

KITANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

October 20, 2025

Council Chambers

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Chris Schiano, Phil Brautigam, Fred Laird, Les Ruffaner, Bill Baum, Jordan Shuber, and Wilbur Stitt

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

Justin Brown of The Hometown Holiday’s requested a road closure extension on November 22, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. from Clearfield Pike to Oak Ave, for a tree lighting ceremony that the Armstrong County Commissioners requested. Chief Riskosky feels there may be issues with vehicles turning onto Oak Avenue.

- **A motion was made for the County Commissioners to contact Penn Dot regarding the road closure to seek approval.**

Motion: Phil Brautigam Second: Wilbur Stitt Opposed: None
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to hire Craig Costanzo to trim the Riverfront Park hillside for \$700.00 per day for up to 7 days.**

Motion: Les Ruffaner Second: Wilbur Stitt Opposed: None
Motion carried.

Patrick Shuster spoke to Council regarding a building project for Hose, Hook, and Ladder Co. #1. He requested a \$5000.00 grant from the Borough to build a lean to for the Fire Trucks. Also a new concrete apron in front of the Fire Hall. The cement pad is beginning to crumble and will need replaced.

- **A motion was made for Patrick Shuster to obtain 3 estimates and provide them to Council at the November, 3, 2025, Council Meeting.**

Motion: Wilbur Stitt Second: Fred Laird Opposed: None
Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve the request of Claire Osborne for the Fort Armstrong Folk Festival for July 30, 2026 through August 2, 2026.**

Motion: Wilbur Stitt Second: Les Ruffaner Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Council entered an Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. and returned to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:18 p.m. with no decisions were made.

- **A motion was made to approve the October 20, 2025, Borough Council Meeting Agenda.**

Motion: Les Ruffaner Second: Bill Baum Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for September 8, 2025.**

Motion: Phil Brautigam Second: Wilbur Stitt Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve all reports submitted to Council.**

Motion: Wilbur Stitt Second: Les Ruffaner Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve the resignation of Police Officer Brittaney Gray.**

Motion: Phil Brautigam Second: Wilbur Stitt Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to reopen the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement for wage discussion only.**

Motion: Les Ruffaner Second: Bill Baum Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made for Chief Riskosky to hire 3 potential Police Officers upon the Chief's recommendation.**

Motion: Phil Brautigam Second: Fred Laird Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve the Snyder Brothers Unitization Notification.**

Motion: Wilbur Stitt Second: Fred Laird Opposed: None

Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve the Police LSA Grant Resolution.**

Motion: Phil Brautigam Second: Fred Laird Opposed: None

Motion carried.

The week of November 15, 2025, will be the last week this year for grass clipping pick up and street sweeping.

Jim Mechling was asked to review the quotes for a new garbage truck and will make recommendations to the Council at the November 3, 2025, meeting.

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

Betsy Hooks, Borough Administrator / Secretary and Treasurer