

KITANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 20, 2024

Council Chambers

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Andy Peters, Phil Brautigam, William Baum, Amanda Slagle, Wilbur Stitt, Chris Schiano, Gerald Shuster.

ALSO PRESENT: Jordan Shuber, Betsy Hooks, Chief Joe Riskosky, Public Works Director Jim Mechling.

- **A motion was made to approve the May 20, 2024, Borough Council Agenda.**

Motion: Schiano

Second: Slagle

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve the May 6, 2024, minutes of the Regular Council meeting.**

Motion: Shuster

Second: Schiano

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Motion: Stitt

Second: Slagle

Opposed: None

Jordan Shuber discussed the roadway issue at the St. Mary's Church, the Borough has a Right of Way Agreement with them, it was requested by Tim Claypool that the Borough pave the road, which is in bad condition in areas, Shuster stated that they agreed to take care of the area slightly below Mike John's house. Jordan Shuber referred to paragraph 7 of the agreement, stating "Grantee agrees to provide snow removal and cooperate and assist in the maintenance of the said roadway such that it is kept in the same general condition as exists at the time of this agreement, which shall include winter maintenance on the same schedule as it is done on Sirwell Street and Cemetery Road." Jordan suggested that we try to work with them without upsetting the neighbors. Jordan Shuber stated that all that is required under the agreement is snow removal. Jim Mechling said that he would go up and smooth out some areas of the roadway that are deteriorating.

Amanda Slagle let the Council know that we are meeting with Laura Brice to make sure that the categories for the budget make sense, she has a few questions on adding a few categories, for example, training for the new Code Enforcement Officer, the Borough Administrator, etc. Amanda also let the Council know that the transition to Wyant Accounting for the Borough's payroll went very smooth and everything is looking good.

Amanda updated the Council on the Parks and Recreation status, the Community Surveys went out, it was advertised on posters, in the paper and online and received an excellent response rate. At the next meeting they will discuss the feedback from the community to see what they

are looking for in the parks, types of amenities, and any concerns. A lot of requests were to have a splash pad in Community Park. Greg, at the park, and Recreation meeting mentioned that they are easily maintained, fairly low cost and easy to tear down in the winter. There is no drowning risk and no sitting water which make them very safe. Amanda will update the Council more at the June 3, 2024, meeting.

The Council discussed a trailer that is parked on Vine Street, right off the corner of Water Street. There are concerns with the size of the trailer causing safety issues. The Chief will find out who the trailer belongs to. Jordan Shuber will research the ordinance.

Andy Peters let the Council know that George Schreckengost was able to get his sewer issue fixed, however, a neighbor is having the same issues with sewage backing up into the basements. The Council requested that a representative from the Municipal Authority attend the June 3, 2024, Council Meeting.

Jordan Shuber spoke regarding re-rating for our current insurance policies to make sure that we are getting the best rates possible.

The council entered executive session at 6.35 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and returned the Regular Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

- **A motion was made to hire Joseph Crissman for the Code Enforcement position pending the drug screening, background check, and review of his agreement.**

Motion: Schiano Second: Shuster Opposed: None
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made that the Meter Maid, Wendy Jones, gets, and hourly wage increase to \$15.00 per hour.**

Motion: Schiano Second: Shuster Opposed: None
Motion carried.

A motion by Brautigam and 2nd by Baum to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Betsy Hooks, Borough Administrator / Secretary and Treasurer