

**KULPMONT BOROUGH  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2014**

Opening Prayer by Councilman Scicchitano  
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the body present. Kulpmont Borough Council  
held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday January 14, 2014

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mayor Bernard P. Novakoski, Nicholas Bozza, Clarence H. Deitrick, Stephanie Niglio, Philip Scicchitano, Bruno R. Varano, Joseph A. Winhofer and Stephen Motyka.

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

**PRESENT:** Code Official Russ Moroz, Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk and Bruce Graff.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Paul Zupicick, Robert Michalovich, Paul Vincenzes, Jan Nestico, Bernard Nestico, Ed Stefaniowicz, Christian Perles, Joe Pancerella, Ronda Pollack, Christian Perles, Joe Pancerella, Sondra Krebs, Martha Schrade and Dave Krebs.  
Six illegible signatures

**ABSENT:** Treasurer Paul A. Niglio, Jr.

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

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

Mr. Varano states that the committees will stay the same for now and states that if anyone wants to change committees to let him know.

**MAYORS REPORT** (Bernard P. Novakoski)

No Report

**SECRETARY REPORT** (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda Wilk states that approval is needed on the meeting minutes for the December 10<sup>th</sup> regular monthly meeting.

**MOTION-** Mr. Winhofer makes the motion and was seconded by Mr. Deitrick to approve the meeting minutes from the December 10, 2013 regular monthly meeting.

**VOICE VOTE-**

Unanimous

**TREASURES REPORT (Paul A. Niglio)**

Rhonda Wilk states that everyone received a copy of the financial statement and a copy of the bills to be paid and states that a motion is needed to approve the financial statement and to pay the bills.

**MOTION-** Mr. Deitrick makes the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bozza to approve the financial statement and to pay the bills.

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

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

No Report

**POLICE REPORT (Corporal Michael Pitcavage)**

Report Attachment 2

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT (Raymond Siko)**

Report Attachment 3

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMNT (Kevin O’Hearn)**

No Report

**BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT (Stephen G. Bielskie, Sr.)**

Report Attachment 4 for October and November

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

Report Attachment 5

Russ Moroz states that the DCED quarterly report is due at the end of this month.

Russ Moroz states that 2014 total registrations so far on the rental properties are thirty two.

Mr. Moroz states that concerning the Mill property on Chestnut Street, just to make the residents aware it is a very dangerous situation down there.

Mr. Moroz states that over the weekend there was a water main break and states that he is afraid the walls will start to buckle.

Mr. Moroz states that he may need the solicitors help on this and will have to get some letters to the owner of the property because so far he is not responding.

Mr. Moroz asks residents to stay away from it as much as they can and refrain from walking around in the area.

Mayor Novakoski states that he knows what he is talking about and states that he saw the chimney is starting to lean.

Mr. Moroz states that concrete chimney is really worse because the base is falling apart.

Mr. Moroz states that he was informed today that someone placed a note on a truck within the borough about garbage and they placed his name on it and states that he wants everyone to know that any correspondence that comes from the code office it will be either in the form of a letter or a phone call and states that by UCC he is not allowed to place notes or go on properties everything has to be done formally by a letter to the residents in the mail or a phone call.

Mr. Moroz states that if you need to contact the code office, contact the code office, city hall and last resort the police station. Mr. Moroz states that anybody that needs to talk with him needs to talk directly to him and wants everyone to know that is the way he will respond.

#### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Philip Scicchitano)**

No Report

#### **SERVICE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE (Nicholas Bozza)**

Mr. Bozza states that the past two snow storms he witnessed and has been told about people throwing snow into the street and a few incidents where people are throwing ashes out into the street. Mr. Bozza states that if they are caught they will be fined.

Mr. Bozza states that the last day for Christmas Tree pick up will be January 17<sup>th</sup>

**MOTION-** Mr. Bozza makes the motion and was seconded by Mr. Deitrick to advertise the Street Sweeper Schedule for 2014.

#### **VOICE VOTE-**

Unanimous

Mrs. Niglio asks if the people on Chestnut Street are taking their trees to the alley.

Mr. Deitrick states that notice was just in the paper again recently.

Mr. Bozza asks Rhonda Wilk to put notice in the newspaper again reminding residents on Chestnut Street they must place their trees in the alley for pick up.

