

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

April 8, 2026

6:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer by Councilman Robert Chesney
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the body present
Kulpmont Borough Council held the meeting for general purpose on
Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Roll call was taken and the following members were present Mayor Sacavage, Robert Chesney, Robert Fanella, Beth Gensemer, Mark Hine, Stephen Motyka, Marlin Hodge and Bernard P. Novakoski.

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Solicitor Matulewicz, Code Officer Heather Owens, Borough Treasurer Paul Niglio, Borough Supervisor Ed Begis, Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk.

OTHERS PRESENT: Edwin Howerter, Joe Politza, Tian Jin Zou, Anna Zou, Chris Stellar, Tina Treese, Rich Hallick, Ray Siko and Marshall Mirarchi.

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

No one spoke

PRESIDENTS REPORT – (Robert Fanella)

Mr. Fanella informed council that a pre-demolition meeting was held concerning the property located at 639 Chestnut Street. Mr. Fanella stated demolition will start the first week of May. Mr. Chesney stated whatever is remaining in the yard adding, it was understood today that anything left in the yard Affordable Construction will remove whatever is left.

Mr. Chesney stated the garage is going and the items are in the yard. Mayor Sacavage questioned if the alley will be blocked off and stated if so we would need to notify the public. Mr. Chesney stated he would imagine for the beginning he would imagine so, probably block both ends.

MAYORS REPORT- (Gregory Sacavage)

Mayor Sacavage stated everyone has the police report in front of them and proceeded to read the stats as calls dispatched 23, incidents 4, parking tickets 5, traffic arrest 23, criminal arrest 3, patrol miles 324 and court hearings 1.

Mayor Sacavage stated April is Autism awareness month stating he prepared a declaration and would like to read it for the record at this time and proceeded to read the declaration.

In accordance with the powers and duties granted in the Borough Code to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Constitution, as Mayor of the Borough of Kulpmont, I have the duty, honor, and privilege to extend and present Ceremonial Proclamations to honor, celebrate, or recognize events, individuals, or groups within the community.

**On this date, I happily and proudly do so by recognizing
WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

World Autism Awareness Month is a global event established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007 to raise awareness about autism and promote early diagnosis and intervention. The Borough of Kulpmont understands the reality that there are families, individuals, and youth in our Borough and in our School District who. are affected by this Developmental Disorder. In support and public recognition of the date, I ask any and all to give those affected with Autism your support and understanding. I further proclaim a "well done" and an official "thank you" to all that wear a little Kulpmont Blue this month, since Blue is the Color of Autism Awareness Month.

**Respectfully submitted and presented on this 08 Day of April. , 2026,
The Honorable Gregory A. Sacavage, Mayor**

Mayor Sacavage stated there were proclamations presented to some new businesses in our community stating he went out into the community and presented proclamations to Sully's Sit and Stay Café, Magic Touch Cleaners and to Misteks. Misteks came into the community in December and he stated we did not have a chance to say thank you to Misteks adding they were given a proclamation today and stated we appreciated the new businesses that came into the Borough of Kulpmont.

Mayor Sacavage stated at this time we have a proclamation to be given out to a young lady we would like to recognize Anna Zou and asked her and her father Tian to come forward. He stated Anna is a student at Mount Carmel Area and a member of the band and has done great things. Mayor Sacavage stated he would also like to recognize Chris Stellar, the High School Band Director at Mount Carmel Area, and stated his father was the previous Band Director. Mayor Sacavage stated Kulpmont is well recognized here. Mayor Sacavage proceeded to read the proclamation presented to Anna.

**On this date, I happily and proudly do so by recognizing MISS ANNA ZOU, a
student attending
Mount Carmel Area High School and residing at 555 Chestnut Street in our Borough.
Anna proudly represents the MCA Band as a member of the BIG RED MARCHING
BAND & can be seen performing in Silverbowl on Friday Nights and as a Member of
the Symphonic Band, as she performs on the Paul Semicek Stage in the Richard
Bierschmitt Auditorium at the MCA Jr/SR High School. This year she received the
distinction of obtaining a pinnacle of success that her peers only dream of achieving. She
successfully auditioned from a pool of 150 very talented scholastic musicians from 46
schools in the Pennsylvania Educators Music Association District 8 & Region IV to achieve
the position & title of FIRST CHAIR/FIRST FLUTE in their Band selections. It should
also be noted that Anna has been awarded this honor as only a sophomore, which is yet**

another accomplishment this young musician should be held in high standard in receiving the acknowledgment of her talents.

