

KITANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

April 3, 2023

Council Chambers

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Betsy Wilt, Chris Schiano, Gerald Shuster, Michael Johns, Wilbur Stitt, Andy Peters

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Ken Buzzard, Public Works Director Jim Mechling, Fire Marshall Earl Kline, Jordan Shuber Solicitor, Rebecca Rupert Code Officer, Betsy Hooks Borough Secretary/Treasurer and Greg Jones Borough Consultant.

Pledge of Allegiance

- **A motion was made to approve the April 3, 2023, meeting's agenda.**

Motion: Wilt

Second: Shuster

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Clair Osborne with the Fort Armstrong Folk Festival asked to move the stage to the North End of the Park.

- **A motion to approve the moving of the stage at the Fort Armstrong Folk Festival.**

Motion: Shuster

Second: Schiano

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

Rachel Filippini spoke regarding the Storm Drain Stencil Project to engage with youth on water quality "Only Rain Down the Drain". They would be painting roughly 85 drains on the roads and on the Rails to Trails. Work scheduled to be performed on a Saturday or Sunday in April, May, or June 2023.

MINUTES:

- **A motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2023, meeting.**

Motion: Schiano

Second: Johns

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Shuber requested Council's approval to take over negotiations from Ty Heller for the right of way for Penn American Water Co.

- **A motion to approve Shuber's request to move forward with negotiations.**

Motion: Wilt

Second: Brautigam

Opposed: Johns

Motion carried.

- **Motion to have Shuber review job descriptions for Borough workers for performance reviews.**

Motion: Brautigam

Second: Shuster

Opposed: Johns/Peters

Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

None submitted.

BOROUGH CONSULTANT REPORT:

Submitted in writing.

Discussed CDBG Grant funds to be used for cameras. Liquid Fuels Account Status, resolution to approve DCNR Grant Application and extension of Borough Consultants contract for an additional 6 months.

- **Motion to authorize funds from CDBG Grant to Two Crew for Camera's**

Motion: Johns

Second: Brautigam

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

- **Motion to repair the surface of Weyland Park**

Motion: Brautigam

Second: Shuster

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Discussions on street and alley paving schedule for 2023.

- **Motion to sell used Borough equipment, Resolution 513-23, and advertise it.**

Motion: Brautigam

Second: Schiano

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **Motion to create Resolution 511-23 – DCNR Implementation Grant**

Motion: Brautigam

Second: Shuster

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **Motion was made to extend the contract for the Borough Consultant for and additional six months at the current hourly rate.**

Motion: Schiano

Second: Brautigam

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Submitted in writing.

FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT:

Submitted in writing.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

Submitted in writing.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Shuster requested information on possible future ACTIVE SHOOTER training at the schools in the area.

Street sweeping warnings will be issued, May 1, 2023, official ticket writing will begin. Meredith Inn requested to have Water St. through Arch closed during the hours of 4-11 pm on July 15, 2023.

- **Motion to approve street closure of S Water St on July 15, 2023, during the hours of 4:00 pm - 11:00 pm near the Meredith Inn for a function.**

Motion Johns

Second: Brautigam

Opposed: none.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

- **Motion to remove Samuel Sulkosky and add Christopher Schiano to all Borough bank accounts refer to Resolution 512-23.**

Motion: Wilt

Second: Shuster

Opposed: none

Marsico engagement letter and update on 2023 budget analysis. The letter was not accepted by the Council.

- **Motion made to investigate the Police Officers overpayment into Social Security.**

Motion: Wilt

Second: Schiano

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- **Motion made to Move the Executive session to the end of the meeting.**

Motion: Schiano

Second: Wilt

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

NO SEWAGE COMMITTEE, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, CODES COMMITTEE, AND TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMITTEE REPORTS SUBMITTED:

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:

Brady Shaffer made mention of creating a volleyball practice court at the site of the St Mary's Tennis courts.

STREETS- BUILDING-MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Gas company will be working on Monteith and Ewing Streets

Spring Clean up will be one day per ward, a list shall be compiled of what the Borough will collect. NO furniture collected. The dates are tentatively near the end of May 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Motion to approve the proposal from Claire Osbourne**

Motion: Shuster

Second: Schiano

Opposed: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An executive session was held for personnel issues and collective bargaining.

The executive session lasted from 8:00 pm. to 8:10 pm.

- **A motion was made to modify the Borough Secretary/Treasurer's vacation, an additional week after 6 months, and a \$3000.00 per year increase for Treasurer's wages pending Solicitor's review of contract.**

Motion: Schiano

Second: Brautigam

Opposed: none.

Motion carried.

- **Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.**

Motion: Shuster

Second: Johns

Opposed: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Betsy Hooks, Secretary/Treasurer