

KITANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

February 5, 2024

Council Chambers

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Phil Brautigam, Betsy Wilt, Wilbur Stitt, Chris Schiano, Les Ruffaner, Gerald Shuster, and Tom May

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Joe Riskosky, Public Works Director Jim Mechling, Fire Marshall Earl Kline, and Rebecca Rupert Code Officer.

- **A motion was made to approve the February 5, 2024, meeting's agenda.**

Motion: Stitt

Second: Schiano

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lynda Pozzuto spoke regarding the high grass and weeds on the embankment, there have been numerous complaints due to the inability to see the races and events on the river.

- **A motion was made to approve the rental of the Riverfront Park on September 28 & 29, 2024 for Fall for Animals.**

Motion: Brautigam

Second: Schiano

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

MINUTES:

- **A motion to waive the fees and allow the YMCA to utilize the Amphitheater at Riverfront Park on June 29, 2024, during the morning hours.**

Motion: Shuster

Second: Slagle

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting for January 2, 2024.**

Motion: Shuster

Second: Ruffaner

Opposed: None

- **A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting for January 4, 2024.**

Motion: Ruffaner

Second: Slagle

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

ENGINEER – Bill Braun spoke about the Riverfront Park Bank Stabilization, researching options to help reduce erosion of the embankment. He is going to meet with the Parks and Recreation Committee to discuss options of rip rap and geogrid to help prevent erosion.

FIRE MARSHALL - Earl Kline expressed concern regarding nuisance alarms happening throughout the Borough happening often at all hours of the night, Chief Riskosky suggested that an ordinance was needed to limit the number of calls that they are receiving due to system error.

- **A motion was made for the Public Safety Committee to work with the Fire Companies to develop a Nuisance Ordinance for nuisance alarms throughout Kittanning Borough with a penalty phase.**

Motion: Shuster

Second: Stitt

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

The Council entered an executive session at 6:35 and returned to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:25.

- **A motion was made that the Borough modify contracts with Mackin Engineering regarding the Comprehensive Plan, SALDO, and Official Zoning Map. Mackin Engineering will remove the official map, the SALDO, and the detailed action plan portions of the project. And will work on a contract modification to begin the park planning process.**

Motion: Schiano

Second: Shuster

Opposed: Slagle and

Ruffaner

Motion Carried.

- **A motion was made to accept the resignation of Rebecca Rupert, Code Enforcement Officer. She will maintain her part-time position until a replacement has been found.**

Motion: Stitt

Second: Schiano

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to advertise for a full-time Code Enforcement Officer.**

Motion: Ruffaner

Second: Shuster

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to accept Applewold's request to terminate the contract at their request with Kittanning Borough for Code Enforcement.**

Motion: Ruffaner

Second: Slagle

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the options on the remaining Makin Engineering funds. Scott Kline spoke about the new High band pagers that the fire companies are interested in purchasing. The cost per pager is \$600.00 with a 2-year warranty. They also work as an open radio. Chief Riskosky gave Council member Chris Schiano a list of items needed for the Police. Including a new police car, ammunition, first aid kits, etc.

Schiano stated that the Council will review salaries for the Borough Secretary, Streets Manager, Chief of Police and Police Secretary. A discussion will be held at the March 4, 2024, Council Meeting and any increases given will be retroactive to January 1, 2024.

- **A motion was made to support Friends of the Park's Clean Up Day on April 24, 2024.**
Motion: Brautigam Second: Schiano Opposed: None
Motion carried.

President Peters discussed the sewage rate increase. Schiano is on the Municipal Authority Board and was under the understanding that a letter regarding the increases would be sent to Council explaining the increase. Schiano will discuss with the Municipal Authority Board, Councils' dissatisfaction at the next meeting on February 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

- **A motion was made to make a Donation in the amount of \$50.00 to Armstrong School District.**
Motion: Brautigam Second: Chris Opposed: none

NEW BUSINESS

- **A motion was made to approve the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Memorial Day Committee to use the John P. Murtha Amphitheater on Monday, May 27, 2024.**
Motion: Ruffaner Second: Schiano Opposed: none
- **A motion was made to approve the same parade route for the Memorial Day Parade.**
Motion: Brautigam Second: Stitt Opposed: none

A motion was made by Schiano and seconded by Ruffaner to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Betsy Hooks, Secretary/Treasurer