It should be noted for the record that Anna's talents, dedication and strong work ethic does not end at music. She excels academically & is a member of the National Honor Society, as well as the field of athletics, as a member of the Cross County & Track and Field Teams. She also takes an active role in extracurricular activities as the Secretary for the Class of 2028 & a member of the Future Nurses & Future Teacher of America Clubs.

**ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL AND ALL THE RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH
WE EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS AND CONTINUED BEST WISHES FOR
CONTINUED SUCCESS, GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.**

Respectfully Presented & Submitted for the Public Record

This 8th Day of April, 2026

The Honorable Gregory A Sacavage, Mayor

Mayor Sacavage asked permission from council to write a letter to Penn DOT requesting a survey to reduce the speed limit in between Thirteenth and Fifteenth Street from 35 mph to 25 mph as well as seeking assistance from our State Legislator and Senator as well as the Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce Transportation.

Mr. Fanella stated Ed Begis has already reached out to Penn DOT. Mayor Sacavage questioned what he means by reaching out and then asking if he called them. Ed Begis stated he called them and he went on the website and stated they will get back to him within 2 weeks and then they would do the traffic study.

Mayor Sacavage stated he applauds him for the effort, but he still thinks it is better to have it on record and in writing. Mayor Sacavage stated the Legislators should know and any type of pressure we could put on them to do that adding sometimes we get lost in the shuffle. He added any type of help we could get, the better.

Mr. Chesney stated unless he is mistaken, when you come into Kulpmont it goes from 45 to 35 and once you get to the mill there is a sign 25mph. Mayor Sacavage stated it is 35mph and stops 35mph where you turn to the West End Fire Company. Mayor Sacavage stated we have 2 blocks coming into town where it is 35mph and then stated we have just had two accidents. Mr. Chesney stated he will need to look again. Mayor Sacavage coming in from the other end at the Chinese restaurant it is 25 mph through the residential section of Kulpmont that is not how it is on the other side of Kulpmont.

Mr. Novakoski stated we have looked into this before and Penn DOT said no. Mayor Sacavage stated that is why it is better to get as many people involved with this as possible. He stated 901 is being closed down and we are going to have more traffic through here for a long time, several months at least and that is going to increase traffic coming into this town and so anything we could do to slow down traffic and stop accidents.

Mayor Sacavage stated that is his suggestion to do anything we could do and to have our Legislators, Senators anyone that could help us with this.

Mayor Sacavage asked for permission to hold a fundraiser at the Dog Park, a bean soup fundraiser to be held this Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

MOTION- Mr. Novakoski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Chesney to allow for the Bean Soup fundraiser to be held at the dog park this Sunday at 11:00.

VOICE VOTE-
Unanimous

Mayor Sacavage stated he was contacted by a few representatives that are helping out with the Mommy and Me fundraiser on April 25th, collecting goods and items for the event. Mayor Sacavage stated he knows they approached the fire department and asked if Marshall Mirarchi would like to talk on this subject.

Fire Chief Marshall Mirarchi stated they were approached by two dog groomers that wanted to do a fundraiser for Mommy and Me and were looking for a water source to provide grooming. He stated they have waivers done; they are professional groomers and stated the fire department does not have anything more to do with it than providing them a place to do it adding they will pull their trucks, they are going to give tips on grooming your dog, how to look for ticks and fleas. This is public service and opportunity for people to come and get their dogs cleaned by professional groomers.

Marshall Mirarchi stated they have waivers and the advertisement does say the type of dog cannot be a violent dog, etc. This event would be held on June 27th from noon until 6pm. He stated they are looking for the borough to give permission. He stated there is no need for any streets to close down; he states a few stations will be set up for grooming. This fundraiser will benefit Mommy and Me.

MOTION- Mr. Novakoski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Hodge to give permission for the event to be held for Mommy and Me at the Fire Department on June 27th for dog grooming from noon until 6 PM.

VOICE VOTE-
Unanimous

Mr. Fanella stated concerning the issue with reducing the speed limit, he asked if council would like to give the Mayor permission to send the letter as discussed.

MOTION- Mr. Novakoski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Hodge to permit the Mayor to send the letter for support in asking Penn DOT to reduce the speed limit.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

SECRETARY'S REPORT- (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda Wilk stated approval is needed for the March 11, 2026, meeting minutes.

MOTION-Mr. Novakoski made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Gensemer to approve the meeting minutes from the March 11, 2026, meeting.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

Rhonda Wilk stated under correspondence we received correspondence by email from Llauren La Sal concerning having chickens and that was copied to Code, Mayor and Council

We received correspondence from Magic Touch Cleaning requesting two patron parking spaces or at least one space.

