents, leasing agents and this where all our direction has gone. Mr. Motyka stated we sign the letter form council and mayor and go from there.

Mr. Motyka stated we have a month and a half to get this recycling grant in, up to \$300,000.00 grant in. Mr. Motyka stated under grants and recreation and asked that with Mr. Chesney out that Service and Facilities take over this and spearhead this grant and take over as what is needed. Mr. Motyka stated and once we have a list of improvements

such as a compactor up there or other options such as a gate and to monitor who comes and goes, even a pickup truck for our curb-to-curb operation.

Mr. Novakoski stated he would make a motion for Service and Facilities to take over moving on this grant because the man heading the grant committee is not available right now and this must be done. Solicitor Greco replied, there are other members on the committee, there are two others and in Mr. Chesney's absence it is alright for Mr. Motyka to get it done. Mr. Motyka stated he is on that committee and asked if it would then be alright to pull a member from another committee to help with that. Solicitor Greco replied, "yes."

Mr. Motyka stated last Wednesday Senator Casey's regional manager was in town and he stated he got to show her what Kulpmont is about. Mr. Motyka stated he reached out to her on the pollution reduction act and how that could benefit our small borough. He stated she is getting back to him as the puzzle pieces get put together.

Mr. Motyka stated the Seventh Street storm drainage, the Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance wants to do the water and retaining pond for a first real storm water in Kulpmont. Mr. Motyka stated they want to do the work below Seventh Street and that will be all paid for through them, it will be on our borough land. Mr. Bradley questioned if it was a matching grant. Mr. Motyka replied, "no," it is all paid for by them.

**CODE HEALTH AND SAFETY**- (Marlin Hodge)

No report

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** - (Joseph Dowkus)

Mr. Dowkus stated he has a laundry list of things that will be taken care of this week.

**GRANTS/RECREATION** – (Robert Chesney)

No Report

**PERSONNEL**- (Joseph J. Dowkus, III)

Mr. Dowkus stated he, Chief Mazzeo and Mr. Bielskie was in on the call concerning Police Regionalization Study that is currently going through. Mr. Dowkus stated everything is running in the right direction and the gentleman that is spearheading and doing the study has an extensive resume and has great success.

Mr. Dowkus stated the gentleman has done it for 40 or more municipalities and stated our issues between Kulpmont, Marion Heights and Mt. Carmel Township lack of police force is not anything he has not seen yet. Mr. Dowkus stated we have all our information and ducks in a row.

Mr. Dowkus stated we were already awarded the grant, the agreement is for DCED, everything is outlined for that \$170,000.00 and the whole budget is flexible.

Solicitor Greco stated this will need to be acted upon and stated this is an agreement saying that the Center is willing to provide the municipalities at this point limited to Kulpmont and Mt. Carmel Township technical assistance by providing them with the material, data and information determined by the consultant.

Solicitor Greco continued to say to permit the consultant to determine his/her hours of work and the center is responsible for the wages, travel cost and related expenses of the consultant.

Mr. Dowkus stated this is a study to see what we can do and what other avenues we are able to do. Mr. Niglio questioned the extensive report that he and Chief Mazzeo completed on our end and questioned if that is part of this. Mr. Dowkus agreed and stated that is correct.

Mr. Dowkus stated the gentlemen we are working with was not aware we got the grant. Mr. Niglio stated he did not know if Mt. Carmel Township did complete the report on their side. Mr. Dowkus stated everything is going well with that.

Solicitor Greco stated this needs to be acted on, the Peer-to-Peer Technical Assistance Articles of Agreement needs to be acted upon by the borough and by the Township.

Solicitor Greco stated at the Marion Heights meeting last evening, they asked if they were including in this. Mr. Dowkus stated they are included in it as a service to Mt. Carmel Township, they are currently in contract with Mt. Carmel Township so at the time of the application, they opted out. Mr. Dowkus continued to say they would be under the contract through Mt. Carmel Township.

**MOTION**- Mr. Motyka made the motion to sign and approve the Peer-to-Peer Technical Assistance Articles of Agreement and was seconded by Mr. Bradley.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- NOVAKOSKI (yes), BIELSKIE (absent), BRADLEY (yes), CHESNEY (absent), DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), HODGE (yes)  
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**FIRE/EMA/POLICE COMMITTEE** – (Joseph J. Dowkus, III – Vice Chair)

No Report

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mr. Nicholas Boscolovich of 1042 Spruce Street questioned if anyone on this council instructed code official Heather Owens to never notify individuals of violations before? Solicitor Greco replied, there is a presumption that everybody is supposed to keep their

property in good order, maintenance, and repair. Solicitor Greco stated if they don't, then our code officer goes out and issues a notice of violation and if they don't comply after that violation, then those penalties are up, that is contained in the ordinance.

