

**KULPMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2015**

Opening Prayer by Councilman Nicholas Bozza  
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by body present, Kulpmont Borough Council held  
its regular monthly meeting Tuesday November 10, 2015.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mayor Novakoski, Nicholas Bozza, Stephanie Niglio, Bruno Varano, Joseph A Winhofer and Stephen Motyka.

**APPOINTED POSITIONS:** Solicitor William C. Cole

**ABSENT:** Clarence H. Deitrick, Philip Scicchitano and Treasurer Paul A. Niglio, Jr.

**PRESENT:** Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk, Borough Supervisor Bruce Graff, Chief Michael Pitcavage and Code Officer Russ Moroz.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bernie Nestico, Joe Pancerella and Ken Ross.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON ANYTHING THAT IS ON THE AGENDA:**

No one spoke

Mr. Varano stated that there will be another opportunity at the end of the meeting.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT** (Bruno R. Varano)

Mr. Varano states the Reorganization meeting will be scheduled and states that a motion in needed to advertise for January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for this meeting.

**MOTION-** Mr. Bozza made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Niglio to advertise for the reorganization meeting to be held on January 4, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

**VOICE VOTE** –

Unanimous

Mr. Varano asked Rhonda Wilk if she contacted Judge Hugh Jones to see if he will be able to attend the reorganization meeting to swear in the new members.

Rhonda Wilk replied that she did and that she was contacted today and states that he will be sworn in that day as well so he does not know that he will be able to make it for the meeting, he will be able to confirm if he can or cannot within the next two days.

Mr. Varano states that Mayor Novakoski will perform the swearing in if the Judge can't make the meeting.

Mr. Varano states that council will need to appoint someone to fill in the vacancy left by Myron Turlis on the board on the Kulpmont Marion Heights Joint Municipal Authority.

Mr. Varano states that he has two letters of interest to serve on the KMHJMA board one from Bernard P. Novakoski and one from Stephanie Niglio.

**MOTION**- Mr. Bozza made a motion to appoint Stephanie Niglio to the KMHJMA board.

Mr. Varano asks if we have a second. Mr. Varano questions if a second is needed.

The Solicitor William C. Cole states that for an appointment, not necessarily. He added that you have to open the floor for motions for the appointment and then see if there are any others.

Mr. Varano questions if we have any other names.

Mr. Winhofer states then motion to close then and that this is the first that he is hearing two names, if not then a motion to close then.

Mr. Varano states that he will step down as chairman and vacate the chair.

William C. Cole stated that the chairman vacates the chair to make a motion for the record.

**MOTION**- Mr. Varano made the motion to appoint Bernard P. Novakoski as KMHJMA to serve on the board.

Mr. Varano questions that now council will vote one way or the other.

William C. Cole states that a roll call vote will be taken and either separate vote can be taken or you can vote and just have the members say the name for which they are voting.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- BOZZA (S. Niglio), DEITRICK (absent), MOTYKA (Novakoski), SCICCHITANO (absent), VARANO (Novakoski), WINHOFER (S. Niglio), NIGLIO (S. Niglio)  
2 Novakoski – 3 Niglio

Niglio on the tie breaker.

Mr. Varano welcomed Mrs. Niglio aboard.

Mr. Varano states that we were presented with a property on Chestnut Street and states that he believes that it is a full lot 30 x 150.

Vic Pupo donated it to the borough to do with it as they please and we accepted it and questions William C. Cole if he had done a deed search on it.

Mr. Cole replied that we are working on a search and will prepare a new deed for his signature so that it can transfer into the boroughs name.

Mr. Varano states that he would like to get this done before the end of the year.

Mr. Cole replied that is his understanding.

Mr. Varano states that we can use it for whatever purpose we want a parking lot, a building there or a park in there it will be fine and states that we have a lot of time to think about it.

Mr. Varano states that it is an empty lot so there is not anything to be torn down and we will not do anything to it right now.

Mr. Motyka stated that currently people are parking behind it and questions if we have to post it or leave it as is.

Mr. Varano states that he lives right down from there and does not see to many people parking down there.

Mr. Bozza states that we are not really using it for anything yet; there is not sense to kick anyone out of there.

Mr. Varano agrees and states that when it is decided what we will do with it then we will post it.

**MAYOR REPORT** (Bernard Novakoski)

The Mayor states that the Rotary Club Santa sleigh will arrive at the town park on Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m.

They mayor asks council if they would like to consider as in past year giving the Rotary Club a donation in support of the Santa Sleigh for \$100.00.

The Mayor states that they do a good job.

