KITTANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 3, 2026
Council Chambers
Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance

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

Jonathan Denson requested for the meters to be lowered on Jacob and S. McKean St. They are higher than the sidewalks, he offered his landscaper to help, Council approved Jim to lower the meters.

- **A motion was made to approve the Shine Walk for September 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**
  Motion: Eric Hoffman Second: Fred Laird Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve the Hometown Holiday events. The Festival of Trees will be November 11, 2026, through January 16, 2026, Festivities in the Streets, November 21, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and the Parade in the Borough is scheduled for December 4, 2026, line up is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. with the parade starting at 6:30 p.m.**
  Motion: Jeff Bowser Second: Wilbur Stitt Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve the Elk Brewing Company request to have Food Trucks on the following dates, August 21, 2026, and August 22, 2026.**
  Motion: Fred Laird Second: Jeff Bowser Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve August 3, 2026, meeting's agenda.**
  Motion: Fred Laird Second: Eric Hoffman Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve July 6, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes.**
  Motion: Bill Baum Second: Fred Laird Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to hire Rikki Hertwrek for the Police Secretary Position.**
  Motion: Bill Baum Second Fred Laird Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

- **A motion was made for the Borough Administrator to pay off the Tax Anticipation Loan to Nextier Bank.**
  Motion: Les Ruffaner Second: Bill Baum Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to accept the proposal from Holbein for repairs to the sinkhole on N. Jefferson subject to confirmation of the scope of work and subject to seeking reimbursement from the responsible entity.**
  Motion: Les Ruffaner Second: Eric Hoffman Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve the request for the Historical Society to hold a rededication ceremony for the Battle of Kittanning Stone Monument in Kittanning Riverfront Park on September 8, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.**
  Motion: Wilbur Stitt Second: Jeff Bowser Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bill Baum and seconded by Eric Hoffman to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Betsy Hooks – Kittanning Borough Administrator, Secretary, and Treasurer