

**KITANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 13, 2023**

**Council Chambers**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**PRESENT:** Phil Brautigam, Betsy Wilt, Wilbur Stitt, Chris Schiano, Les Ruffaner, Michael Johns, Gerald Shuster, and Solicitor Jordan Shuber.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Officer in Charge Joe Riskosky, Public Works Director Jim Mechling, Fire Marshall Earl Kline, Rebecca Rupert Code Officer, and Betsy Hooks Borough Secretary/Treasurer.

- **A motion was made to approve the November 13, 2023, meeting's agenda.**

Motion: Stitt

Second: Schiano

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mia Airgood with Havin discussed their Tour of the County to get Municipalities familiar with what Havin does for individuals. She added that they provide on call 24/7 on call as well as a 24-hour hot line and all services are free and confidential.

**MINUTES:**

- **A motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2023, meeting minutes.**

Motion: Wilt

Second: Schiano

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

**All reports submitted were approved by Council.**

**Codes Enforcement** – The schedule for codes enforcement is M-W-F 9:00 am – 3:00 pm – should the schedule be changed; the Borough Secretary and Chris Schiano are to be notified.

112 Rebecca Street – Armstrong County is requesting a letter from Kittanning Borough stating there are no objections to proceeding with acquisition from the county repository and transfer ownership to Habitat for the purpose of rehabilitating the property.

- **A motion to approve the request to proceed with the acquisition.**

Motion: Stitt

Second: Schiano

Opposed: none

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made for Greg Jones to do the research on future Mackin Services, Mackin Consultants are requested to attend the December 4, 2023, Regular Council Meeting for further discussions on the project and all invoices were approved to be paid.**

Motion: Schiano

Second: Stitt

Opposed: Wilt

Motion carries

- **A motion was made to enter Executive Session for personnel, real estate, and negotiations.**  
Motion: Schiano                      Second: Stitt                      Opposed: none
- **A motion was made to table the Chief of Police position until the December 4, 2023, Council Meeting.**

Officer in Charge Joe Riskosky mentioned two candidates for full time police officers, they will be recommended at the December 4, 2023, Council Meeting.

At 6:22 pm Councilman Schiano exited the meeting for a personal phone call and returned at 6:25 pm.

Two LERTA Applications were placed on hold until the December 4, 2023, Council meeting pending approval from the School District.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **A motion was made to approve the sale of 25 curb stops to the Armstrong Conservation District in the amount of \$500.00.**  
Motion: Schiano                      Second: Stitt                      Opposed: none

West Kittanning Borough requested a meeting with the Council for police coverage, Phil Brautigam and the Borough Secretary will work to establish a meeting to discuss.

- **A motion was made to have free parking a block each way from Market Street from December 18, 2023, through January 1, 2024.**  
Motion: Schiano                      Second: Stitt                      Opposed: none  
Motion carries
- **A motion was made to enter Executive Session with no action to be taken and adjourn the public meeting at 8:00 pm.**  
Motion: Brautigam                      Second: Schiano                      Opposed: none

Betsy Hooks, Secretary/Treasurer