

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2013**

Opening Prayer by Councilperson Joseph A. Winhofer
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the body present, Kulpmont Borough Council
held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday August 13, 2013.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mayor Myron F. Turlis, Nicholas Bozza, Clarence H. Deitrick, Stephanie Niglio, Philip Scicchitano, Joseph A. Winhofer and Stephen Motyka.

APPOINTED POSITIONS: Borough Solicitor William C. Cole, Treasurer Paul A. Niglio and Borough Supervisor George Malakoski.

PRESENT: Code Official Russ Moroz, Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk and Corporal Michael Pitcavage.

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Politza, Keith Tamberelli, Matt Siko, Jeff Gilotti, Betty Procopio, Ann Fariello, Bernard P. Novakoski, Amber Adams, Catherine McGann and Ann Bartko

ABSENT: Councilman Bruno R. Varano

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON ANYTHING THAT IS ON THE AGENDA:

No one spoke

PRESIDENTS REPORT (Bruno R. Varano)

No report

MAYORS REPORT (Myron F. Turlis)

No Report

SECRETARY REPORT (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda states that approval is needed on the meeting minutes from the July 16th, July 23rd, July 30th and the August 6, 2013.

MOTION- Mr. Bozza made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to approve the meeting minutes from the July 16th, 23rd, 30th and the August 6, 2013 meetings.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

Rhonda states that a donation of \$50.00 was received from K of C Council towards the cost of the American Flags purchased for Chestnut Street.

Mr. Deitrick requests that Rhonda send a letter thanking them for their donation.

TREASURERS REPORT (Paul A. Niglio)

Mr. Niglio states that a motion is needed to approve the financial statement and to pay the bills.

MOTION- Mr. Scicchitano made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Winhofer to approve the financial statement and to pay the bills.

ROLL CALL VOTE- BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (yes), MOTYKA (yes), NIGLIO (yes), SCICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (absent), WINHOFER (yes)
6 YEAS – 0 NAYS

SOLICITORS REPORT (William C. Cole)

No Report

POLICE REPORT (Corporal Michael Pitcavage)

Attachment two

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT (Raymond Siko)

Attachment three

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Kevin O’Hearn)

No Report

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT (Stephen G. Bielski, Sr.)

No Report

CODE/HEALTH ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT (Russ Moroz)

Attachment four, Mr. Moroz states that he would like to remind all of the residents in the borough to police their children on their throwing garbage around the borough and when

they are coming out of Turkey Hill they are throwing their garbage. Mr. Moroz states that we are trying to clean things up and make the town look good.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Philip Scicchitano)

No Report

SERVICE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE (Nicholas Bozza)

Mr. Bozza announces that the Borough will hold a food surplus distribution on August 28th in the Borough Garage from 8 AM until 12 Noon.

Mr. Bozza states that Franks Electric will need to come in and do our DEP tank Inspection at a cost of \$225.00.

MOTION- Mr. Bozza makes the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Niglio to have Franks Electric come in to do the DEP inspection of the gas tanks at a cost of \$225.00

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

CODE/HEALTH and SAFETY COMMITTEE (Bruno R. Varano)

No Report

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE (Stephanie Niglio)

No Report

GRANTS AND RECREATION (Clarence H. Deitrick)

No Report

BUILDING COMMITTEE (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka states that the test bores have been done and they are putting together the report.

SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Winhofer, Varano and Deitrick)

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Deitrick wishes all a Happy Labor Day

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Ann Bartko of 849 Pine Street questions if anything has been done about building a new building.

Mr. Deitrick asks for clarification on the question.

Ann Bartko states her concern is about the seniors and if they will be relocating to the new building if they do build something.

Mr. Deitrick questions other council members if we are sure on what the County's intentions are on that yet.

Mr. Scicchitano replied to Mr. Deitrick definitely not.

Ann Bartko states that the only thing they know about was that Pat Rumberger came to our seniors and said that they should come here and talk with you about this because they now pay \$690.00 I believe per month, but if moved to the new building the cost would be \$1400.00 and they would not be able to pay and the agency does not have any money and they can't pay that.

Mr. Deitrick states and other council members agree that they were never quoted \$1400.00; Mr. Deitrick states that he can promise her that no one here quoted them \$1400.00 and we will contact them and ask them where they got that from.

Ms. Bartko states that the County also discussed if the borough knows that it would have to be handicap accessible.

Mr. Deitrick states any new building has to be handicap accessible.

Mr. Deitrick states we did not quote \$1400.00 but we will find out where that came from.

Mr. Deitrick asks if anyone else would like to address council.

Matt Siko of 932 Scott Street states that he would like to check the progress of council on the sexual predator ordinance.

