

KITANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 1, 2023

Council Chambers

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

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

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

- **A motion was made to approve the May 1, 2023, meeting's agenda.**

Motion: Wilt

Second: Shuster

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Jirak O'Donnell spoke to recognize Rebecca Rupert as a tremendous asset to the Humane Officer and rewarded Rebecca with a Certificate of Appreciation.

A resident of Kittanning Borough spoke regarding a nuisance house in the Borough, his concerns were suspicious activities and noise complaints. Chief Bussard spoke and is aware of the situation and is currently working on handling the issue.

MINUTES:

- **A motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2023, meeting minutes.**

Motion: Johns

Second: Schiano

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Shuber reviewed job descriptions and found no issues. Ty Heller emailed Shuber regarding the 10 year lease to the PA American Water, he will send copies to all Council Members.

- **Motion was made to explore other options and have a deed drawn up for the sale of the property.**

Motion: Johns

Second: Schiano

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Submitted in writing.

BOROUGH CONSULTANT REPORT:

Submitted in writing.

Jones requested that the Council approve Armstrong County to pay 2Krew upfront fees per contract as requested. Payment to be drawn from CDBG FFY 2018 (remaining funds), FFY 2019 (remaining funds), and FFY 2021 (pro-rata of remainder due to 2Krew).

- **Motion to approve Armstrong County to pay 2Krew for surveillance cameras, Resolution #514-23**

Motion: Johns

Second: Wilt

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

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

- **Motion to approve the 2023 Paving Plan.**

Motion: Johns

Second: Shuster

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- **Motion to accept Rupert's recommendations to enforce ordinances and violations.**

Motion: Shuster

Second: Stitt

Opposed: none

FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT:

Submitted in writing.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

Rupert spoke regarding the Kittanning Revitalization Program, flower baskets and the Street Scape Façade. Jones is currently working on this.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Submitted in writing.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:

Wilt mentioned that Saturday, April 29, 2023, the Friends of the Park cleaned and mulched the park including Market Street and thanked them for doing so.

TOWN AND COUNTRY TRANSIT REPORT:

- **Motion was made to pay Town and County Transit for Local Match for State Operating Funds for fiscal year 23-24.**

Motion: Wilt
Motion carried.

Second: Stitt

Opposed: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

The executive session lasted from 7:30 pm to 8:05 pm.

- **Motion was made to approve \$7,000.00 for future Police Officers Special Training.**

Motion: Schiano
Motion carried.

Second: Shuster

Opposed: none.

- **Motion was made to reimburse two Police Officers for Social Security deductions taken by mistake with the obligation that if they personally receive payment directly from the Social Security Administration, they will pay Kittanning Borough the full amount.**

Motion: Schiano

Second: Brautigam

Opposed: none.

Motion carried.

- **Motion was made to give an additional week of vacation, after 6 months of employment to the Borough Secretary/Treasurer.**

Motion: Schiano

Second: Shuster

Opposed: none.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Betsy Hooks, Secretary/Treasurer