

**KULPMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2013
7:00 PM**

Opening Prayer by Councilman Philip Scicchitano
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the body present, Kulpmont Borough Council
held its Regular Monthly Meeting Tuesday, February 12, 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.

ABSENT: Bruno R. Varano, Treasurer Paul A. Niglio.

APPOINTED POSITIONS: Borough Solicitor William C. Cole, Borough Supervisor George Malakoski.

PRESENT: Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk and Police Chief Richard L. Wilson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Young, David Dubbs, Paul Quincy Jr, Dave Dallabrida, Lucy Quincy, Donato Quveliaea, Pat Komara, Rose Hersh, J. Little, Katrian Poplaski, Mike Little, James Ciprianni, Dennis Zarick, Adolph Blugis and Larry Cinelli.

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

No One Spoke

PRESIDENTS REPORT (Bruno R. Varano)

No Report

MAYORS REPORT (Myron F. Turlis)

The Mayor states that he feels that we need to address the issue of the doors being open here in the Borough after hours. He states that we had some damage that occurred and fortunately we had someone who was kind enough to question some of the kids that were loafing down there and they told us who did it and we were able to make contact through the police department and they have made some restitution.

The Mayor states that he does not know what council wants to do.

Mr. Deitrick states that he does not think that there is any reason to have it open and questions on what time this happened.

Mayor Turlis states that he does not know what time it was, it was found in the morning.

Mr. Deitrick asks what the Mayors recommendation is.

Mayor Turlis state that he just wants to make council aware.

Mr. Deitrick states that he does not see any reason the Borough should be open.

Mayor Turlis states that we do have the weight lifters coming in during the late afternoon hours.

Mr. Scicchitano asks if we have a buzzer that people could buzz in if they want to see someone from the police department.

Mayor Turlis states that we did at one time and states we could easily install one.

Mr. Motyka suggests that we could post signs that the building will be closed be certain times.

Mayor Turlis states that he spoke to some of the weightlifters and they are they are willing to form some kind of committee and take charge as far as the keys. He states that he does not want to penalize them because they do not cause any problems it is the kids that come in because of the doors being left open.

Mr. Deitrick states we could issue keys to them and keep the building locked after five possibly.

Mayor Turlis states that he received a letter from the Kulpmont ambulance that the vehicle was sold to the Middleburg Fire Company and states they are going to keep some kind of name to use the money to help out with things throughout the year as the Halloween Parade, Town Park and around Christmas. They are going to stay active and do things throughout the town.

Mayor Turlis states that he has a request from the police department for an update crimes and code for the police department at a cost of \$40.00

Mayor Turlis states that he would like to acknowledge some of the businesses and people that helped out and rendered aid during the fire on the 900 block of Chestnut Street. He states that he would like to acknowledge Dunkin Donuts, Turkey Hill, John Baluta Plumbing and Heating, Joe Cessari and Subway, Shicks Wings, Scicchitano Pizza, Dave Shinskie, Knights of Columbus, Bob Chesney, Eddie Avellino, Paul Niglio, some of the neighbors, many who are here tonight.

The Mayor states he would like to acknowledge the Salvation Army, Bob Guzick who was the demolition contractor who was the demolition contractor mobilized a piece of equipment to help extinguish that fire, when the building collapsed we were not able to

get enough water into that one structure to extinguish that fire and he responded immediately.

Mayor Turlis states that two individuals are here and states that if not for their effort there would have been a fatality there.

The Mayor states Jamie Jarosiewicz the manager from Turkey Hill was able to get into the house of the elderly lady and physically removed her and handed her over the railing and the second person whom I did not get to speak to as of this time.

Lastly and unfortunately they are not here this evening because they are fighting a fire at this time in Mount Carmel are the Fire, Rescue, EMS, Fire Police and anyone else who assisted us in anyway.

The Mayor state that there were trucks here from as far away as Schuylkill County and some members of council at the scene made it easy to coordinated the efforts of what we had to do as borough officials.

Mayor Turlis states that on behalf of himself and Council he states that they are sorry for all of the victims for their loss and for the people who had damage. Mayor Turlis states that if he had missed anyone he apologizes.

SECRETARY REPORT (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda states that approval is needed for the meeting minutes dated January 8th 2013.

MOTION- Mr. Bozza made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Scicchitano to approve the meeting minutes from the January 8, 2013 monthly meeting.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

Rhonda states that under correspondence the following was received and copied to both Council and Mayor. Correspondence was received from DCNR concerning the playground inspection, Northumberland County Tax Claims Bureau, PSAB concerning the 102nd annual conference and nominations and from the USDA.

TREASURERS REPORT (Paul A. Niglio)

Mr. Deitrick states that a motion is needed to accept the financial statement and to pay the bill.

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

MOTION- Mr. Motyka makes the motion and is seconded by Mr. Bozza to accept 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)
6YEAS – 0 NAYS

SOLICITORS REPORT (William C. Cole)

The Solicitor William C. Cole states that he is requesting an executive session at the end of the meeting.

POLICE CHIEFS REPORTS (Richard L. Wilson, III)

Attachment #2

Mr. Deitrick asks if anyone has any questions for the Chief.

