

KITTANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

July 6, 2026

Council Chambers

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Chris Schiano, Jordan Shuber, Bill Baum, Les Ruffaner, Jeffery Bowser, Fred Laird and Eric Hoffman.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Richard Essenwein, Chief Joe Riskosky, Scott Kirkwood, Code Enforcement Officer, Earl Kline, Fire Marshall, and Public Works Director Jim Mechling.

Mayor Essenwein presented a Proclamation to Turney and Lori Luke for their years of hard work and dedication to Kittanning Borough, July 6, 2026, was proclaimed as Turney and Lori Luke Day.

Jane Small voiced concerns about speeding on Water Street, she is hoping that the issue can be resolved as soon as possible. The Council noted that they are working on a Vehicle Violation Ordinance to permit the Police to take more action on vehicle violations.

The Council entered an executive session at 7:00 p.m. and returned at 7:55 p.m. with the following motions below being made.

- A motion was made to approve the stipulation to resolve the tax assessment at 240 N. McKean St.

Motion: Jeff Bowser

Second: Bill Baum

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- A motion was made to advertise for proposals for the potential demolition of 399 and 1424 N. Grant Avenue.

Motion: Eric Hoffman

Second: Jeff Bowser

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- A motion was made to approve the employment agreement with the Police for new officer conditional prepayment for Police candidates.

Motion: Eric Hoffman

Second: Jeff Bowser

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- A motion was made to approve the Wellness Resolution for Non-Smoking in all Kittanning Borough Parks.

Motion: Jeff Bowser

Second: Eric Hoffman

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve for advertisement the Vehicle Violation Ordinance.**
Motion: Eric Hoffman Second: Bill Baum Opposed: None
Motion carried.
- **A motion was made to approve July 6, 2026, meeting's agenda.**
Motion: Eric Hoffman Second: Bill Baum Opposed: None
Motion carried.
- **A motion was made to approve June 1, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes.**
Motion: Fred Laird Second: Eric Hoffman Opposed: None
Motion carried.
- **A motion was made to advertise for proposals for the Street Paving on Locust, Dewey, Smith, Chestnut, N. Grant, and N. Grant Ext.**
Motion: Eric Hoffman Second: Les Ruffaner Opposed: None
Motion carried.
- **A motion was made to hire a temporary Street Laborer for a total of 89 days with the possibility of one day off and return.**
Motion: Jeff Bowser Second: Eric Hoffman Opposed: None
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Eric Hoffman and seconded by Les Ruffaner to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Betsy Hooks – Kittanning Borough Administrator, Secretary, and Treasurer