Mr. Cole states that we are checking and our progress is that we are trying to determine and believe that there was some statewide litigation in the same area and we don't want to present an ordinance that would be passed and then successfully challenged and states that the spirit of it as to what he indicated that council would all be in favor for it, although I cannot speak for them they ultimately decide what the laws are in the town. Mr. Cole states that we just want to make sure we are on sound legal ground before we pass something that is challengeable as you are aware various organizations, starting at the top with the ACLU on down are out there and these ordinances are always challenged for constitutionality and other test to see if they would pass, we have not resolved that issue yet and when we do we will present that to the board and they would have to decide if we are going to be able to propose it.

Matt Siko states that he also wanted to comment of the littering around town by kids and also the playground is such a great facility that we have and states that unfortunately with a couple bad apples some of the cursing and its mostly teenage kids.

Matt Siko questions if any progress has been made with the old Mill.

Mr. Moroz states that he has been in contact with the owner to have the building secured.

Matt Siko states that the only recommendation he has is that they do not chain the doors from the inside and comments that it is a very huge hazard for us from a fire department standpoint.

Mr. Bozza questions Mr. Moroz on 931 Scott Street on if that property was inspected before that person moved in there and asks if he is in there.

Mr. Moroz states that person has not moved in there and states that he was actually in there a week ago with the landlord and states that he has intentions to move in and there is nothing that he can really do about that, but there is that much work to be done that is not going to happen in quite awhile.

Amber Adams 931 Scott Street however we do not reside there yet.

Amber Adams states that she wanted to address the concerns.

Amber Adams states that she does not know what avenue the considered ordinance is going to pursue. She states that she knows that the probation office in Sunbury had tried to pass some ordinances that were overturned.

Amber Adams states that she knows that it is a very sensitive subject for people and states that she understands this because she has two kids ages 10 and 12.

Amber Adams states that he is not a threat to anyone, he was involved with an online chat conversation and the harassment that they have been getting and that the landlord has been getting has been really difficult and states that she is concerned about the influence it would have on her kids overhearing things that have been said out in public and posted out in public. Amber Adams states that he is not a sexually violent predator. It has been named through the probation departments in two counties through the counselors that he deals with that he sees on a weekly basis that he is no way a threat at all to her or anyone children.

Amber Adams states that she would hope before everyone gets into a state of panic and thinks that he is a horrible terrible person to understand that he has lived in Kulpmont for four years, this is a block away from where he lived. Its not like we moved here from out of state it is not like we do not know anybody or have any family, he has lived here for four years and grown up relatively closed all of his life and had lived in Kulpmont prior years. Amber Adams states that she asks that if anyone has questions or concerns to ask, do not make assumptions, call names or post things out in public.

Amber Adams states that she knows that he must pay for what he has done and states that there are consequences for the actions of anyone who commits a crime. She states to drag everybody else into the center of it, the landlord and things being posted that her kids could see. Amber Adams states that it is difficult for her as a mother and states that they just want a safe place for their kids as everyone else wants for their kids.

Ann Fariello from 1445 Chestnut Street and states that she is talking on behalf of Betty Procopio she states that she is one of Michaels Aids and is concerned about the speeding and having such a hard time crossing the street because of the speeding.

Ann Fariello states that they walked down the street today past that house that burned down with all of the debris out front and because of the condition there with the tar coming up Michaels chair almost tipped over and asks if anything can be done about safety and the speeding.

Ann Fariello states that these signs do not help because nobody knows what they are. She states that she does not let her kids out front because of speeders but the alley is not safe either, cars still speed through the alley.

Ann Fariello states that trucks come through with no tarps and the house is always dirty, all Michael wants to do is go outside like everybody else. She states that he can't walk and they have such a hard time crossing and walking because of speeding and states that nobody has any respect for anybody and the speed limit should be 25 mph.

Mr. Bozza states that they tried to change the speed limit.

Mrs. Niglio states that it is 35 mph up until you get pass the mill and then it becomes 25 mph and remains 25 mph throughout the borough, because of the mill being there they will not let us lower it, its not used but they will not let us lower it.

Mrs. Niglio states that one thing she has asked for repeatedly but it has not been done is that we start enforcing it and people start getting ticketed and once ten or twenty people get ticketed for not stopping in the crosswalks that is the only thing that will change it, once word gets out that they are going to get a ticket people will start going slower. She states that it is impossible to patrol and to stop everybody and give them tickets to slow down.

Mrs. Niglio states that she just does not get it; they do not stop for people. She said they practically went out and stood in the middle of the street and they just don't stop.

Ann Fariello states that on one occasion she said coming from Scicchitano's she stood out there and somebody literally almost ran down Michael.

Mr. Deitrick asks the Mayor if he would like discuss something about that with the police department.

Mayor Turlis states that he will have to disagree with Councilwomen Niglio and states that we have tried our best to try and enforce that and unless council wants to start hiring some additional police officers we are going to have this problem.

Mayor Turlis states we discussed this week's ago and states that he told council what was going to happen and states that he does not know if council wants to do something about it and states that we are doing the best we can with what we have.

