

**KITANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 1, 2025**

**Council Chambers**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**PRESENT:** Chris Schiano, Bill Baum, Les Ruffaner, Wilbur Stitt, Phil Brautigam, and Fred Laird

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

- **A motion was made to approve the December 1, 2025, Borough Council Meeting Agenda.**

Motion: Wilbur Stitt                      Second: Phil Brautigam                      Opposed: None  
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for November 17, 2025.**

Motion: Bill Baum                      Second: Wilbur Stitt                      Opposed: None  
Motion carried.

Nathan Johnson and Claire Osborne spoke to Council regarding getting electric installed on the North End of the Riverfront Park. They would like help implementing and would like Council's suggestions. Jim Mechling is getting the quote so a discussion will be held in the January 5, 2026, Council Meeting.

Josh Lipkin expressed concern regarding the Riverfront Stabilization Project. He is concerned about the timing of the project and the safety of residents. Josh Callander from LSSE is going next week to observe the work site and make recommendations on how to make it safer.

- **A motion was made to approve the Code Enforcement contract.**

Motion: Bill Baum                      Second: Wilbur Stitt                      Opposed: None  
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to have free parking one week before and the week during Christmas.**

Motion: Wilbur Stitt                      Second: Phil Brautigam                      Opposed: None  
Motion carried.

Fire Marshall, Earl Kline, discussed the road closure issues on Light Up Night, he asked that Council consider the hazards for next year. The light up night committee is aware that there were issues and is working to fix it for next year.

A garbage rate increased was discussed and tabled until next meeting. Wilbur Stitt let everyone know that beginning next year, the Municipal Authority will have online bill payment.

Darla Patterson, Director of the Kittanning Library, emailed a request for the Borough Council to replace the concrete in front of the library. Jim will get material pricing and Council will discuss at the January 5, 2026, meeting.

- **A motion was made for Jim Mechling to get a quote to prune the Bradford Pear Trees on Market St. in front of the store fronts.**

Motion: Wilbur Stitt                      Second: Les Ruffaner                      Opposed: None  
Motion carried.

Chris Schiano, Council Vice President, thanked Phil Brautigam, Andy Peters, and Gerald Shuster for all of their hard work on Council. Chris stated, "they are all very knowledgeable and will be missed".

- **A motion was made by Bill Baum and seconded by Wilbur Stitt to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.**

Betsy Hooks, Borough Administrator / Secretary and Treasurer