Mr. Nathan Boscolovich stated with in respect of what happened to him, it did not happen in that order and stated he is wondering why. Mr. Nathan Boscolovich stated he went and paid for what needs to be taken care of and came back and spoke to her face to face and the instruction he was told was basically she was told by her superior that she does not need to notify anybody before fining.

Mr. Dowkus stated our ordinance if you pull it up, there is no warning. Mr. Dowkus stated ignorance is not an exception to the law. Mr. Nathan Boscolovich stated a notice is a notice and a violation is a violation, so which is it.

Solicitor Greco stated again, there is a presumption that generally everyone is going to keep their property in order and if she comes by and sees a violation and issues a citation for whatever it is, high weeds, grass or whatever it is, and she cites you because it is 12" high she does not have to come to you and say, "your grass is high." Solicitor Greco stated he does not know what the violation is and is again stating the general-public should keep their property in order.

Mr. Boscolovich asked if there is a better way to go about that situation and stated the same way she mailed the citation and photograph, that would allow him time to go and do that and get it done. He stated he is just one of those people and stated he does not have the time to get that specific thing done, he could only get one objective done in that day and stated he is not getting a time span before he can be cited for not doing anything at all.

Mr. Bradley asked Mr. Boscolovich to shed some light on the situation and be more specific on what is going on. Mr. Boscolovich replied it was a trash violation and stated he is a native from here, born and raised here and stated he moved back and got himself a house. Mr. Boscolovich stated he is still catching up on things adding he has only been here for five months since he moved here. Mr. Boscolovich said it was about trash and stated he walked and evaluated streets and has seen trash bags put out fresh and have watched dozens of birds come down and within five or ten minutes there is trash all over the street, whether it is in a bag or a can without a lid or set out because the trash man may be coming.

Mr. Boscolovich questioned if that means she drives down the alley right after the birds attack that bag and takes a picture that she has the right to just turn around and write a citation. Heather Owens answered no and explained the ordinance reads 24 hours before it is fined and stated it sat there longer than 24 hours.

Mr. Boscolovich stated the photographs that were presented to him through a FOIA request for, it was only one day. He stated it was on the same day and stated if she did this after 24 hours, there would be two sets of photographs, two sets of dates and two sets

of times. Solicitor Greco stated to Mr. Boscolovich that he could plead his case to the magistrate. Mr. Boscolovich questioned what about board of appeals and questioned if he could appeal this. Heather Owens stated he was cited under quality-of-life ordinance. Solicitor Greco stated he would go to the magistrate.

Mr. Boscolovich questioned what if he does not consent to the citation. Solicitor Greco again stated he would then go before the magistrate. Mr. Boscolovich stated if he does not consent to the citation then there would be no summons. Mayor Slaby stated the magistrate has a right to issue a warrant for your arrest. Mr. Boscolovich replied, "for something that is not an actual crime?" Mayor Slaby replied, "for a civil matter." Mr. Boscolovich stated it is a civil matter but not a criminal offense. Mayor Slaby replied, "no, but it would be disrespectful to the courts." Mayor Slaby stated anything in regard to an ordinance in any municipality is covered under a civil procedure before a magistrate.

Mr. Dowkus stated council will review his situation and if there is anything additional that comes to light on this. Mr. Dowkus then told Mr. Boscolovich he has his right to go before the magistrate.

Mr. Brandon Snyder of 551 Chestnut Street stated Officer Mazzeo and Heather Owens has been made aware of the situation they are having with their neighbors at 549 Chestnut Street. He stated they do not know what to do anymore adding they are banging on the walls with hammers all day and all night, blaring music, stomping.

Mr. Snyder stated his wife had three brain surgeries and stated she needs rest and cannot sleep at night, at all. Mr. Snyder asks what they can do. Mr. Bradley questioned if they have filed a complaint with the police. Mr. Snyder replied, "yes, they filed reports."

Mr. Snyder stated it all started when the neighbor's daughter trespassed onto their property to go swimming and stated so they got a citation. He stated after they got the citation in the mail, the mom threatened his wife and daughter with text messages adding Officer Mazzeo has the text messages and the code officer Heather Owens.