Mr. Novakoski questioned if we could \put a time limit on it. Mr. Fanella replied, stating we do not have that on any of them. A brief discussion of council took place, and it was then decided to approve one space.

MOTION- Mr. Novakoski made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Gensemer to approve one patron parking space to Magic Touch Cleaning.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

Mr. Chesney stated concerning the letter concerning chickens he stated as long as they are caged and are not free roaming and as long as nobody else has a problem with it.

TREASURERS REPORT (Paul Niglio)

Council members received financial information and bills to be paid and stated a motion is needed to approve and pay the bills listed and any regular bills received. He stated this will include the Police Pension \$3,000.00 for the actuarial study and the \$1,500.00 for separate reports. He stated these are mandated by the state and are reoccurring.

Mr. Niglio stated there is a bill from Affordable Restroom rental we need to pay them from January; the amount is \$475.00 that is a reoccurring monthly bill that was somehow lost in the shuffle.

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

Mr. Chesney questioned Mr. Niglio if the Affordable restroom bills will continue through July the end of baseball season. Mr. Niglio said it will continue, he assumes, and added it has been there for two years. Mr. Chesney stated so; more bills will come at \$95.00 per month until the end of baseball. Mr. Fanella stated or until the restrooms are opened up, then we won't need it. Mr. Chesney commented he would rather pay the \$95.00 but that is another story.

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

SOLICITORS REPORT (Anthony Matulewicz)

The solicitor requested an executive session on all legal matters concerning Chestnut Street, the PUC, Labor Union 1310 and the conversion of occupational assessment tax.

POLICE REPORT

The Police Report was addressed under the Mayors report.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT – (Marshall Mirarchi, III)

Report attached, Attachment #2

The Fire Chief asked that the no parking blocks across the street to be repainted. He stated since Sully's Sit and Stay has opened up there have been timers where cars parked across the street and were there for some time. He stated if there was an emergency and they need to get out they could not get out without striking a vehicle and stated that is what is going to happen if there is an emergency. He stated the owner of the vehicle is going to be responsible because it is painted yellow down to the corner.

The Fire Chief stated if it is repainted it may deter parking across from the fire station. Mr. Fanella asked the street department to take care of painting the no parking spaces.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – (Devin O'Hearn)

No report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT– (Tri County COG)

No Report

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

Report attached, Attachment #3

Heather Owens stated she had 82 office calls, 70 cell phone calls, 87 text, 62 private messages, 5 rental inspections, 7 ordinance-based permits were issued, 77 emails, 5 rental inspections, 42 violations, 6 citations and 3 court hearings.

SERVICE AND FACILITIES – (Robert Fanella)

Mr. Fanella state food surplus distribution will be held on April 23rd at 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Borough Garage.

Mr. Fanella stated Ben Anderson did get back to him on the cameras and stated the mother board is not working at the stadium and it will cost \$600.00 to replace that.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Novakoski to replace the mother board at the playground not to exceed \$600.00.

Mr. Chesney asked if we have any cameras at the recycling. Mr. Fanella stated there are three cameras that are not being used now because we don't have the roll-offs on the ground that need to be moved over. Ed Begis commented stating the recycling center is under cameras. Mr. Fanella stated basically we would not need to buy more cameras, just rewire and hook them up to the garage.

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

Mr. Fanella stated we received quotes to replace the computer in the administrative office and a computer for the police department. The quote is for the cost of the computers and labor to install and set up.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Hodge to purchase 2 new computers not to exceed \$3,000.00

Mr. Niglio questioned if that is just a box asking what kind of software is in the computers. Rhonda stated the computer will have windows 11 and will be a reinstall of what we have now.

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

FINANCE AND PURCHASING – (Robert Chesney)

No Report

CODE HEALTH AND SAFETY- (Marlin Hodge)

No report

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - (Robert Fanella)

No report

RECREATION/GRANTS COMMITTEE – (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka stated we need to spend the grant in full to be reimbursed the remainder of the grant for the veterans Memorial Field bathroom project, we need to spend approximately \$20,000.00 to be reimbursed for that remaining money.

Mr. Motyka stated we have a quote for the restroom partitions in the amount of \$3,468.32. He stated everything we bought for the field is run through DCNR and stated he does not know if we need to approve each thing for the project.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Novakoski to purchase the restroom partitions at a cost of \$3,468.32.

