

KITANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

December 29, 2025

Council Chambers

Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Chris Schiano, Bill Baum, Les Ruffaner, Wilbur Stitt, Gerald Shuster, and Fred Laird

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Betsy Hooks, and Public Works Director Jim Mechling.

- **A motion was made to approve the December 29, 2025, Borough Council Meeting Agenda.**

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

- **A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting for December 8, 2025.**

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

- **A motion was made to approve the 2026 Kittanning Borough Budget as published.**

Motion: Jerry Shuster Second: Jerry Shuster Opposed: None
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to raise the street sweeping fines from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per violation.**

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

Chris Schiano let the Council know that the budget can be reopened in January as there are many great ideas on how to increase revenue. He also discussed that Gary Moser will be attending the January 5, 2026, Council meeting to discuss with the Council the garbage invoicing process. Council showed interest in bringing the garbage billing to the borough and separating them from the sewage invoices.

Fred Laird discussed recycling in the Borough, he feels that it would decrease the tipping fees for garbage and save the Borough money. They will need to be placed at each end of the Borough. They will recycle glass, tin cans (metal), and plastic. He will also look into the cardboard situation. A well-lit location with surveillance would be the best place to put

them in the Borough. This will be placed on the January 5, 2026 agenda for further discussion.

- **A motion was made by Wilbur Stitt and seconded by Les Ruffaner to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m.**

Betsy Hooks, Borough Administrator / Secretary and Treasurer