

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING
For General Purpose
March 4, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the body present
Kulpmont Borough Council held the meeting for general purpose on
Wednesday, March 4, 2026

The roll call was taken, and the following members were present: Mayor Sacavage, Robert Chesney, Robert Fanella, Mark Hine, Marlin Hodge and Stephen Motyka.

ABSENT: Bernard Novakoski, Beth Gensemer

Mr. Fanella stated Mr. Novakoski is absent for a medical issue and Mrs. Gensemer has a work related absence and cannot be here tonight.

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Solicitor Matulewicz, Code Officer Heather Owens, Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk, Officer in Charge Francis Petrovich

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

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

None

FIRE/EMA/POLICE- (Novakoski, Fanella and Hine)

Mr. Fanella stated we have a young lady coming on as a full time police officer. Mr. Fanella stated he and the Mayor contacted Shamokin for consideration to buy her existing equipment and questioned the Mayor if he heard anything back on that.

Mayor Sacavage replied and stated he did hear back and had Francis Petrovich look it over and stated he will let him speak on that equipment and what is viable and recommended to buy.

Officer Petrovich stated he would recommend buying all of her equipment besides the uniforms. He stated the uniforms may not work and could possibly spend more money removing the patch and getting a patch adding it may tear and so he doesn't recommend buying the uniforms.

Mayor Sacavage asked officer Petrovich if he has an amount total. Officer Petrovich stated he does not have a total ready and stating with the uniforms it was \$2,115.00.

Mayor Sacavage stated he has it broken down if council wants to know what is included in the breakdown. Mr. Chesney then said "yes please."

Mayor Sacavage stated he will go through the list and asked Officer Petrovich to correct him on anything if he is wrong. Mayor Sacavage proceeded then to go over the list stating belt keepers \$17.00, shielded uniform coat at \$140.00, shielded outer winter parka \$186.00, the carrier vest \$149.00, soft ballistic plate \$180.00, handcuffs \$60.00. Mr. Chesney questioned if we don't have handcuffs. Officer Petrovich replied stating he does not believe so. Mayor Sacavage proceeded with the carrier for OC spray \$32.00, double magazine holder for pepper spray \$50.00, handcuff case \$40.00, radio holder \$60.00, flashlight holder \$42.00. Mayor Sacavage stated we will need to total that.

Mr. Motyka stated he would make a motion to not exceed \$2300.00. Mayor Sacavage stated that would be plenty because the total mentioned included uniforms and we are not taking it all. Mayor Sacavage stated just looking at his estimate roughly looks to be about \$875.00.

Solicitor Matulewicz read from the contract reading officer will be allotted \$500.00 per year and unused allotment shall be carried from one year to another. Also reading all equipment will remain the property of the borough in which separation all equipment will be returned to the borough.

A brief discussion took place on what was in the contract for uniforms. Officer Petrovich stated it would be the first initial new hire allotment.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka stated he rescinds his motion for not to exceed \$2,300.00 and made the motion not to exceed \$3,300.00 and was seconded by Mr. Hine.

Officer Petrovich stated as in the contract for the full time employee the initial issued uniforms under section K1 uniforms that Kulpmont is responsible 1 winter coat, 3 long sleeve shirts, 3 uniform pants, 3 short sleeve shirts, 1 pair of boots, a hat, tie, black gloves, a vest to be replaced after 5 years.

Mr. Motyka stated a motion is on the table, we will meet again next week. Mr. Chesney stated the list the Mayor just read was not \$3,000.00. Mayor Sacavage replied stated he is estimating those items at \$875.00.

Mr. Fanella commented we are saving money by purchasing her own items from Shamokin.

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

Mr. Fanella stated council will now meet in executive session to discuss personnel and possible litigation matters.

Solicitor Matulewicz stated council met in executive session for approximately 25 minutes to discuss personnel and possible litigation matters.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Hine to pay officer in charge Francis Petrovich \$1.00 over the highest hourly amount paid to a borough's full time officer.

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

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Hine to authorize officer in charge, Francis Petrovich to discuss conditions of employment with the new hire full time officer.

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

Solicitor Matulewicz discussed with council the time constraints in bringing resolve to the property on Chestnut Street and what is needed to begin the process to acquire the property. He recommends council authorize himself and the code officer to begin the process and have an agreement signed.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Chesney to authorize the Solicitor and the code officer Heather Owens to begin the process to acquire the property on Chestnut Street.

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

OLD BUSINESS-

None

NEW BUSINESS-

Mayor Sacavage stated there are two groups that want to hold Easter egg hunts at the Veterans Memorial Field adding both are on different days one is the 28th and the other is the 29th of March. All members were in favor and don't see any issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Borough Secretary

Approval date March 11, 2026