

**KULPMONT BOROUGH  
SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

Opening Prayer by Councilman Robert Slaby  
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the body present,  
Kulpmont Borough Council held the meeting for general purpose on  
Wednesday September 25, 2019

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mayor Bozza, Stephen Bielskie, Robert Fanella, George Malakoski, Michael Sinopoli, Robert Slaby and Walter Lutz

**ABSENT:** Robert Chesney

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Solicitor, Edward Greco and Treasurer, Paul A. Niglio, Jr.

**PRESENT:** Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk, Code Officer Russ Moroz, Borough Supervisor Bruce Graff and Officer Toter

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Cipriani, Hope Masser and Heather Owens

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

No one spoke

**PRESIDENTS REPORT** – (Walter Lutz)

**MOTION** - Mr. Sinopoli made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bielskie to amend the Police Contract article 6, section 1 and to raise the rate of Brandon Toter to \$19.00 per hour retroactive back to September 1, 2019.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- LUTZ (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), CHESNEY (absent), FANELLA (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), SLABY (yes)  
6 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Lutz stated there may be some additional things we need to do with the Police Contract in the near future.

Mr. Lutz stated Councilman Bielskie and the Fire Department met and came to an agreement on the carport for the parking lot and it will be at no cost to the Borough.

**MOTION**- Mr. Bielskie made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Slaby to give authorization to the Fire Department to purchase and install a carport in the Borough Parking lot at no cost to the Borough.

**VOICE VOTE** –

Unanimous

**PRESIDENTS REPORT** – (Walter Lutz)

No Report

**MAYORS REPORT**- (Nicholas Bozza).

No Report

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

Rhonda Wilk stated a resignation letter was received from Code Officer, Russ Moroz retiring on October 25, 2019. Copy Mayor/Council.

**MOTION**- Mr. Sinopoli made the motion to accept the resignation for retirement on October 25, 2019 from Russ Moroz and was seconded by Mr. Bielskie.

**VOICE VOTE** –

Unanimous

**TREASURERS REPORT** – (Paul A. Niglio)

No Report

**SOLICITORS REPORT**- (Edward Greco)

No Report

**POLICE CHIEFS REPORT** – (Nathan Foust)

No Report

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT** – (Raymond Siko)

No Report

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

No Report

**BUILDING INSPECTOR’S REPORT**– (Tri County COG)

No Report

**CODE/HEALTH ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT** – (Russ Moroz)

No Report

**SERVICE AND FACILITIES** – (Robert Fanella)

Mr. Fanella stated the drop off bins for recycling materials, newspaper print, cardboard and mixed paper have been re-located to the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex until the paving of the parking lot is completed.

Mr. Fanella announced there will be no parking on the 500 block of Walnut and the 600 block of Maple Street beginning at 7 a.m. on September 30<sup>th</sup> until street paving is completed, approximately 2 weeks.

Mr. Fanella stated the paving will begin on September 30<sup>th</sup> for both the parking lot and the Streets.

Mr. Fanella stated we were contacted by PP&L about a meter located at the old concession stand by letter stating the power will be turned off because of not being able to gain access. Mr. Fanella stated he contacted PP&L and there was an issue with the meter box.

Mr. Fanella stated a 200-amp meter box was installed and left at the Mill to complete that project and suggest to re-locate that meter box to the Terry Miriello Field adding it is a 200-amp meter box and so it would allow for future expansion.

Mr. Fanella stated Kreco Electric provided a quote to relocate the meter box service and replace broken lights with 3 new LED lights at a cost of \$1,531.29.

Mr. Slaby stated he is not opposed to doing that but stated he was approached by the Electrical Union, Mr. Gratti and stated he was approached for the electrical work to be done with their man power in the city at low cost or no cost. Mr. Slaby asked if Council would give him the chance to talk to him about it. Mr. Lutz replied we would very much like that. Mr. Slaby stated he will contact Mr. Gratti about this tomorrow.

Mr. Fanella stated Barry Fetterman will be off at least six weeks and we need to get the Street Department some help, they are always running short. Mr. Fanella stated we had

an application put in and stated he would like to hire this person Albert Rosetta on as a part time, temporary borough worker to give these guys some help.

**MOTION**- Mr. Fanella made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bielskie to hire Albert Rosetta as a part time temporary at \$12.50 per hour.

The Solicitor stated we should notify the Union just so it is official.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- LUTZ (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), CHESNEY (absent), FANELLA (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), SLABY (yes)  
6 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Fanella stated we received a check from our insurance company for the damage caused by the tree coming down in the amount of \$7,558.34 for damages and removal of the tree. Mr. Fanella stated we are waiting for estimates from Gary Hixson he is trying to get estimates from three suppliers, for the best price.

Mr. Fanella stated we received a grant for the Fir Street project in the amount of \$44,455.00, the project was going to be approximately \$52,300.00, the whole project will cost us about \$7,845.00. Mr. Fanella stated our Engineer Livic Civil got that grant for us and will be looking to complete that project in the spring. Mr. Fanella stated it would be tough to get a contractor now and we should get better prices in the Spring when everyone is looking for work.

Mr. Fanella stated Bruce Graff received a quote for crack sealing, this was done before in the Borough. Mr. Fanella stated this will help to save some of the streets. He stated we would rent the machine and purchase the materials. Mr. Fanella stated it is going to be around \$6,000.00.

Treasurer Niglio questioned if that includes the material. Mr. Fanella replied yes. Bruce Graff stated the main ones are where the waterlines were put in, so they do not get destroyed. Bruce Graff stated if more material is needed, we can call them, and they would bring up another pallet. It was discussed to approve up to \$8,000.00 so if additional material is needed the cost is approved.

