

KITANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

March 6, 2023

Council Chambers

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Betsy Wilt, Chris Schiano, Les Ruffaner, Gerald Shuster, Michael Johns, Wilbur Stitt, Andy Peters, Mayor Robert Williams

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

Pledge of Allegiance

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

The executive session started at 6:02 pm to 6:32 pm.

- **A motion was made to approve the March 6, 2023, meeting's agenda.**

Motion: Wilt

Second: Stitt

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mary Kunkle spoke regarding liabilities, parking issues and personal items along property on North Grant Avenue. She has concerns with the deep ruts in the grassy area and the property values decreasing.

Chris Ziegler from Rails to Trails spoke regarding the negligence of maintaining the trail and ATV's on the trail. She also provided a license agreement and the Armstrong Trails Device Policy. (Copies were distributed to Council for review)

Clair Osborne with the Fort Armstrong Folk Festival spoke about the stage and parking issues. The 52nd Annual Festival will be held August 3-6, 2023. Regarding the stage, it was recommended that there be communication with the Catholic Church

- **Motion to approve the Fort Armstrong Folk Festival dates for 2023.**

Motion: Stitt

Second: Wilt

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

Shasta Wilkinson with TAG Advocacy spoke about having a cleanup day in the Borough on April 22, 2023 (Earth Day). She requested information on what we would like to have cleaned up. It was mentioned that along the Rails to Trails would be a good place. Her concern was where to place the garbage bags. Jim Mechling agreed to pick them up.

Steve Stiller with AWRCs requested the park for May 27-28, 2023, for the American Woods racing Championship Series event. A donation was made to the Borough.

- **Motion was made to approve requested dates.**

Motion: Wilt Second: Shuster Opposed: none

Motion carried.

MINUTES:

- **A motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2023, meeting.**

Motion: Schiano Second: Ruffaner Opposed: none

Motion carried.

SOLICITORS REPORT

- **Motion to approve Applewold codes agreement – 30-day provision.**

Motion: Wilt Second: Stitt Opposed: none

Motion carried.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Discussion about the Penn American Water easement on Johnston Avenue. CDBG Grant requests are due by May 31, 2023, for low to moderate income levels. Also discussed pipe discharge and flood mitigation grants.

- **Motion made to permit conditional easement.**

Motion: Shuster Second: Ruffaner Opposed: none

BOROUGH CONSULTANT REPORT:

Discussed surveys, putting ward map online, starting application process for Façade Grant, streetscape, working on technology dollars alternative, CDBG Grants and phase II of Weylan Park. Also discussed cameras and relays.

- **Motion to authorize to move forward with Phase II Weylan Park.**

Motion: Johns Second: Ruffaner Opposed: none

FINANIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

- **Motion to remove Samuel Sulkosky and add Christopher Schiano to all Borough bank accounts.**

Motion: Johns Second: Ruffaner Opposed: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignation of Ty Heller, letter submitted to Council.

- **Motion to approve the resignation of Ty Heller.**

Motion: Schiano Second: Stitt Opposed: none

- Jordan Shuber with Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham, LLC. as Borough's solicitor on a temporary basis at a rate of \$190.00 per hour.

Motion: Wilt Second: Shuster Opposed: none

- **Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.**

Motion: Shuster Second: Ruffaner Opposed: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Betsy Hooks, Secretary/Treasurer