

KITTANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

April 6, 2026

Council Chambers

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Chris Schiano, Jordan Shuber, Bill Baum, Les Ruffaner, Wilbur Stitt, Jeffery Bowser, Kraig Walker Fred Laird, and Eric Hoffman.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Richard Essenwein, Betsy Hooks, Administrator, Chief Joe Riskosky, Scott Kirkwood, Code Enforcement Officer, Earl Kline, Fire Marshall, and Public Works Director Jim Mechling.

Council entered into an executive session at 5:00 p.m. and returned to the Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. with no decisions made.

- **A motion was made for Mike Foreman and Betsy Zang to proceed with getting a cost estimate for the Streetscape Project.**

Motion: Wilbur Stitt Second: Fred Laird Opposed: None
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made for Donna Weckerly to purchase the 250 flags for Market Street.**

Motion: Jeff Bowser Second: Wilbur Stitt Opposed: None
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve the April 6, 2026, meeting's agenda.**

Motion: Wilbur Stitt Second: Fred Laird Opposed: None
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve the March 2, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes.**

Motion: Bill Baum Second: Fred Laird Opposed: None
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve reports as submitted.**

Motion: Les Ruffaner Second: Fred Laird Opposed: None
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to NOT approve the Gaming Tax Resolution.**

Motion: Fred Laird Second: Eric Hoffman Opposed: None
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to get an appraisal for the lot where the McConnell Waterson Building once stood.**

Motion: Les Ruffaner Second: Eric Hoffman Opposed: None
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to accept the retirement of Jeanne DeMore, Police Secretary, and for the Borough Administrator to advertise for the position.**

Motion: Fred Laird Second: Jeff Bowser Opposed: None
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to accept the retirement of William Ingram, Street Laborer and for the Borough Administrator to advertise for the position.**

Motion: Eric Hoffman Second: Bill Baum Opposed: None
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made for the Borough Administrator to advertise the Grant Writer position.**

Motion: Les Ruffaner Second: Eric Hoffman Opposed: None
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made for Josh Callendar, LSSE, to submit a proposal for the Grant Writer Position.**

Motion: Fred Laird Second: Jeff Bowser Opposed: None
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made for the Solicitor to review and revise the Code Enforcement Ordinance for citations.**

Motion: Les Ruffaner Second: Fred Laird Opposed: None
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to have the Annual Spring Cleaning the week of May 11, 2026, to May 15, 2026.**

Motion: Les Ruffaner Second: Eric Hoffman Opposed: None
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bill Baum and seconded by Eric Hoffman to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Betsy Hooks – Kittanning Borough Administrator, Secretary, and Treasurer