

**KITANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 6, 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, Les Ruffaner, Gerald Shuster.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Tom May, Betsy Hooks, Chief Joe Riskosky, Public Works Director Jim Mechling, and Rebecca Rupert Code Officer.

- **A motion was made to approve the May 6, 2024, Borough Council Agenda.**

Motion: Schiano

Second: Ruffaner

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

Clair Osbourne spoke regarding the Kittanning Fireman's Band, they will have their logo on shirts and banner also, the French fry booth will be serving the fries in firemen hat cups. She is working on a new electric box and asked Council if they could put the Fireman's logo on the door of the new electric box.

- **A motion was made to approve the Fort Armstrong Folk Festival to put the Kittanning Fireman's Band's Logo on the new electric box door.**

Motion: Shuster

Second: Schiano

Opposed: none

Craig Gladfelter spoke on behalf of Habitat for Humanity regarding the Wick City Neighborhood Revitalization Project. They have renovated 10 homes, built a new home on Woodward, 116 critical repairs, two bus shelters and the YMCA playground. They are also doing 4,000 square feet of sidewalks in the Wick City Area this year. Councilman Shuster inquired if they are looking to taking on more projects south of the Wick City area. Craig said that with this grant they are restricted to Wick City. They are working on a new project, the Kittanning Borough Waste Dumpster Project. Andy Peters requested that the dumpsters have reflective stickers to make them easier to be seen. Craig will fix the issue with the reflective stickers. Craig asked Council for more leniency on the time frame of utilizing the dumpsters.

George Schreckengost spoke regarding sewer issues that he has endured for months; he is unable to get the support from the Municipal Authority to fix these issues. Councilman Schiano said that he would speak with Mr. Swartz and he plans to attend the next Municipal Board Meeting.

Tim Ashe of the Grace Presbyterian Church spoke regarding 4 trees along the property causing a liability and would like to have them removed, Councilwoman Slagle said that the borough ordinance requires that once a tree is removed between sidewalks and street it will need replaced. A list of acceptable trees was given to Mr. Ashe for review.



Motion carried.

Kittanning Borough is investigating parking on Ewing and Lemmon Way to ensure that an emergency route is available.

- **A motion was made to have the 2024 Spring Clean Up as follows:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ward - May 20, 2024**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ward - May 21, 2024**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ward – May 23, 2024**

**4<sup>th</sup> Ward – May 24, 2024**

Motion: Stitt

Second: Brautigam

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to submit invoices for eligible expenses to STMP for \$25,000.00 and place the funds into a “Community Impact Fund”.**

Motion: Schiano

Second: Stitt

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Schiano discussed the DEP Petroleum Release meeting, stating that there is no known threat to the community or workers. DEP representatives will be attending the Regular Council Meeting on June 3, 2024, to discuss in more detail.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **A motion was made for the recognition of Bill Blose, a Symbolic Resolution, for all that he has done for Kittanning Borough.**

Motion: Schiano

Second: Shuster

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made for the recognition of DKI, a Symbolic Resolution, for all that they have done for Kittanning Borough.**

Motion: Slagle

Second: Schiano

Opposed: None

- **A motion was made to donate \$500.00 to The Downtown Revitalization Project.**

Motion: Stitt

Second: Slagle

Opposed: None

**The council entered executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and returned the Regular Council Meeting at 8:25 p.m.**

**A motion by Shuster and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruffaner to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.**

Betsy Hooks, Borough Administrator / Secretary and Treasurer