

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

March 11, 2026

6:00 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, March 11, 2026

Council President asked for a moment of silent meditation in remembrance of Trooper O'Conner.

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

ABSENT: Bernard Novakoski, Stephen Motyka and Robert Chesney

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rich Hallick, Tina Treese, Edwin Howerter, Jeremy Berkheiser, Tracy Berkheiser, Kevin O'Hearn, Marshall Mirarchi, III, and Ray Siko.

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

PRESIDENTS REPORT – (Robert Fanella)

Mr. Fanella stated we were notified from Pat Mack from the Northumberland County Housing Authority that the following bid tabulation was received for Chestnut Street Property. After document review the contractor with the lower submission was Affordable Construction & Demo Coal Township.

The Bid tabulations for Chestnut Street have been received and are as follows:

Steinbacher Enterprises Williamsport	\$39,796.00
Affordable Con. & Demo Coal Twp.	\$23,700.00
HPCI Kulpmont	\$34,775.00
NISC Shamokin	\$32,700.00

Mr. Fanella stated the bids were reviewed by the county and asked for a motion to accept the bid submission and to accept the bid from the apparent low bidder, conditioned upon the satisfactory review of the engineer and the Solicitor, which at this time is Affordable Construction & Demolition of Coal Township in the amount of \$23,700.00

MOTION- A motion was made by Mrs. Gensemer and seconded by Mr. Hodge accept the bids and to award the low bidder Affordable Construction & Demo Coal Township upon the engineer and solicitor's review.

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

Mr. Fanella stated the K100 would like to install 4 welcome signs at each point coming into town and they need the borough approval for Penn DOT to proceed. Mr. Fanella asked if council is in agreement to approve.

MOTION- Mr. Hodge made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Hine to approve and provide the K100 with authorization to provide to Penn DOT.

Mayor Sacavage stated he thinks it is a wonderful idea and would like to, along with council, thank K100 not only for this project but for everything they do for the borough.

Mr. Fanella stated he would just like to say there is no taxpayer money being used for this project, adding they are funding it.

VOICE VOTE – Unanimous

Mr. Fanella stated we have a bill for Livic for the engineering work on the Chestnut Street Demolition project in the amount of \$2,800.00.

MOTION- Mrs. Gensemer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Hine to approve payment on the bill from Livic in the amount of \$2, 800.00.

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

MAYORS REPORT- (Gregory Sacavage)

Mayor Sacavage stated he would like to recognize the cast members of the MCA High School that reside in Kulpmont and are participating in this year's MCA musical. Shrek the musical is taking place the weekend of March 20th in the Mount Carmel Area auditorium. Mayor Sacavage congratulated the students residing in the Kulpmont Borough and naming the students participating as;

Rochelle Scott
Nevaeh Katalinas,
Sara Deitz,
Melissa Torres,
Veara Ivanov,
and
Anna Zoe

Mayor Sacavage stated we congratulate those students for taking part in extracurricular activities.

Mayor Sacavage stated the police report is attached to your report and stated if there are any questions we will entertain that. He then stated we had 43 calls dispatched, 3 incident reports, parking tickets issued 5, patrol monitoring 272, and court hearings 2.

He then stated he would like to take this opportunity to warn truckers coming into the borough through Route 61 and from the legislative routes from Marion Heights and the Township that we do have brake retarder restrictions in the borough. Mayor Sacavage stated he wanted to mention in a public meeting and go on record stating Jake Brakes are not allowed in the borough limits.

Mayor Sacavage stated that it is not on the agenda but would like to remind everyone, tomorrow Thursday March 12th from 10 a.m. until 12 noon the CSO will have a food drive in the parking lot of Holy Angels Church.

Mayor Sacavage stated the last thing he has on the agenda is the swearing in of our new police officer Mariah Vetovich.

Mayor Sacavage then administered the swearing in of Officer Mariah Vetovich. Mayor Sacavage and Borough Council then congratulated and welcomed Officer Vetovich to Kulpmont.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- (Rhonda Wilk)

Paul Niglio stated approval is needed for the February 11th and March 4, 2026, meeting minutes

MOTION- Mr. Hine made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Hodge to approve the meeting minutes from the February 11th and the March 4th meetings.

VOICE VOTE –
Unanimous

Correspondence-

Correspondence was received from the Clover Hose Company regarding their 250th celebration, Copy Mayor/Council

Mr. Niglio stated the event will be on July 4th and stated they will be looking for vendors.

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.

MOTION- Mr. Hine made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Gensemer to approve and to pay the bills.