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

Mr. Motyka states that the Blue Prints are at 35% complete and states that the architect is asking for their upfront initial reimbursement for the design work already done and states that we have to make a motion to pay the architect \$16,000.00 for the first 35% of the drawing.

Mr. Deitrick states that we may need Paul to be able to approve that.

Mr. Varano agrees and states that until our tax money starts coming in.

Mr. Motyka states that the way it goes we have short term construction interim financing as the building is being built however we cannot recoup money from the interim financing until the building is out for bids.

Mr. Deitrick asks if we can make a motion approving it pending approval from the Treasurer.

**MOTION-** Mr. Motyka makes the motion and Mr. Deitrick seconds the motion to approve payment for 35% complete for the Blue Prints of \$16,000.00 pending approval by the Treasurer.

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

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

No Report

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE (Stephanie Niglio)**

No Report

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

Mr. Deitrick states that Rhonda Wilk and he had met with Joe Degrippio from DEP last month for a pre-grant conference and states that a new round has not opened yet.

Mr. Deitrick states that sometime this spring they open the 2014 grants and we have already discussed with him the possibility of putting in for a new dump truck, educational materials and more recycling bins and states that we are kind of ahead of the curb then with that.

Mr. Varano asks if we are completely out of recycling bins.

Mr. Deitrick states that we are.

Mr. Varano states that we will have to pick out specs for a truck and what kind we want.

Mr. Deitrick states that we will get with Nick on that and states that everyone was pretty satisfied with the last one.

Mr. Varano questioned possibly getting a smaller truck.

Mr. Deitrick states that we have time for that and will look into it.

Mr. Motyka states that he read a newspaper article about DCNR grants are coming up and open in April and states that he does not know if we have a need for a playground or green landscape or anything like that.

Mr. Motyka states that they are not posted on the internet and questions if we could attend one of these workshops.

Mr. Bozza questions if we could possible get tree cutting.

Mr. Motyka replied possibly tree planting. Mr. Varano states that tree planting but he does not think tree cutting.

Mr. Motyka states that possibly tree planting or landscaping around the new borough building. Mr. Motyka states that the playground was a great success so possible something on the south side of town.

Mr. Deitrick states that he and Rhonda Wilk will contact Wes Fahringer from DCNR and see if possibly some landscaping or playground possibly.

Mr. Varano states that we have the property on Chestnut Street also that we could possible do something there as well.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE (Stephen Motyka)**

Mr. Motyka states that he will release prints of the new building to Rob from The News Item for publication and as soon as we receive a full size set they will be on display for view at the Borough office.

**RENTAL COMMITTEE (Phil Scicchitano)**

Mr. Matzura 716 Pine Street states that he really does not have much to say this evening and states that he would have liked to meet with council prior to this meeting and states that the meeting was scheduled for the first Tuesday but that was postponed until next Wednesday.

Mr. Matzura states that he plans to continue the work with the established committee to finish the work that we started on the ordinance and help with relations between landlords and the borough and states that is if we could get landlords and council members to attend those meeting.

Mr. Matzura states that tonight he asks council to make a vote publicly to lower the imposed registration fee to a level that fits the definition of a fee rather than a tax.

**SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Winhofer, Varano and Deitrick)**

No Report

**OLD BUSINESS**

No Report

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Bozza states that he is getting questions on where residents could drop off electronics and asks if that is something we can do.

Mr. Deitrick states that we cannot, they can drop off them in Coal Township.

Mr. Deitrick states that Rhonda Wilk and he looked into that and spoke with Mr. Delgrippe about that.

Mr. Bozza asks if we can collect them.

Mr. Deitrick states that we could but states that we do not have the manpower to do that.

Mr. Bozza states that possibly a trailer could be placed up here and then we could take it down.

Mr. Varano states that even with that you would have to put a size limit on it also because when you get into appliances you are getting into trouble.

Mr. Deitrick states that he will talk to Coal Township recycling and see if there is anything else that can be done; they do take them there on a drop off basis.

Mayor Novakoski states that he does believe PPL will take refrigerators as long as they are running and will pay you I think \$35.00.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

No one spoke

**The Borough Solicitor William C. Cole state that the borough met in executive session for approximately thirty minutes to discuss possible litigation contractual and personnel matter.**

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

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**RHONDA WILK  
BOROUGH SECRETARY**

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**DATE APPROVAL**