**MOTION**- Mr. Sinopoli made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bielskie to rent a machine and purchase the material needed to crack seal the Borough streets at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00.

Mr. Slaby questioned if this would be paid from Liquid Fuels. Treasure Niglio replied yes it would, it is all street work. Mr. Slaby questioned if we would have enough funds. Mr. Niglio replied he does not know what we are going to spend on street work.

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6 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Fanella stated when they start paving, we are going to take the backhoe and go down and grab some hot stuff and try to fix some of these holes on the north and south streets that we cannot keep the cold patch in. Mr. Fanella stated we will get some help from the Sewer Authority.

Mr. Slaby asked if there has been any thought given into leaving the recycling bins down the Veterans Memorial Field where they are. Mr. Fanella replied we cannot do that, we just got the grant to pave the lot for the recycling. Mr. Fanella stated we are also going to put a fence in a L from the entrance to the pine tree. Mr. Slaby stated he was just concerned about the weight of driving them up on there.

**FINANCE/PURCHASING**– (Robert Slaby)

Mr. Slaby stated we talked about this a little bit at the last meeting. He stated he spoke with the Police Chief on the server they have in the police department. Mr. Slaby stated he knows how old it is and stated it is worn out and needs to be replaced. Mr. Slaby stated you cannot do the job without proper equipment. He stated his recommendation is to go with the company that provided the quote, Liquid Technologies out of Shamokin. Mr. Slaby stated Rhonda tells him there has been no issues with this company.

**MOTION**- Mr. Slaby made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Sinopoli to purchase a new server and have programs installed not to exceed \$1,300.00.

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Mr. Slaby stated a quote was also received from CSP office Equipment to replace the police departments copier, fax and scanner and accept the service contract not to exceed \$1,000.00.

**MOTION**- Mr. Slaby made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Fanella to purchase the new copier, fax, scanner from CSP Office Equipment and accept the service contract at a cost not to exceed \$1,100.00.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- LUTZ (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), CHESNEY (absent), FANELLA (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), SLABY (yes)  
6 YEAS – 0 NAYS

**CODE HEALTH AND SAFETY** (Stephen Bielskie)

No Report

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** - (George Malakoski)

No Report

**GRANTS/RECREATION** – (Walter Lutz)

No Report

**PERSONNEL**- (Michael Sinopoli)

**MOTION** – Mr. Sinopoli made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bielskie to offer Heather Owens as full time Code Officer at \$32,000.00 per year with full benefits effective September 30, 2019.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- LUTZ (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), CHESNEY (absent), FANELLA (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), SLABY (yes)  
6 YEAS – 0 NAYS

**FIRE/EMA/POLICE COMMITTEE** – (Chesney, Sinopoli and Fanella)

No Report

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mr. Paul Niglio 415 Spruce Street. He stated it has come to his attention there is a problem with the Kulpmont Football Baseball Association. Mr. Niglio stated there are people up there that do not have their clearances and asked that the Solicitor inform council of the ramifications.

Mr. Niglio stated he does not know how we enforce that, but he has a nephew that is very dear to him that plays for the cougars and there are people up there that should not be on the sidelines and do not have clearances. Mr. Slaby replied he will talk to Ray Shimko about this when he gets home. Mr. Niglio replied he discussed it with Ray, and he is not being active about it.

Mr. Niglio stated it is on their website clearances are needed by the coaches and we are two months into the season and guys are coaching without clearances and it is not right. Mr. Niglio stated if you read the paper, there was just a 70-year-old guy that has been molesting a girl for 20 years. Mr. Slaby said you will not get an argument out of him adding he did not allow it when he was the president of that organization. Mayor Bozza stated he talked with Ray about it today.

Mr. Fanella addressed the Mayor and stated we had the same situation for baseball, Rhonda sent it up that we would make the copies and everything and we didn't get anything for baseball. Mr. Lutz questioned if we could enforce that. Mr. Fanella replied we could lock the gates, it is our field. Mr. Lutz stated he will talk to Ray. Mr. Niglio stated the law states anyone associated with those children must have three clearances, by the state of Pennsylvania, the State Police and the FBI Clearance check. Mr. Fanella stated even the Fire Department needs to get them, it is state law. Mr. Slaby

stated if you didn't get the clearance when he was there you did not coach. Mr. Bozza questioned who is required to get them. Mr. Niglio replied anyone involved with the kids, if a parent works a chain, they are not involved with the children.

Mayor Bozza stated Heather Owens was involved with the Boosters and asked Heather Owens who needs these clearances. Heather Owens replied if they did not get it, they were not allowed to coach. Mr. Lutz asked Heather Owens if he would need to have clearance being the water boy. She replied no. Heather Owens said coaches, assistant coaches and the base coaches during baseball when it is the same person out there for every game.

Mr. Slaby commented they either comply or we shut the stadium down. Mr. Niglio stated we really don't want to do that. Mr. Slaby agreed but said it is about time Mr. Shimko played by the rules.

Mr. Lutz stated we will be on that tomorrow morning.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

None

**NEW BUSINESS-**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next crime watch meeting will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. at Holy Angels

Mr. Lutz reminded anyone having an issue with a code violation to contact the borough right away. Mr. Lutz stated very often it will be taken care of once the violation is addressed.

\*\*October 12<sup>th</sup> Kulpmont Knights of Columbus Wine Festival 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Rhonda Wilk  
Borough Secretary**

**Date of Approval \_\_\_\_\_**