

KITTANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

June 1, 2026

Council Chambers

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Mayor Essenwein asked Council and all in attendance for a moment of silence for Officer Kristen Yeager, Central Burks Regional County Police Force, was killed in the line of Duty, Friday, May 29, 2026.

Jane Small spoke her concerns about the speeding on Water Street. It is happening all day long and she suggested the Borough to look into speed bumps. Chief Riskosky said that they would target that area. Per Jordan Shuber, a traffic study would need to take place in order to place speed bumps or stop signs.

Dicky Myers asked for a proclamation to recognize Turney and Lori Luke for all that they have done for this community for many years.

- **A motion was made to proceed with a Proclamation to recognize Turney and Lori Luke for their generous contributions to the Borough of Kittanning.**

Motion: Wilbur Stitt

Second: Jeff Bowser

Opposed: None

Motion carried

- **A motion was made to approve the June 1, 2026, meeting's agenda.**

Motion: Fred Laird

Second: Wilbur Stitt

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve the February 2, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes.**

Motion: Wilbur Stitt

Second: Bill Baum

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- A motion was made to rescind the decision to temporarily suspend participation in the Kittanning Streetscape Project, and to have Betsy Zang proceed with getting a technical scope of work and manhours cost from Traffic Planning and Design relative to preliminary engineering and design work for the Streetscape Project and that a portion of Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) reimbursement funds be used to pay interest costs of a bridge loan for Streetscape construction consistent with the program guidelines.**

Motion: Eric Hoffman Second: Bill Baum Opposed: Fred Laird and Jeff Bowser.

Motion carried.
- A motion was made to hire Carla Murray for the part-time Meter Monitor position at \$15.00 per hour, 20 hours per week.**

Motion: Fred Laird Second: Wilbur Stitt Opposed: None

Motion carried.
- A motion was made for Josh Callendar to move forward with a letter of interest for the TBD Flood Mitigation Grant.**

Motion: Wilbur Stitt Second: Jeff Bowser Opposed: None

Motion carried.
- A motion was made to approve the handicap application for 933 Johnston Ave.**

Motion: Fred Laird Second: Wilbur Stitt Opposed: None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bill Baum and seconded by Fred Laird to adjourn the meeting at 8:20p.m.

Betsy Hooks – Kittanning Borough Administrator, Secretary, and Treasurer