

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
MEETING
Special Meeting for General Purpose
November 19, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

Opening Prayer by Councilman Marlin Hodge
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the body present,
Kulpmont Borough Council held the special meeting for general purpose on
Wednesday, November 19, 2025

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

ABSENT: Robert Chesney, Charles, Staskiel, Treasurer Paul Niglio

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Solicitor Greco (on the phone)

OTHERS PRESENT: No one attended.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Mr. Bielskie read Resolution 783 for the Local Share Account Grant. The resolution will be used for police equipment and upgrades for an estimated cost of \$167,705.84. He asked for a motion.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Fanella to pass Resolution 783- Local Share Account grant.

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

SERVICE FACILITIES:

Mr. Fanella asked if we could add an additional vehicle to our borough insurance for an additional \$1500 a year. He explained it is a F250 truck to pull the trailer for the West End Fire Company.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Novakoski to add F250 on borough insurance for an additional \$1500 per year.

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

PERSONNEL REPORT:

Mr. Fanella stated that the Officer in Charge has interviewed and met Alex Hernandex and believes he will be a good addition to the police department as a full- time officer. Mr. Fanella

stated that Mr. Hernandez is graduating from the academy and still needs to acquire the required certifications but the borough should hire him now so a different county or borough can't hire him before us. He stated he has to obtain his Act 120 certification and MOTEC training certification. He also mentioned that he will be placed on a probationary period for a year. Mr. Hodge asked if the personnel committee could meet and interview him before he starts his employment so he can get to know him before he fills the role. Mayor Slaby agreed and mentioned that he has no idea this was occurring and he would like to meet him.

MOTION- Mr. Fanella made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Novakoski made the motion to hire Alex Hernandez on a one-year probationary period for full-time police officer pending he obtains his required certifications after graduating and he interviews with the personnel committee.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Solicitor Greco stated the council met in an executive session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Borough Secretary

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