**MOTION**- Mr. Bozza made the motion to donate \$100.00 to the Rotary Club and was seconded by Mr. Motyka.

**VOICE VOTE**-

Unanimous

Mayor Novakoski states that he would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year because we will not be meeting until after the New Year.

Mayor Novakoski states that he is working on the volunteer police department because of what the fire company did. He states that everything should be in order for next month.

Mr. Winhofer said the fire police you mean, you said police. The Mayor replied that he does not mean fire police and states that they are gone and that the fire company doesn't want them or any parts of them and states that they think that they suck.

Mr. Bozza states that he is confused. The Mayor replied to Mr. Bozza that they fired the fire police according to them and they will not call them out.

Mr. Bozza states that he thought they were talking about the police department and that he did not know where the Mayor was going with this. The Mayor states that there will be an auxiliary police department under the Chief so that for parades and such we will have guys to direct traffic. He states that it is strictly all volunteers.

Mr. Motyka questions if the Police Chief could order them to work at fire scenes. The Mayor replied that is correct, they will be under his control. The Mayor states that he should have all of the ins and outs for the meeting next month.

**SECRETARY REPORT** (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda Wilk states that approval is needed on the meeting minutes from the Nov 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**MOTION**- Mrs. Niglio made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to approve the meeting minutes from the November 10, 2015 meeting.

**VOICE VOTE**-

Unanimous

Rhonda Wilk states that correspondence was received from Rovito & Rovito and that was copied to Council, Mayor, Solicitor, Police and Code Department.

Correspondence was also received from Williams/Atlantic Sunrise Grant, copied Council and Mayor.

Rhonda Wilk states that it is not on the agenda but that correspondence on the 2016 tentative budget was received from the KMHJMA and that was copied Council and Mayor.

Mr. Varano states that since Mr. Deitrick is not here on this Williams Atlantic Sunrise Grant, he questions what this is.

Rhonda Wilk replied that we did receive a grant and check for \$10,000.00 for the repair of the sink hole.

Mr. Varano states that we will have to put that aside in escrow basically.

Mr. Bozza questions if we got another one from them also. Mr. Varano replied that he thinks we received a total of \$15,000.00.

Rhonda Wilk states that is correct, we received \$5,000.00 and then now an additional \$10,000.00 to repair the road.

**TREASURERS REPORT** (Paul A. Niglio, Jr.)

Mr. Varano states that Mr. Niglio will be late so we will skip over the Treasurers report until he arrives.

**SOLICITORS REPORT** (William C. Cole)

No Report

**POLICE REPORT** (Chief Michael Pitcavage)

Police Report attachment #2

Mr. Varano states that the Chief just left on a call and questions the Mayor on what the Chief has on the agenda under his report.

Rhonda Wilk states that she is aware of what the Chief is referring to and states that the District Attorney Ann Targonski contacted Chief Pitcavage on money she has available.

Rhonda Wilk states that she believes it is approximately \$800.00 for the Chief to use on anything that is needed in the police department by the end of the year.

Mr. Varano states that it is always great to get free money especially this time of the year.

**FIRE CHIEFS REPORT** (Jeff Gilotti)

Report attachment # 3

Mr. Varano states that he does not see anybody here from the fire department.

Mr. Varano states that Mike Sinopoli called him a couple of weeks ago and stated that the Hahn was out of service and that they were having electrical problems.

Mrs. Niglio states that she was just going to ask and states that it is on here under comments. It states that it was out of service and has an oil leak

Mr. Varano states that we have to discuss that later in executive session.

Mr. Winhofer states that is the one that they were supposed to put out of service and then give us the other..... Mr. Varano agreed and added that it is the end of the year.

Mr. Bozza states that they did say that they were going to do that next year.

Mr. Winhofer states that we are not going to spend money to fix it and then put it out of service at the end of the month.

Mr. Varano states that we are not getting the radios when we thought we were getting them so, it will be crazy to hold onto that thing for another year or year and a half, its nickel and dimming us.

Mr. Bozza questions if we have another meeting coming up with them soon.

Mr. Varano states whenever Jeff gets back with him and states that he wanted to have it this week but apparently he is not going to have it this week, he is probably hunting.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** (Kevin O'Hearn)

Mr. Varano states that Mr. O'Hearn is not here

**BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT** (TRI County COG)

Mr. Varano states that Mr. Bielskie was here and he just left.

