

KITANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2023

Council Chambers

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Phil Brautigam, Betsy Wilt, Chris Schiano, Les Ruffaner, Michael Johns, Andy Peters, and Mayor Williams

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Ken Buzzard, Public Works Director Jim Mechling, Fire Marshall Earl Kline, Tom King on behalf of Solicitor, Rebecca Rupert Code Officer, Betsy Hooks Borough Secretary/Treasurer and Greg Jones Borough Consultant.

- **A motion was made to approve the June 5, 2023, meeting's agenda.**

Motion: Wilt

Second: Schiano

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lisa Schreckengost spoke regarding weeds on her property from the neighbor's yard. Andy Peters recommended to adopt an ordinance to have a company hired to cut grass/clean up. Invoice will go to the landlord for services rendered.

- **A motion was made to advertise for 2 new employees to cut grass for 40 hours per week making \$12.00 per hour.**

Motion: Ruffaner

Second: Johns

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

MINUTES:

- **A motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2023, meeting minutes.**

Motion: Brautigam

Second: Schiano

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

SOLICITORS REPORT

King spoke regarding the PA American Water and adopted Resolution #512-23A to advertise and sell the property, Snyder Gas Lease, requested that Brett Taylor speak with Council.

- **Motion was made to adopt Resolution # 512-23A to advertise and sell the property.**

Motion: Brautigam

Second: Schiano

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Submitted in writing.

BOROUGH CONSULTANT REPORT:

Submitted in writing.

Jones spoke regarding grant updates, Riverfront Park Floodwall and is looking for solutions to fix the erosion problem. There will be more news in the fall on the Street Scape, no decisions were made regarding Whelan Park.

Jones spoke regarding the 2023 Paving Plan; he would like to put together a RFP and will send it this month.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Submitted in writing.

FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT:

Submitted in writing.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

Submitted in writing.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Chief Bussard requested the Council to approve getting more officers for the concert scheduled for June 10, 2023, and for future concerts. Phil Brautigam is calling to inquire about the officers in the future. Chief Bussard also spoke regarding people sleeping in the park and paraphernalia, he is aware of the situation and is taking care of this.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:

Discussion was had about the parking curbs along the trail, Jim Mechling will remove. The library received a grant for 10K, they are requesting approval to proceed with the back entrance replacement door.

- **Motion was made to proceed with the library's rear entrance door to be replaced.**

Motion: Wilt

Second: Brautigam

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

TOWN AND COUNTRY TRANSIT REPORT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An executive session was held for personnel issues and collective bargaining.

Borough Council entered executive session at 7:40 p.m.

The public meeting recommenced at 8:30 p.m.

- **Motion was made to amend the current police residency mileage from 10 to 30 air miles.**

Motion: Schiano Second: Ruffaner Opposed: none.
Motion carried.

- **Motion was made to approve the 4-year CBA Contract extending it to 2026.**

Motion: Schiano Second: Brautigam Opposed: none.
Motion carried.

- **Motion was made to approve the police to advertise for one new full time police officer.**

Motion: Schiano Second: Ruffaner Opposed: none.
Motion carried.

- **Motion was made to adjourn the June 5, 2023, Council meeting.**

Motion: Ruffaner Second: Johns Opposed: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Betsy Hooks, Secretary/Treasurer