

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
SPECIAL MEETING
April 19, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

Opening Prayer by Councilman Robert Chesney
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the body present,
Kulpmont Borough Council held the special meeting for general purpose on
Wednesday April 19, 2023

Roll call was taken, and the following members were present: Stephen Bielskie, Joseph Dowkus, Robert Fanella, Marlin Hodge, and Bernard Novakoski.

ABSENT: Mayor Slaby and Councilman Robert Chesney

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Code Officer Heather Owens, Treasurer Paul Niglio

OTHERS PRESENT: Trish Olszewskie

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

None

Elected Officials Report

Presidents Report - (Stephen Bielskie)

Mr. Bielskie stated there is a request for 4 parking spaces for the new business, Kulpmont Thrift Store on Chestnut Street in the former Archie's Store. A discussion took place on possibly keeping it at two spaces adding the block is tight for parking. After a discussion Mr. Motyka stated he will call her up and ask her about starting with two for now. After discussion it was decided parking is very limited in that area. Mr. Bielskie stated there is no problem going with two spaces for now. Mr. Novakoski stated during business hours nobody could park there but at night when the store is closed it should be open for parking.

Personnel Committee - (Joseph Dowkus)

Mr. Dowkus stated Bruce Graff contacted him last Thursday and gave him a verbal resignation and then submitted a letter dated the 14th of April, giving a two-week notice. Mr. Dowkus stated his last day will be April 28, 2023. Mr. Dowkus stated it is unfortunate and stated he wishes him well, stating he has been with the borough for 14 years. Mr. Hodge stated tomorrow is his last day, he will then take vacation.

MOTION- Mr. Dowkus made the motion to accept Mr. Bruce Graff's resignation effective April 28, 2023, and was seconded by Mr. Fanella.

ROLL CALL VOTE- NOVAKOSKI (no), BIELSKIE (yes), FANELLA (yes), CHESNEY (absent), DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), HODGE (yes)
5 YEAS – 1 NAYS

Mr. Dowkus stated with the resignation of Bruce Graff we will need to hire someone to replace him. Mr. Novakoski stated he thinks we need to advertise for a supervisor. Mr. Motyka stated you cannot have a union without a supervisor. Mr. Novakoski stated you are hiring an employee not a supervisor. Mr. Niglio stated the chairman of the committee would be the supervisor. Mr. Novakoski stated we need to hire a qualified person that could run the equipment, the food program, a qualified person capable to do all of this now. Mr. Novakoski stated Bruce set up all the food, that took all day to do. Mr. Bielskie stated he made a big mistake not training anybody else. Mr. Novakoski stated that's his job he is a supervisor. After continuing the discussion, Mr. Fanella stated he thinks we should advertise and get applications in and go from there.

MOTION- Mr. Dowkus made the motion to advertise positions to fill on the Borough Street Department, Borough Laborer and was seconded by Mr. Motyka.

Mr. Motyka stated wages do not need to be advertised, that could be discussed later. It was agreed to also advertise on the borough Facebook.

ROLL CALL VOTE- NOVAKOSKI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), FANELLA (yes), CHESNEY (absent), DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), HODGE (yes)
6 YEAS – 0 NAYS

OLD BUSINESS-

Mr. Motyka stated our engineer will have the documents ready for Wood Street for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS-

Mr. Motyka stated next Tuesday Kulpmont and the Shamokin Creek Alliance is receiving the Governors Environmental Excellence award and it will be held at the Harrisburg Hilton. Mr. Motyka stated the cost is \$75.00 per person. Mr. Motyka stated we should have a count of those interested in attending by Friday.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Fanella to pay the cost of \$75.00 for those wishing to attend.

ROLL CALL VOTE- NOVAKOSKI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), FANELLA (yes), CHESNEY (absent), DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), HODGE (yes)
6 YEAS – 0 NAYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The April 19, 2023, Meeting was adjourned by the call of the Chair.

**Rhonda Wilk
Borough Secretary**

Approval date – May 10, 2023