

KITANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

January 6, 2025

Council Chambers

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Andy Peters, Chris Schiano, Robert Williams, Gerald Shuster, Amanda Slagle, Bill Baum, Jordan Shuber, Les Ruffaner, and Wilbur Stitt.

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

The Council entered an Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. and returned to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

- **A motion was made to approve the agenda for the January 6, 2025, Council Meeting.**
Motion: Chris Schiano Second: Wilbur Stitt Opposed: None
Motion carried
- **A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for December 2, 2024.**
Motion: Amanda Slagle Second: Chris Schiano Opposed: None
Motion carried
- **A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for December 16, 2024.**
Motion: Amanda Slagle Second: Jerry Shuster Opposed: None
Motion carried
- **A Motion was made to table the DCNR Resolution.**
Motion: Les Ruffaner Second: Amanda Slagle Opposed: None
Motion carried
- **A motion was made to re-open the budget for annual raises for salary employees.**
Motion: Chris Schiano Second: Jerry Shuster Opposed: None
Motion carried
- **A motion was made to approve the handicap application for Keith and Rebecca Claypool on Wilson Avenue.**
Motion: Chris Schiano Second: Les Ruffaner Opposed: Wilbur Stitt
Motion carried

- **A motion was made to approve the use of the Riverfront Park for the Armstrong School District Grand March on May 9, 2025.**

Motion: Les Ruffaner Second: Amanda Slagle Opposed: None
Motion carried

- **A motion was made to approve the ARDC Resolution.**

Motion: Jerry Shuster Second: Les Ruffaner Opposed: None
Motion carried

Jerry Shuster spoke regarding the difficult time that the Borough is having with the garbage issues, garbage all over the streets, some residents having 6 to 8 cans, not being in containers, not having the house numbers on the cans, etc. It was requested that the Code Enforcement Officer start citing individuals for these violations. The Council will revisit the ordinance.

- **A motion was made to reappointment for the following for 2025: LSSE Engineering Services of Coraopolis as the borough's engineering firm; Sandra Bauer and Carol Toy as members of the borough's planning commission; and Debra Clevenger as a member of the borough's zoning hearing board.**

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

Reappointment of the Zoning Officer is tabled until the next meeting.

A motion by Chris Schiano and 2nd by Les Ruffaner to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Betsy Hooks, Borough Administrator / Secretary and Treasurer