**CODE/HEALTH ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT** (Russ Moroz)

Report attachment #4

Russ Moroz states that the code office will be open Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday December 19 from 9:00 to 12:00 noon for any landlords that would like to pay their registration fees.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** (Philip Scicchitano)

No Report

**SERVICE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE** (Nicholas Bozza)

Mr. Bozza states that food surplus distribution will be on Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM until 12 noon.

Mr. Bozza states that he wants to remind council that we still did not get that dump truck fixed and that will cost about \$1700.00 to \$2000.00 to fix the body of that truck.

Mr. Bozza states that we could plow with it, but we can't put any salt on it.

Mr. Bozza states that he will not be at the next meeting.

Mr. Bozza states that he was talking with Mr. Deitrick and he said that we should be getting some of that grant money soon.

Mr. Varano said that the way he understands the \$60,000.00 should be coming in shortly.

Rhonda Wilk states that we did just receive word on that and the reimbursement for the bins has been approved and we are just waiting for the controller to cut a check for that, which could take 3 to 4 weeks and the truck has not been approved yet.

Mr. Varano states that we just can't catch a break.

Mr. Varano questions Mr. Bozza that the garage would not consider them fixing it now and then us paying them later.

Mr. Bozza replied that no, he would not. Mr. Varano commented "what happened to good will toward men."

Mr. Bozza states that Rhonda Wilk received a phone call from some residents interested in donations for the Christmas decorations.

Mr. Bozza states that he was not here when they were purchased and states that he does not know how that was done at the time if council took the donations and the names for the banners.

Mr. Winhofer replied that council did not do it, the donations were taken by a separate decorating committee and states that George Malakoski was on the committee and he is not sure who else was on it.

Mr. Winhofer states that the borough put them up but that was all done by a committee.

Mr. Bozza states that obviously we can't do it this month but George Malakoski will be on council next month so we can ask him about it because some are getting pretty bad so it may not be a bad idea to look at that again.

Mr. Varano states that he thinks that Susan Nowrowski or someone was involved with that, it was a long time ago. Mr. Winhofer states that they were expensive.

Mr. Bozza states that he just wanted to run that by council. Mr. Varano replied that council will address it next year.

Mr. Bozza questions what the problem is with the oil truck routes.

Mr. Varano states that they have restricted access to certain roads.

Mr. Bozza states that the only restricted access they have is on 6<sup>th</sup> and Fir Street and that is it. Mr. Varano questioned where the signs are.

Mr. Bozza states that the only place they are is on 6<sup>th</sup> and Fir Street and that is it.

Mr. Varano questioned that if there are no other signs.

Mr. Bozza replied that is correct there are none on 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Varano questioned about the other end of town and stated that he knows that we have weight restricted vehicles.

Mr. Bozza replied that they are not weight restriction, just tractor trailer signs. . Mayor Novakoski replied from 11<sup>th</sup> Street down.

Mr. Bozza replied that he does not think B&B oil tanker truck is going down there.

Mrs. Niglio questioned what the complaint is.

Mayor Novakoski stated that the tractor trailers are and states that he watched them come down the road. Mr. Bozza replied "not the oil tanker."

Mayor Novakoski replied the big tanker.

Mr. Bozza questioned if he is saying an oil tanker is going down that end.

Mayor Novakoski replied no, the weight restricted street.

Mr. Bozza replied that there is no weight restricted street in the borough and if there is then he is unaware of it.

Mr. Winhofer agrees that there is no weight restricted streets.



Mr. Bozza states that there are signs no tractor trailers beyond this point.

Mr. Varano states that basically is what it is a weight restriction.

Mr. Bozza states that the only reason that the sign is down on 6<sup>th</sup> street is because that metal pipe is being caved in.

Mr. Varano added that was the cause of it. Mr. Varano states that pipe was replaced about 10 years ago and added that was the cause of it.

Mr. Winhofer asks what is being discussed if it is the borough that has the problem or did we receive a complaint and asks what exactly are we discussing here.

Mr. Bozza states that he received a phone call from both owners of B&B stating that the Mayor was threatening the drivers for coming up Fir Street.

The Mayor states that he watched the driver drive over the pipe and asks if he is restricted or not.

Mr. Bozza states that there is a sign there and if he went over that pipe then yes, he should have got a ticket.

Mayor Novakoski states that he was standing there with Father and Father asked him when it happened what he was going to do about it. Mayor Novakoski states that he told him about it.

Mr. Bozza states that he was told that the Mayor had told them they are not permitted to drive on Fir Street at all. Mr. Bozza stated that was what he was told and states that he will let them know that they are not permitted to go over there and if they drove over there they are wrong.

Mr. Bozza states that the owner told him that they come down 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Street and sometimes they come down 9<sup>th</sup> but if the mail truck is there then they can't turn.