No one spoke

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT (Raymond Siko)

Attachment #3

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Kevin O’Hearn)

No Report

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT (Tom Nowroski)

No Report

CODE/HEALTH ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT (John E. Timm)

Attachment #4

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Philip Scicchitano)

No Report

SERVICE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE (Nicholas Bozza)

MOTION- A motion By Mr. Bozza and seconded by Mrs. Niglio to approve and advertise the 2013 Street Sweeper Schedule.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

MOTION- Mr. Bozza makes the motion and is seconded by Mr. Scicchitano to service the 2011 dump truck not to exceed \$300.00 to Sunbury Motors.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

MOTION- Mr. Bozza makes the motion and is seconded by Mr. Scicchitano to purchase a roller from Medico and a skid-stir from Best Line not to exceed \$55,255.00.

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

FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE (Stephen Motyka)

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bozza to replace a tire that was damages for the 96 Ford dump truck including mount and balance at a cost of \$175.20.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion to purchase taser cartridges and tactical OC spray needed for the police department at a cost of \$363.13

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

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

No Report

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE (Stephanie Niglio)

No Report

GRANTS and RECREATION COMMITTEE (Clarence H. Deitrick)

Mr. Deitrick states that he has had questions on the recycling on the Cardboard and Newspaper since the bins are only open during the day until the Street Department leaves Monday – Friday and people that work and return after 5 are unable to recycle their cardboard and newspapers.

Mr. Deitrick states that we will run a trial period and will have the bins open every second Saturday of the month from 8a.m. until 12 noon starting in March, so the first trial date will be March 9th beginning at 8:00 a.m.

SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Winhofer, Varano and Deitrick)

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Deitrick stated he would like to wish everybody a Happy Valentines Day.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Adolf Blugis states that he states that he is concerned about the Borough building a new municipal building. Mr. Blugis states that he has concerns because everything is kind of tough right now and states that he put his thoughts in a summary and provided council a copy. Mr. Blugis states that it is important to maintain a good police force. Mr. Blugis states that he is just concerned about the new building and being able to afford it. He states that he is interested in if council has any thoughts on his summary and if so to let him know.

Dennis Zarick states that he is here this evening to inform the borough that he intends to rebuild his home as well as Larry Cinelli and that they have to be torn down and states that he has been in contact with the Endrizzi family and states that once their property is

demolished and cleaned up they are allowing them the opportunity to purchase that and states that they feel they can put a nice single home on that.

Mr. Zarick states that if the property at 915 becomes available they will definitely be interested in that.

Mr. Zarick states that he does not know who the contractor is that the borough has hired to demolish 915-918 and states that it would possibly be to their benefit to use the same contractor.

Mayor Turlis states that he just wants to get something clear here and states that the borough did not hire anyone to come up and demolish.

The Mayor States that the Demolition contractor was brought up to stir the debris and remove two truckloads of debris so that to help to put the fire out, and if he is interested in having his name he will be more than happy to provide him with his name.

Dave Dallabrida of 922 Chestnut Street states that he would like to know what the status is on the cleanup from the fire on Chestnut Street and states that it as the point of that it is a hazard and neighbors must use his property as an access.

Mr. Dallabrida states that he has had Fire-Dex at his place and every time someone has to use his property for access debris is brought back onto his property.

Mr. Dallabrida states that he has a pet coming that he has to take care of and would like to close his place up. Mr. Dallabrida states that he is looking for a time frame, status or how long this will be.

Mr. Dallabrida states that the other issue is that Mr. Bozza contacted him about the sidewalk of two years ago but states that he still did not hear anything about the curb and asks if that is still happening or where that stands. Mr. Bozza states that he will talk with George.

Mr. Cole responded g the fire on Chestnut Street, that the borough Council and the Mayor are working on the fire cleanup issue and states that we do have a timetable that we are working on and will discuss that tonight and states that we are going to move forward with that.

Mr. Cole states just so he understands, they are private properties and we have to have a certain amount of observation with people's rights with their properties before we take action and states that we want it done properly of course.

The Solicitor William C. Cole states that council will review all of that and approve the timetable that we are discussing and states that we have met prior on it, so you know things are happening.

Mr. Cole states that we discussed our dangerous structures ordinance and also section 3108 of the Borough Code, which gives that Borough absolute right for any health, safety or structural concerns.

Mr. Cole states everyone's safety is in their foremost mind and states that we do not want to deny anyone their right but we also do not want anyone hurt, we are trying to proceed based on the code.

Mr. Dallabrida states that it has been two weeks and has no access to the road.

Mr. Cole states that he understands.

Mr. Dallabrida asks if he has the right to close his place up, because there will be no access.

Mr. Cole states certainly being a private land owner, and states that he certainly understands his dilemma.

Mr. Cole states that there are various concerns with how to clean it up and as far as insurance and so forth, Council is working on it and they will have a comprehensible plan to do that in a very short period.

Mr. Pat Komara, owner of 1444 Chestnut Street states that he is just looking for an update on the status of where we are at with the tenants that were to be moving out of 1446 Chestnut Street.

The Solicitor William C. Cole states that the code enforcement officer did produce a legal document indicating all of the violations and that he was proceeding under the eviction section of our ordinance and states that he did approve all of that already and states that it should be in the works.

Mr. Cole states that it was served upon the landlord and states that if it is not complied with there will probably be legal action.

The Borough Solicitor William C. Cole states that the board met in executive session for approximately 1 hour for personnel and litigation matters.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

**RHONDA WILK
BOROUGH SECRETARY**

DATE OF APPROVAL