

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
December 10
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 meeting for general purpose on
Wednesday, December 10, 2025

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

ABSENT: Robert Chesney

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Solicitor Greco, Treasurer Paul Niglio, Code Officer Heather Owens, Fire Chief Ray Siko

OTHERS PRESENT: Edwin Howerter, Greg Sacavage, Tina Treese, Raymond J Siko, Marshall Mirarchi III

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

A resident questioned if the code officer could read her report instead of saying that it is attached. The code officer agreed to read it.

PRESIDENTS REPORT – (Stephen Bielskie)

Mr. Bielskie stated there was an incident with a dog biting an individual and there were two nurses that helped the dog bite victim and stated the West End Fire company has offered to purchase plaques and stated we want to acknowledge it. Mr. Motyka stated we could do a resolution for next meeting.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Fanella to do a resolution in recognition.

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

Mr. Bielskie stated at this time he wants to congratulate the soon to be ex- Mayor for all the years and then presented him with a plaque reading in grateful recognition of your dedication and service to the Borough of Kulpmont and the community, your leadership and commitment will always be remembered.

Mayor Slaby stated he has been here for 18 years and served 16 years as Mayor longer than anybody in the history of the town. He said he has had the opportunity over the 18 years to serve with good people, people who really have Kulpmont at heart. Mr. Slaby addressed Mr. Sacavage and saying get use to being

called Mayor and offered advice stating you are supposed to do everything and stated they do not say I will call councilman so and so, they say I will call Mayor Slaby and stated now he, Mr. Sacavage will have that. He then thanked council for the plaque and stated he appreciates it.

MAYORS REPORT- (Robert M. Slaby)

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT-

MOTION- Mr. Novakoski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Fanella to approve the meeting minutes from the November 12th, 19th and 26th 2025 meetings.

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

Correspondence received and copied to the Mayor and Council is as follows;

1. Department of Economic Development & Planning:
 - a. Freedom 40 LLC- Cc Mayor/Council
2. Stephanie Niglio – letter of interest for re-appointment 5-year term Sewer Auth. Cc Mayor/Council
3. Anthony M Matulewicz III, Letter of intent /Resume position of Solicitor Cc Mayor/Council
4. Kulpmont Volunteer Fire Dept – 2026 Administrative/Operational Changes Cc Mayor/Council
5. Mount Carmel Personal Care Open House Invite Cc Mayor/Council
6. Guyette – Telephone Communications- Cc Mayor/Council

TREASURERS REPORT (Paul Niglio)

MOTION- Mr. Novakoski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to pay the bills and any additional regular operating bills through December.

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

Mr. Niglio stated we need a motion to advertise the 2026 tax ordinance, same as 2025. Mr. Niglio stated that was not done. Mr. Niglio stated a motion is needed to advertise the 2026 budget that was also not done.

MOTION- A motion was made by Mr. Novakoski and seconded by Mr. Motyka to advertise the 2026 tax ordinance, and approve the advertisement of the 2026 preliminary budget.

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

SOLICITORS REPORT (Edward Greco)

Solicitor Greco stated he will be preparing files to transition from himself to a new solicitor, most importantly the PUC and PPL matter for the new solicitor. He stated will be passing on his blight information so the new solicitor will have all of his files.

Solicitor Greco stated he would like to thank Kulpmont Borough Council for the opportunity to serve the citizens stating he was born and raised in this town and ran around these streets most of his young life and practiced law here for almost 30 years and stated Kulpmont will always be his home. He states he wants to thank each and every one of you and stated he appreciates the friendships that have developed and stated it was a pleasure serving Borough Council.

POLICE REPORT

No Report.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT – (Raymond Siko)

Report Attached.

The fire chief stated the KME was already repaired. He stated money was saved by being able to have it repaired by a person that repairs gas tanks. It was discovered that the pressure release air valve was bad and while it was down there and that was replaced and it is back in station.

The Fire Chief addressed the Mayor and congratulated him on his retirement. He thanked him for everything he has done for the department going back to the Monday nights at city hall or Wednesday nights at training and stated he will be sadly missed,

Chief Siko congratulated Solicitor Greco saying congratulations you're Honor. He thanked Mr. Bielskie and then wished everyone a good safe Christmas.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – (Devin O'Hearn)

No report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT– (Tri County COG)

Report Attached and a permit.

CODE/HEALTH ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT – (Heather Owens)

Report Attached.

She proceeded to read her attached report

SERVICE AND FACILITIES – (Robert Fanella)

Food surplus distribution will be held on December 18th from 8 am until 11 am at the borough garage.

FINANCE AND PURCHASING – (Stephen Motyka)

No report.

CODE HEALTH AND SAFETY- (Stephen Bielskie)

No report

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - (Robert Fanella)

No report

RECREATION/GRANTS COMMITTEE – (Robert Chesney)

Mr. Motyka stated there is a contract from Livic to be signed for a \$30,000.00 Walk Works Grant.

PERSONNEL- (Bernard P. Novakoski)

Mr. Novakoski stated he would like to propose Mr. Matulewicz be hired as the solicitor. He stated we need to make that transition to pick up on the paperwork so we can continue on.

MOTION- Mr. Novakoski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Fanella to hire Attorney Anthony Matulewicz as the borough solicitor with a 6000.00 annual retainer and at \$70.00 per hour.

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Solicitor Greco stated he will get his files to hm.

FIRE/EMA/POLICE COMMITTEE – (Bernard P. Novakoski)

No Report

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Greg Sacavage questioned if the new solicitor is hired will it need to come up again at reorganization and be hired a second time. Solicitor Greco replied, “no.” Solicitor Greco stated in theory they could replace the solicitor at any time.

Mr. Sacavage stated as a private citizen he would like to thank the Mayor, Council and our Solicitor for their service. He stated it is a team effort and stated you cannot do it without council and the executive department and you can’t do it without a good interpretation of the law and staff to work together.

Mr. Sacavage stated the Mayor, President and Solicitor are the foundation of what our borough has and stated unfortunately they are not going to be here and it is going to be a lot of work without them.

OLD BUSINESS-

Mr. Novakoski questioned if there is anything on the security system. Mr. Niglio stated it is on hold. Mr. Novakoski stated he does not think it should be. Mr. Novakoski stated he has a person from Marion Heights and stated he covers everything. Mr. Fanella stated he could come and give us an estimate.

MOTION- Mr. Novakoski made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Fanella to advertise for an administrative secretary.

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

NEW BUSINESS-

No Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Borough Secretary

Approval date January 14, 2025