

KITANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 4, 2025

Council Chambers

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Andy Peters, Chris Schiano, Gerald Shuster, Bill Baum, Wilbur Stitt, Robert Williams, and Jordan Shuber

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Joe Riskosky, Administrator Betsy Hooks, Scott Kirkwood, Code Enforcement Officer, and Public Works Director Jim Mechling.

A representative from Kay's Cottage asked permission to do their annual Shine Walk on September 22, 2025, from the Armstrong County Courthouse down Market Street as they have in past years.

- **A motion was made to approve the Annual Shine Walk on September 22, 2025.**

Motion: Wilbur Stitt Second: Chris Schiano Opposed: None
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to be proactive and allow Marty Hemmes to cut the trees down that are partially on borough property and his residence.**

Motion: Wilbur Stitt Second: Chris Schiano Opposed: None
Motion carried.

Edward Walker expressed interest in purchasing the parking lot beside Walker Motor's, he let Council know that the lot was appraised at \$20,000.00 and he would like to offer to the Borough \$40,000.00 plus he is willing to pave the alley between Jefferson Street and Market.

- **A motion was made for the Borough Administrator to advertise the Borough owned property.**

Motion: Chris Schiano Second: Wilbur Stitt Opposed: None
Motion carried.

Richard Essenwine asked Council for approval to display a banner in the Riverfront Park to promote The Clarks for next year's Fort Armstrong Folk Festival. Richard also let Council know that the owner of the 700 Shop, Turney Luke will be sponsoring The Clarks. trimming. They are hoping to have the hillside cut back prior to the start of the 2025 Fort Armstrong Folk Festival. Jane added that the park will look much better when the river can be seen.

- **A motion was made to approve the Kittanning Hometown Holiday's for 2025. Festival of Trees, November 17th – January 11th, Festivities in the Streets, Saturday, November 22nd, and Festival through the Borough, Friday, December 5th.**

Motion: Wilbur Stitt

Second: Bill Baum

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Justin Brown also requested a donation from the Borough, to be tabled until next meeting.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. and resumed the regular Council meeting at 7:45 p.m.

- **A motion was made to approve the August 4, 2025, Agenda.**

Motion: Jerry Shuster

Second: Chris Schiano

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve meeting minutes for July 7, 2025.**

Motion: Bill Baum

Second: Wilbur Stitt

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to accept the resignation of Council Member, Amanda Slagle, First Ward.**

Motion: Chris

Second: Wilbur Stitt

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made for the Borough Administrator to advertise the vacancy for the First Ward.**

Motion: Chris Schiano

Second: Wilbur Stitt

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Chief Riskosky spoke to Council regarding officer retention issues, letting council know that full-time Officer Camp's last day will be August 15, 2025, due to scheduling in the station.

- **A motion was made to authorize a change order for the Riverfront Park Stabilization Project for the contractor to complete additional walkways, stair replacement, and additional geocell slope stabilization.**

Motion: Wilbur Stitt

Second: Chris Schiano

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made for Jennifer Bellas to proceed with The Main Street Matters Project.**

Motion: Wilbur Stitt

Second: Chris Schiano

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made for Jim Mechling to proceed with requesting 3 bids for a new garbage truck.**

Motion: Wilbur Stitt

Second: Bill Baum

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made for the Borough Administrator to prepare Proclamations for Bill Blose and Kittanning Firemen's Band for the Mayor to sign.**

Motion: Chris Schiano

Second: Jerry Shuster

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

A motion by Bill Baum and 2nd by Chris Schiano to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Betsy Hooks, Borough Administrator / Secretary and Treasurer