

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
MEETING
Special Meeting for General Purpose
July 2, 2025
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 July 2, 2025

The roll call was taken, and the following members were present: Stephen Bielskie, Robert Fanella, Robert Chesney, Stephen Motyka, Marlin Hodge, and Bernard Novakoski.

ABSENT: Solicitor Greco, Mayor Robert Slaby, Charles Staskiel, Treasurer Paul Niglio

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Tina Treese, Rich Hallick, Greg Sacavage

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

No one spoke.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Slaby informed Mr. Novakoski by text message that there will be police coverage on Friday and Saturday for Kulpmont's upcoming events.

Mr. Fanella stated that since the borough no longer has a full-time officer, we need to advertise for 2 full time police officers like we have had done in the past.

MOTION- Mr. Fanella made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to advertise to hire 2 full time police officers at \$30 an hour with a \$5,000 sign on bonus.

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

Mr. Hodge stated that the reason for this meeting is to inform everyone that the borough's chief of police resigned last Tuesday.

MOTION- Mr. Fanella made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Chesney to accept Stephen Mazzeo's letter of resignation.

ROLL CALL VOTE- NOVAKOSKI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), FANELLA, (yes),

CHESNEY (yes), STASKIEL (absent), MOTYKA (yes), HODGE (no)
5 YEAS – 1 NAYS

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Chesney asked Secretary Jewel if anyone is handling the order for the hometown hero banners. Mr. Fanella answered, stating that no other organization would want to handle it and that Jewel volunteered to do it. He added that although other organizations had handled it in the past Rhonda was still involved in the process. Jewel added that she has been in direct communication with the man that the borough has ordered with in the past and that she has the amount of each banner and the process for ordering them. Mr. Motyka added that this should be something we wait to order until next year.

Mr. Chesney, speaking on the new cardboard recycling center, stated that the building should not be left unattended. He is nervous that people will recycle more than they are supposed to and maybe the building can have hours that it is open and closed. The council stated that there will be signage explaining what people can and cannot dispose and added that maybe the signs will be in different languages as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Chesney asked if the borough could allow the summer help to mow people's bad properties and whether the borough could bill the property owner? Mr. Fanella stated that although the borough has done it in the past, he does not think it is a good idea to add that to the street department right now. He stated that they need to focus on everything else right now, specifically potholes and other borough related things.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Bielskie wishes everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Mr. Bielskie stated the council will now meet in an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Bielskie stated the council met in an executive session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

**Jewel Newbern
Borough Secretary**

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