Mayor Slaby stated if he has contacted the Kulpmont Police Department, which he is the supervisor. Mayor Slaby stated he would like to recommend that we end the conversation here and he and his wife, the Chief of Police and himself and if necessary, the code officer meet with them privately this week. Mayor Slaby stated he can set something up tomorrow or the next day, whatever is convenient for them and for the Chief of Police. Mayor Slaby stated he does not like to discuss this type of business in a public forum.

### **OLD BUSINESS-**

Mayor Slaby stated he has been asked

## **NEW BUSINESS-**

Mayor Slaby stated he has been asked if there is movement on the burned-out property on the 600 block of Pine Street. Mr. Dowkus stated Tri County Cog has reached out to the property owner and the hired demolition contractor and stated they are on the move and started to put cones out.

Mayor Slaby stated he had a conversation with the demolition contractor today and he said he was waiting on the go ahead from Kulpmont. Heather Owens stated she spoke to Mr. Bielskie today and stated he said the demolition contractor said there is a stall on their end, they are not waiting on anything from Kulpmont or from Tri County Cog. Heather Owens stated they have a contract, and it was to be done within six weeks, the stall on the contractor end.

Mayor Slaby questioned Heather Owens if this is the same contractor that he and she talked about. Mayor Slaby asked that the contractor is not Rob Knoppel from Shamokin. Heather Owens replied, "no, he is doing the 700 block of Spruce Street." Mayor Slaby stated he was led to believe he would be doing that one up there and if he could get permission from council.... Heather Owens replied, "she had never heard this." Heather Owens stated the other contractor already has the permits for Pine Street. Mr. Dowkus stated the permits are taken care of, the contractor for Pine Street was at Tri County Cog and that is all taken care of. Mr. Dowkus stated he will contact that contractor on the Goretski property tomorrow, this has been going on far too long.

Mr. Motyka stated he pulled out the blueprints for the playground for 2012 and stated there is no obligation why they call it the playground within the Terry Miriello Field, the Terry Miriello Playground. Mr. Motyka stated he feels the playground would not be there for ten years if it was not for the Car Cruise Association.

**MOTION-** Mr. Motyka made the motion to for the Car Cruise Association to put their name on that playground and was seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Motyka stated the Kulpmont Cruise Association is a 501c3 group. Mr. Dowkus asked if they are going to manage the playground. Mr. Hodge stated someone stole the sign that was up there already.

Mayor Slaby stated you're not changing the name of the stadium, your talking playground. Mayor Slaby stated he went up there to see it for himself and on that sign, it says about playground and asked that now it is going to be called Kulpmont Cruise Playground.

Mr. Bradley explained, "you must understand the Kulpmont Cruise Association contributed a lot. Mr. Novakoski stated a sponsor for this ground, it is not like it is their whole project and stated he wants his local on there and stated they had 15 guys up there doing all the construction work and asked what about the laborers local they had 10 or 15

guys up there and asked if they don't count. Mr. Bradley replied we all count. Mr. Novakoski stated they may have donated a couple of dollars but there was a lot of people doing the work. Mr. Bradley stated there is a Terry Miriello sign to be put up, it is going to be an archway sign. Mr. Hodge stated that is for the stadium.

**SUBSIDIARY MOTION**- Mr. Hodge made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Novakoski to leave the name as it is on the playground.

Solicitor Greco stated there is a motion and a subsidiary motion with a second and so the subsidiary motion gets voted on and stated that is to leave the name as is.

Mayor Slaby stated somehow, they got their name on that fence. Mr. Bradley questioned who does. Mayor Slaby replied he did not put it there.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- NOVAKOSKI (yes), BIELSKIE (absent), BRADLEY (no), CHESNEY (absent), DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (no), HODGE (yes)  
3 YEAS – 2 NAYS

Mr. Motyka stated some months ago a young lady hurt her finger at the playground and stated council was supposed to get a new playground sign with the rules and asked Bruce Graff if the sign is still up there and if we need another one. Bruce Graff stated he did not get one, he needed the wording. Mr. Motyka questioned if we get a standard off the shelf one and questioned if that would be good enough for our playground.

**MOTION**- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Novakoski to spend up to \$200.00 for playground rules signs.

Bruce Graff stated we should get two, one for each gate. Chief Mazzeo suggest three one for each entrance and one for the fence. A discussion took place on suggestions where to place the sign.

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

Mr. Hodge stated back to the issue of the playground sign, someone stole the sign and questioned how we get that back. Council agreed if we get the cameras working, we could review the cameras. Mr. Motyka stated there was a DCNR sign and a sign with recognition of donors.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on September 22, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The September 14, 2022, meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair**

**Rhonda Wilk  
Borough Secretary**

**Approval date September 14, 2022**