

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 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 September 22, 2021

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

ABSENT: Robert Chesney, Stephen Motyka and Michael Sinopoli.

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Solicitor Edward Greco and Secretary Rhonda Wilk.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lynn and Bill Ridner

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

No one spoke

PRESIDENTS REPORT – (Robert M. Slaby)

Mr. Slaby stated we have resolution #755 to be adopted and passed the resolution to Solicitor Greco. Solicitor Greco read the resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE
PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RESOLUTION NO.
755
Kulpmont Borough**

WHEREAS Mount Carmel Township, Kulpmont Borough, and Marion Heights Borough will be undertaking a project to create a joint comprehensive plan and develop municipal zoning ordinances.; and

WHEREAS the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development makes available grants-in-aid to such projects through the Municipal Assistance Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of Kulpmont Borough hereby authorizes submission of an application to the Municipal Assistance Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council of Kulpmont Borough hereby commits municipal resources in a not to exceed amount of **\$16,125.00** as match

for said project. Adopted by the Borough Council of Kulpmont Borough this 22nd day of September 2021.

MOTION – Mr. Dowkus made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bielskie to adopt resolution #755 to commit municipal resources in not to exceed the amount of \$16,125.00 ass match for the Mt. Carmel Township, Kulpmont Borough and Marion Heights Borough joint comprehensive plan and develop municipal zoning ordinance.

Mr. Dowkus questioned what the final breakdown for Mt. Carmel Township and Marion Heights. The breakdown is based on population, Mt. Carmel Township match was \$17,250.00, Marion Heights Borough was \$4125.00, and the Borough match is \$16,125.00.

Mayor Bozza questioned if there will be another fee for the Borough to pay down the road. Mr. Slaby stated what he recalls is that this is the start to be with the other municipalities that are mentioned on there and stated he does not think there was mention of any additional costs to the borough.

Mayor Bozza stated we have never been in anything like this before and stated he is just trying to understand how it works. Solicitor Greco stated typically the advantage of doing this is that we are doing it jointly. Solicitor Greco stated the first stage of zoning is to develop your own comprehensive plan generally cost \$15,000 to \$25,000.00 just for one and so by joining in together obviously there is an economy of scale.

Solicitor Greco stated he is thinking they are just getting the study done and not necessarily developing a comprehensive plan for the zoning and so there could be additional fees down the road. Mayor Bozza reiterated, there could be additional fees and stated he is sure it will be brought to council's attention beforehand.

Mr. Dowkus shared information on the breakdown stating Mt. Carmel Township is 46%, Kulpmont Borough is 43% and Marion Height is 11%. Mr. Dowkus stated the remaining \$37,500.00 is the total amount. Solicitor Greco stated it is a huge advantage. Mayor Bozza agreed and commented "we needed this years ago."

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (absent), CHESNEY (absent), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (absent), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)
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MAYORS REPORT- (Nicholas Bozza)

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT- (Rhonda Wilk)

No Report

TREASURERS REPORT – (Paul A. Niglio)

No Report

SOLICITORS REPORT- (Edward Greco)

No Report

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

No Report

FIRE CHIEF REPORT – (Jeff Gilotti)

No Report

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – (Kevin O' Hearn)

No Report

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT– (Tri County COG)

No Report

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

No Report

SERVICE AND FACILITIES – (Robert Fanella)

Mr. Fanella stated he had Rhonda Wilk contact Service Electric concerning a television hook up for the Borough. Rhonda was contacted today and notified the borough is eligible for one basic classic cable hook up including install. Mr. Fanella stated the hook up will be installed in the Administrative Office and the television from the Police Department will be relocated to that location.

Mr. Fanella stated the cameras will be viewed with restrictions on cameras inside the police department to only be able to be viewed by the Police access only. Mr. Fanella stated Service Electric will be in next week to install cable connection. The borough would need to pay for any additional connections and monthly service fees, only the one hookup is eligible at no cost to the borough.

Mr. Slaby stated the agenda was posted under the new law and stated we are limited as to what we could discuss. Mr. Slaby questioned if anyone has anything of urgency, that is a

reason we could deviate from the new rules. Mr. Fanella stated he put police on the agenda so if anything needed to be discussed on that matter. Mayor Bozza asked council if they all know the situation. Council agreed.

Mr. Slaby stated he has been working with Mayor Bozza are working together on interviews and have had a few conversations. Mr. Slaby questioned Mayor Bozza on if he feels he would need an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Mayor Bozza stated he does not.

FINANCE/PURCHASING – (Stephen Motyka)

No Report

CODE/HEALTH AND SAFETY – (Stephen Bielskie)

No Report

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - (Joseph Dowkus)

No Report

GRANTS/RECREATION – (Robert Chesney)

No Report

PERSONNEL- (Michael Sinopoli)

No Report

FIRE/EMA/POLICE COMMITTEE – (Robert Fanella)

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OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Lynn Ridner stated they recently interacted with a Kulpmont Borough police officer yesterday and commended him and stated he was very helpful to them. Rhonda Wilk stated she believes it was officer Toter. Mr. Slaby replied, these comments are nice to hear and appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS-

No Report

NEW BUSINESS-

No Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The September 22, 2021 meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair

**Rhonda Wilk
Borough Secretary**

Approval date – _____