Mayor Novakoski states that he got a hold of the driver for Leihow and then the other one came down and he states that he told him also.

Mr. Bozza states that they told him that they have not been behind that meat market since the sign was put up.

Mr. Varano commented that possibly it is not them and it is Leighow.

Mayor Novakoski states that he talked to the driver and chewed his butt out and then the other guy came down and he states that he asked them what is wrong with you guys, if

that tanker collapses that pipe and that tanker spills what 80,000 gallons of diesel fuel going down in the creek, which is a mess.

Mayor Novakoski states that he needs to tell the Leighow drivers not to go down there.

Mr. Bozza states that he was told that the Mayor told them they could come down 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> but they cannot use Fir Street and adds that he will get it straightened out.

**FINANCE AND PURCHASING COMMITTEE** (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka states that Mr. Niglio is not here yet and if he is not going to make it we will have to address his report.

**MOTION**- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bozza to accept the financial statement and to pay the bills.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (absent), MOTYKA (yes), SCICCHITANO (absent), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes), NIGLIO (yes)  
5 Yeas – 0 nays

**MOTION** – Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bozza to pass the 2016 Budget.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (absent), MOTYKA (yes), SCICCHITANO (absent), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes), NIGLIO (yes)  
5 Yeas – 0 nays

Mr. Varano states that he would like to add that this can be reopened until February 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Mr. Winhofer states that it could be open for five month.

Mr. Varano states that he just wants to comment because of the new council coming in and they always have that option.

Mr. Motyka states that the 2016-01 Tax Levy Ordinance will need to be advertised and is available for review in the Borough office.

**MOTION**- Mr. Motyka made the motion to advertise the 2016-01 Tax Levy Ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Bozza.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (absent), MOTYKA (yes), SCICCHITANO (absent), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes), NIGLIO (yes)  
5 Yeas – 0 nays

Mr. Varano commented that there is no raise in taxes.

**CODE/HEALTH/SAFETY COMMITTEE** (Philip Scicchitano)

No Report

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** (Stephanie Niglio)

**MOTION-** Mrs. Niglio made the motion to approve the Landlord Ordinance 2015-08 which is the Landlord Ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Motyka.

**ROLL CALL VOTE-** BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (absent), MOTYKA (yes), SCICCHITANO (absent), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes), NIGLIO (yes)  
5 Yeas – 0 nays

**GRANTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE** (Clarence H. Deitrick)

No Report

Mr. Varano questioned what the MULTIMODAL grant is.

Rhonda Wilk states that is a grant through PennDOT and that Mr. Deitrick has been talking with Senator Gordner and Phil Dunn from Senator Gordner's office and he is getting some information on that grant and states that may be something that they can take a look at next year for down there by the Sportsmans Club.

Mr. Varano states that sinkhole down by the Sportsmans Club.

Mr. Varano states so, there is another grant in the works and we may be able to get this thing done in the springtime or early next summer if this grant comes through along with the \$15000.00 in grants that we received from the Williams Atlantic Sunrise Grant, we should have enough money to take care of that project.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE** (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka states that the bids are out and the contractors walked the site last Thursday and they will have another opportunity to walk the site next Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> and the bid will be moved from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be an addendum change to the blueprints updating some missing information.

Mr. Motyka states that will go out to all contractors that picked up the bid documents.

Mr. Varano questioned what time the bid opening will be. Mr. Motyka replied that we left it up to Rocky Baer and it will be during normal business hours. Mr. Varano stated that is what he thought but he just wanted to double check.

**SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** (J. Winhofer, B. Varano and C. Deitrick)

No Report

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Varano wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mr. Ken Ross of 733 Pine Street states that he was talking with the municipal authority and states that he had the water shut down for a year or two years and states that he does not know who runs the authority but states that he is getting no where with them.

Mr. Ross states that they will not give him some kind of a deduction for the water being turned off, they are still charging him every single month for the municipal authority.

Mr. Varano replied that has nothing to do with this body and stated that he will have to come to an authority meeting which is next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. held here at the same place.

Mr. Ross states that he just wants them to respect the fact that he was not using and water and they want to charge him \$600.00, he states that he just wants a break.

Mr. Varano replied that he doubts that he will be given a break but states that he is welcomed to try.

Bruno Varano states that Council will now meet in executive session to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

The Borough Solicitor William C. Cole states that the board met in executive session for approximately 40 minutes for personnel and contractual matters.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR**

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RHONDA WILK  
BOROUGH SECRETARY

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DATE OF APPROVAL

