KITTANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

September 14, 2026
Council Chambers

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Chris Schiano, Jordan Shuber, Bill Baum, Les Ruffaner, Jeffery Bowser, Fred Laird Wilbur Stitt, and Eric Hoffman.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Richard Essenwein, Betsy Hooks Administrator, Chief Joe Riskosky, Scott Kirkwood, Code Enforcement Officer, Earl Kline, Fire Marshall, and Public Works Director Jim Mechling.

- **A motion was made to approve the following dates for the Elk Brewing Company to have food trucks:**
  September 18, 19, 23, 25, and 26
  October 3, 9, 14, 23, 24, and 28
  Motion: Fred Laird Second: Les Ruffaner Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve Jeff Boart's request to have a trunk or treat in the parking lot of Community Action with the alley beside to be shut down from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 14, 2026. Rain date will be October 19, 2026.**
  Motion: Eric Hoffman Second: Jeff Bowser Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

- **A motion was made for the Solicitor to send a demand letter to Josef Woodside of Sure Shot Excavation, regarding the Riverfront Park Sidewalk Project.**
  Motion: Fred Laird Second: Jeff Bowser Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to accept Janie Small's donation of two trees for Riverfront Park.**
  Motion: Fred Laird Second: Jeff Bowser Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve the request of Karen Graham to plant a Penn's Peace Tree in Riverfront Park, pending the review from the Solicitor.**
  Motion: Jeff Bowser Second: Wilbur Stitt Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to begin the process and work with Cathy Strate on securing grant funds for the Hybrid Dock / Kayak Launch System.**
  Motion: Fred Laird Second: Jeff Bowser Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

- **A motion was made by Bill Baum and seconded by Eric Hoffman to enter executive session at 7:00 p.m.**
  Council returned from executive session at 7:50 p.m.

  The Police negotiating committee will be: Les Ruffaner, Fred Laird, Chris Schiano, and Bill Baum.

- **A motion was made to approve September 14, 2026, meeting's agenda.**
  Motion: Fred Laird Second: Bill Baum Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to approve August 3, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes.**
  Motion: Fred Laird Second: Wilbur Stitt Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

- **A motion was made for the Borough Administrator to readvertise two temporary street laborers.**
  Motion: Les Ruffaner Second: Eric Hoffman Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

- **A motion was made to donate $500.00 to the Hometown Holiday Event**
  Motion: Les Ruffaner Second: Eric Hoffman Opposed: None
  Motion carried.

A motion was made by Eric Hoffman and seconded by Bill Baum to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Betsy Hooks – Kittanning Borough Administrator, Secretary, and Treasurer