Mr. Chesney questioned if all the spending will be covered under the grant eventually. Mr. Motyka replied yes it will be reimbursed with the grant. Mr. Chesney questioned if there is anything out of pocket we are going to need to be brought up. Mr. Motyka replied yes, he may need ten screws to put them into the ground and stated he can't go down that road again, adding nothing major. Mr. Chesney stated he is just checking.

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

Mr. Motyka stated our next transportation meeting will be here on April 16th at 6PM.

Mr. Motyka stated we were notified that a FEMA Brick grant, a storm water grant a letter of intent is due April 24th and stated he needs a motion to submit that letter of intent and we need a resolution that was also shared with us.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Novakoski to provide a letter of intent and resolution for FEMA Brick Grant.

Mrs. Gensemer stated she will abstain from voting because she does not have enough information on this actual grant, other than she knows a FEMA grant requires a 25% match and if this is a \$500,000.00 grant where are we going to get \$125,000.00. She stated until she has all of the information on this she will abstain from voting.

ROLL CALL VOTE- MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (yes), HODGE, (yes),
FANELLA (yes), NOVAKOSKI (yes), GENSEMER (abstain), HINE (yes)
6 YEAS – 0 NAYS- 1 ABSTAIN

Mr. Fanella stated Council will now meet in executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Council met in executive session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss legal and personnel matters

PERSONNEL- (Beth Gensemer)

Mrs. Gensemer stated she spent time with Ed and the guys at the borough garage and stated she learned a lot from them and would challenge anyone that would like to say our borough workers do nothing or are not working. She stated she would challenge anyone to go up and see what they do in a day because it is outrageous.

MOTION- Mrs. Gensemer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Novakoski to approve the three-year contract; holiday package and requesting to remove section 8 from the contract.

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

FIRE/EMA/POLICE COMMITTEE – (Bernard Novakoski)

No Report

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Nicolas Boscolovich stated he has a few questions. He asked when Heather Owens got her credentials to do what she does. Heather Owens replied, stating she was hired in September 2019 and stated she never had any credentials and added that she was sworn in to enforce ordinances as they are written. Mr. Boscolovich then said you didn't need credentials. Heather Owens replied stating she does not need any credentials and added we have a third-party inspector.

Mr. Boscolovich stated she got her credentials in 2019, where are her continuing credits and stated she said she doesn't need credentials, but he was sent credentials when he did a freedom of information act request and they are out of date and was wondering when she is going to do continuing ones. He then said, "Just a question, I am not really trying to damage anyone."

Mr. Fanella stated you have a right to comment but not to interrogate. Mr. Boscolovich stated he is not really interrogating he is asking questions. Mr. Fanella stated you can comment but not interrogate.

Mr. Chesney addressed Mr. Boscolovich and stated Heather works strictly with the assistance of Tri-County Cog and stated they are certified though the state and if anything of question, Tri-County comes in and they will supersede to check structure, anything. Mr. Boscolovich asked who is in charge of that. Mr. Chesney replied Stephen Bielskie.

Mr. Boscolovich replied and said he made a phone call directly to them and they said they no longer do that. Mr. Chesney questioned, "do what?" Mr. Boscolovich replied, stating he is no longer in charge, he stated he called the office directly. Heather Owens stated he was just in her office today. Mr. Fanella stated she may have told you he is not in charge at the borough anymore, he was a councilman here. Mr. Chesney stated he is running around with the car.

Mayor Sacavage asked if he has the name of the person he talked to. Mr. Boscolovich said just some random lady.

OLD BUSINESS-

None

NEW BUSINESS-

Mr. Fanella stated he thinks we need to reach Mt. Carmel Township; Wood Street is a mess they are putting in temporary stuff and definitely not going to hold because the water is coming from Fourth Street all the way down to Wood and half of it is the Borough and half is the Township. Something definitely needs to be done. Mr. Motyka stated we could reference the letter we sent a couple years ago on the last project we did with them. Mr. Fanella stated he will reach out to them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Chesney reminded citizens to be mindful when using the recycling and keep in mind it is a borough service and to be careful with separating materials.

Mr. Fanella asked residents to please use the cardboard recycling, we could use a lot more cardboard so we could ship it out and see how it goes.

Mr. Hodge stated he gave Rhonda the information on amusement tax so she may send out the notifications.

Mr. Motyka stated he just would like to mention the K100 and the West End will be holding a soupie contest this coming Saturday the 11th, adding drop off is at 3:00 to 6:00, music starts at 6:00. Mr. Motyka stated wine soupie and capicola and asked to please come and patronize your town.

ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Borough Secretary

Approval date May 13, 2026