Mr. Scicchitano comments that yesterday Coal Township police was running speed down in Maysville and three or four times they never pulled that person over until they were in front of the pizza shop or up by Turkey Hill.

Mr. Scicchitano states that's a problem when you are pulling someone over for speeding coming from Shamokin because there was cars zipping around and it is very dangerous for other drivers coming the other way.

Mayor Turlis states that you cannot do speed in the borough limits; there is not enough room to do it. Mr. Scicchitano states because of not having enough room to do so is why he feels that they do not run speed in the borough limits, you could do it going out of town but you would have to have two guys on.

Mrs. Niglio states that she does not think they could do the speed. She states that what she would like to see is if they were watching and they ticket them for not stopping when there was a pedestrian trying to cross and we ticket them for that and once word got out they would then start stopping.

Mrs. Niglio states that in order to stop they would have to go slower; you cannot stop at 45 mph. Betty Procopio states that she worries about Michael, that is the only thing in

likes to do is walk and its dangerous and she states that those pedestrian signs do not do anything and states that people just drive right into them.

Betty Procopio states that she does not know why there cannot be a four way stop sign in town, then they have to stop when they see a stop sign in town and then a red light they have to slow down and states that she knows we cannot afford a red light but why not a four way stop sign.

Mr. Deitrick states that we had asked Penn Dot to do that and they will not.

Mrs. Niglio states that it's not affording a light; Penn Dot does not put lights anymore. Betty Procopio states what about a four way stop sign.

Mrs. Niglio states we never addressed with them, and states that she did not address with them a four way stop. Mr. Deitrick states that he has looked into that in the past and that the state will not allow a four way stop sign on a state road.

Mr. Deitrick states that the executive committee will sit down with the police and see what can be done and states that he promises that council will do whatever they can.

Mr. Motyka asks if possibly we could get on a loan the sign on wheels that tells you how fast you're going.

Mr. Bozza states we did.

Mrs. Niglio states we did about two weeks ago and states that she had it here last year also.

Mr. Deitrick states we will discuss this with the Mayor and the police.

Mr. Bozza addresses Ann Fariello and states that you said the blacktop is bad in the alley and instructs her to just call the borough and let George meet you down there and we can take care of that.

Mr. Scicchitano questions Ann Fariello if that is a road or a sidewalk.

Ann Fariello states it is the sidewalk on Chestnut Street in front of the house that burned down.

Mr. Deitrick states that is in the process right now and states we are moving as fast as we can.

Mr. Keith Tamberelli from 369 Spruce Street and said that he donated some for the project up at the park with the cameras. He states that he was up there yesterday and donating and installing some additional cameras where the new tables will be put in.

Mr. Tamberelli states that unless people are looking at the cameras and we start enforcing the loitering, trespassing, vandalism, we have to start making examples of them.

Mr. Deitrick states that if we catch them they will be prosecuted.

Mr. Motyka asks if we can review the films.

Mr. Tamberelli states that it is all on video and the video hold almost three months and we can go back and look at them at anytime.

Mr. Deitrick asks Corporal Pitcavage to get together with Mr. Tamberelli to review the tapes.

Corporal Pitcavage states that the week of the picnic they were doing foot patrol at the park and garbage was everywhere.

Mr. Tamberelli states that he would also like to comment on the speeding issue on Chestnut Street and states that the Mount Carmel Township has a state supplied speed device that only requires 3 feet of space in order to run speed.

Corporal Pitcavage states last year they actually borrowed it from the Township and ran it in the 1200 block of Chestnut Street.

Mayor Turlis states that you have to do it on either end where you have a large enough space to park and set up the devise, you cannot do it from the 500 block down to the 1300 block you are going to block a intersection by doing that.

Mr. Tamberelli states that the devise only requires 3 feet.

Mayor Turlis states that he understands that but asks where you put the car.

Mr. Tamberelli states that the car could be up to ½ mile away, it just has to be visible.

Mayor Turlis states that is the problem, where do you put the car that it is visible that you can pull out on Chestnut Street without causing an accident and states that we looked at it before and it is not going to happen.

Mr. Tamberelli states that the Township also has a speed board and it is their own.

Mr. Tamberelli states that he personally goes down to the Chinese restaurant down here and anymore they do not even bother trying to come down on Chestnut Street anymore they just come down the alley and then coming down to the Chinese restaurant.

Mayor Turlis request to meet with Council in executive session.

Ann Bartko states that she has a concern on these skateboards on sidewalks and she states she knows they go up to the playground and they are so destructive and request to watch for that.

Mr. Deitrick states that Council will now meet in executive session for approximately one hour to discuss contractual, personnel and possible litigation

The Borough Solicitor William C. Cole states that the board met in executive session for approximately one hour to discuss contractual, personnel and possible litigation matters.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

RHONDA WILK
BOROUGH SECRETARY

DATE OF APPROVAL