

KITANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

November 12, 2024

Council Chambers

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Andy Peters, Chris Schiano, Amanda Slagle, Phil Brautigam, Bill Baum, Jordan Shuber, Les Ruffaner, and Wilbur Stitt.

ALSO PRESENT: Betsy Hooks, Borough Administrator, Chief Joe Riskosky, Earl Kline, Fire Marshall, Bill Braun, Engineer, and Public Works Director Jim Mechling.

The Council entered an Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. and returned to the Regular Council Meeting at 6:50 p.m.

- **A motion was made to hire two temporary street workers at \$14.00 per hour until the end of the year to perform leaf clean up and to help with end-of-year tasks as needed.**
Motion: Schiano Second: Ruffaner Opposed: None
Motion carried.
- **A motion was made to authorize Jim Mechling to assess and make the walkway in front of the McConnell Watterson building handicap accessible and safe for pedestrians.**
Motion: Ruffaner Second: Slagle Opposed: None
Motion carried.
- **A motion was made to grant permission for the Connections of Armstrong County 0.5K Race to be held on May 17, 2025, at the South End of the Park and waive the rental fees.**
Motion: Stitt Second: Brautigam Opposed: None
Motion carried.
- **A motion was made to approve the Resolution for the Main Street Matters Program for additional funding for Phase 2 of the Street Scape Project, the Resolution for the Local Share Account funding for the residential demolition of 198 N. Grant Avenue, and the Resolution for the Local Share Account funding for the Community Park Entrance Road Rehabilitation.**
Motion: Brautigam Second: Slagle Opposed: None
Motion carried.

Jordan Shuber discussed with Council the bankruptcy proceedings for Portia Diaz, he does not feel that the Borough is going to recover much if any during these proceedings. There are a number of other creditors, significant debt and they are not following the correct procedures. He feels that it would be highly unlikely that the Borough will receive compensation through the process.

