

KITTANNING BOROUGH COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

January 6, 2020

MINUTES

The Reorganization Meeting of Kittanning Borough Council was called to order by Kittanning Mayor, Scott Kline.

Mayor Kline swore in council members Betsy Wilt, Chris Schiano and Mike Johns.

Council members present - Scott Davis, Betsy Wilt, David Croyle, Joe Kielmeier, Mike Johns, and Andy Peters.

Also present were James Mechling, Superintendent of Public Works; Earl Kline, Fire Marshal; Bruce Mathews, Chief of Police; Tyler Heller, Solicitor, Cynthia McDermott, Borough Manager.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Alan Pucetti.

Mayor Kline then opened nominations for President of Council. Betsy Wilt nominated Scott Davis. Mike Johns nominated Andrew Peters. Mr. Croyle made a motion to close the nominations for President, seconded by Betsy Wilt. Roll call vote for Scott Davis – Mr. Croyle - no; Ms. Wilt – yes; Mr. Schiano – yes; Mr. Davis – yes; Mr. Kielmeier – yes; Mr. Johns – no; and Mr. Peters – no. Scott Davis is named President of council and takes the gavel.

Nominations are now open for Vice-President of Council. Mike Johns nominated Andy Peters. Betsy Wilt nominates Chris Schiano. Mr. Croyle made a motion to close the nominations for Vice-President, seconded by Betsy Wilt. Roll call vote for Chris Schiano – Mr. Croyle – No; Mr. Kielmeier – No; Mr. Johns – No; Mr. Peters – No; Mr. Davis – Yes; Ms. Wilt – Yes; Mr. Schiano – Yes. Roll call vote followed for Andrew Peters – Mr. Croyle – Yes; Mr. Kielmeier – Yes; Mr. Johns – Yes; Mr. Peters – Yes; Mr. Schiano – Yes; Mr. Davis – Yes; Ms. Wilt – Yes. Andrew Peters is named Vice-President of council.

Mr. Croyle nominated Mr. Schiano for President Pro Tem. With no other nominations, Mr. Croyle made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Ms. Wilt. Roll call vote is unanimous yes votes for Mr. Schiano and he is named President Pro Tem of council.

President Davis declared one 3rd Ward council seat to be vacant at this time due to the death of Mr. Alan Pucetti. A motion was made by Mr. Johns, and seconded by Mr. Peters, to advertise for letters of interest through newspaper articles from this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: A question from a resident regarding the procedure to apply for a council seat.

Appointments for 2020:

A motion was made by Betsy Wilt, and seconded by David Croyle, to appoint Mechling & Heller as Borough Solicitor for 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Joe Kielmeier, and seconded by David Croyle, to appoint Richardson Inspection Services to represent the borough in 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Betsy Wilt, and seconded by David Croyle, to appoint James Mechling as the UCC Representative for 2020. An appointment for an appeals board representative was tabled until next month by motion of David Croyle, and seconded by Betsy Wilt. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Betsy Wilt, and seconded by Joe Kielmeier, to appoint Senate Engineering as the borough engineer. Motion passed by majority with Mr. Croyle voting no.

A motion was made by Betsy Wilt, and seconded by David Croyle, to appoint James A. Favero as the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor for the borough. Motion passed unanimously.

Visitors requesting to be heard:

Autumn Vorpe-Seyler – Planning office – report distributed.

A motion was made by Betsy Wilt, and seconded by David Croyle, to approve a \$1600 fee for Marsico Financial for the audit of the finances of the alley paving project. Motion passed unanimously.

Engineer's Report: Mike Malak absent. He will be contacted for a Whelan Park update at the February meeting.

A motion was made by Chris Schiano, and seconded by Joe Kielmeier, to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel. Executive session was from 7:30 PM – 7:45 PM. After returning to regular session a motion was made by Joe Kielmeier, and seconded by Chris Schiano, to terminate Kyle Lewis's employment with Kittanning Borough. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion regarding the community garden project on 510-512 Woodward Avenue, a motion was made by Joe Kielmeier, and seconded by Mike Johns, to advertise the property for sale, and reserve the right to refuse all proposals. A timeline was discussed of having bids received by the end of February for action at the March council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Joe Kielmeier and 2nd by Betsy Wilt, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2019. Motion carried.

Bills:

A motion was made by Dave Croyle and 2nd by Betsy Wilt to pay General Fund Bills as presented and to make the proper transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: After discussion, a motion was made by David Croyle, and seconded by Betsy Wilt, to pay the solicitor's invoice #1176 in the amount of \$5116.50 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Borough Manager's Report:

Status of library grant.

Codes Officer Report – submitted.

Mayor's Report – submitted.

Fire Marshal's Report

Armstrong County Hazard Mitigation Plan resolution was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Betsy Wilt, and seconded by Chris Schiano, to pass resolution #472 as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Croyle and 2nd by Joe Kielmeier, to accept the Mayors Report, and Fire Marshal's Report as presented. Motion carried.

Chief of Police Report:

A motion was made by Dave Croyle, and seconded by Chris Schiano, to accept the Chief of Police Report as presented. Motion carried.

Finance Committee Report-Betsy Wilt, Chairman

Personnel Committee Report-Scott Davis, Chairman

Sewage Committee Report-Joe Kiehlmeier, Chairman

After discussion, a motion was made by Joe Kielmeier, and seconded by David Croyle, to transfer title of the vac truck to the municipal authority pending no legal restrictions per the solicitor. Motion passed unanimously.

Revitalization Committee Report-Betsy Wilt, Chairperson

Police Committee Report-Chris Schiano, Chairman

Parks and Recreation Committee Report-Betsy Wilt, Chairperson

The community group volunteers for the flower bed care.

Fire Company Report-Andy Peters, Chairman

Hose Co. #4 building ownership request.

Library Committee Report-Betsy Wilt, Chairperson

Street Committee Report-Mike Johns, Chairperson

Codes Committee Report-Chris Schiano, Chairman

Building and Maintenance Committee Report-Joe Kiehlmeier, Chairman – After discussion, Joe Kielmeier will go to the next municipal authority meeting to discuss the old dump trucks. The discussion was leaning to junking one of the trucks because it was unsafe. The other one could serve as a backup for them.

The borough owned property at 138 Oak Avenue appears to have the roof falling in, and further discussion of the property on the adjacent 443 Robinson Street. Jim Mechling and Cindee McDermott will review those properties, and any others with buildings on them.

Town and Country Transit Report-Andy Peters, Chairman

Miscellaneous:

A motion was made by Betsy Wilt, and seconded by Joe Kielmeier, to appoint Cynthia McDermott as the borough's Right to Know officer.

A motion was made by Joe Kielmeier, and seconded by David Croyle, to approve the request from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to conduct Memorial Day services and parade in 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Joe Kielmeier and 2nd by Chris Schiano to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia McDermott, Secretary

Kittanning Borough