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

SOLICITORS REPORT (Anthony Matulewicz)

Solicitor Matulewicz stated a motion is needed to adopt Resolution #784. He stated this is a formalization of what has been going on concerning the property at 639 Chestnut Street, The solicitor added with this resolution once the property is acquired, it will allow us to move forward and allow issues to be handled in between meetings. Borough code requires real property to be purchased by resolution. Solicitor Matulewicz asked for an executive session at the end of the meeting.

MOTION- Mr. Hodge made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Gensemer to adopt resolution #784.

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

POLICE REPORT

Police Report as reported under Mayor Sacavage's report.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT – (Marshall Mirarchi, III)

Report attached, Attachment #2

Mr. Fanella asked the Chief to find out what are the barrels being stored at Sunoco. He stated they say it is not hazardous but there are 15 to 20 barrels there and stated he was asked about what they are doing and did not have an answer. The Fire Chief responded, saying he will reach out to them.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – (Devin O'Hearn)

No report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT– (Tri County COG)

Report attached, Attachment #3

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

Report attached, Attachment #4

Mrs. Owens stated her report is attached and said she had 105 office calls and 71 cell calls, 109 text, 34 pm, 109 emails, 5 rental inspections, 1 ordinance-based permit, 65 violations, no citations and 1 court hearing.

Heather Owens stated she received an email from Trinity Solar asking for a refund for a permit fee of \$340.00. They acquired the permit in November of 2024.

She stated the people ended up going with another solar company which obtained their own permit for \$230.00 in July of 2025. She stated we just received this email requesting a refund in February of 2026. Almost 15 months.

Mrs. Gensemer stated she feels they should have something in their own contract with the homeowner. Mr. Hine stated he feels it should not be falling on the borough. Mr. Fanella stated with no motion made, let's move on.

SERVICE AND FACILITIES – (Robert Fanella)

Mr. Fanella state food surplus distribution will be held on March 19th at 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Borough Garage.

Mr. Fanella reminded residents the street sweeper will begin this month and stated will need to be advertised.

MOTION- A motion to advertise the schedule was made by Mr. Hine and seconded by Mr. Hodge.

VOICE VOTE -

Unanimous

Mr. Fanella stated the state police contacted us about reviewing the cameras and that is when we found out there is a problem with the cameras. He stated the person that installed the cameras for us did not get back to him. He stated the hard drive failed and he understands with all of the Data centers coming alive, all equipment is getting difficult to get.

Mr. Fanella stated he hopes to have information next month. Mr. Hine questioned who the contractor is for the cameras.

Mr. Fanella replied, stating it is Ben Anderson, he does work at Shamokin and has a business. Mr. Hine questioned if we would try the guy in town. Mr. Fanella stated he uses a different system.

Mr. Fanella stated a motion is needed to approve Ed Begis to attend the Dirt and Gravel Road certification at a cost of \$162.00 for hotel accommodations plus mileage. Mr. Fanella stated the grant is to fix Maple between 4 and 5. Mr. Niglio stated just a correction; it is 3 and 4 not 4 and 5. Mr. Fanella stated it starts at the inlet on 61 by B & B oils entrance. Mr. Niglio stated it is coming up from 3rd Street all of the way to the end and then it is all dirt from Georges up to 4th

Street. Mr. Fanella stated it's that ditch along George's place and then the ditch from the inlet on 61.

Mr. Hodge questioned where this is and when he is going. Mr. Begis replied, stating it is in Bensalem and he thinks it is the 25th and 26th.

MOTION- Mr. Hodge made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Gensemer to approve the borough supervisors Ed Begis to attend Dirt and Gravel Road training at a cost of \$162.00 for hotel accommodations and mileage.

ROLL CALL VOTE- MOTYKA (absent), CHESNEY (absent), HODGE, (yes), FANELLA (yes), NOVAKOSKI (absent), GENSEMER (yes), HINE (yes)
4 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)

No Report

PERSONNEL- (Beth Gensemer)

Mrs. Gensemer stated she has begun contacting references through this week into next week concerning the administrative position and will be meeting with Ed to discuss the contract and will go from there. She stated hopefully she will have more information next meeting.

FIRE/EMA/POLICE COMMITTEE – (Bernard Novakoski)

No Report

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Tina Treese questioned council if any further action has been taken against the owners of the mill. Mr. Fanella replied, stating other than fining them, he stated he does not know why we would want to get anything put onto the borough's back. Tina Treese stated back in July council passed a motion to look into it and asked, "do you even know what a conservatorship is?"

Mr. Fanella replied, “Yes he does, he knows it will cost us money and then we will need to sell it,” Tina Treese stated it will cost money not to do anything and asked if we could at least send them a letter of intent and they may get little flushed to do something adding we are just sitting on our hands and letting them have their way with us. Mr. Fanella asked Heather if she is finning them. Mr. Fanella stated to take that and putting it on the borough does not make sense. She replied we don’t have to put it on the borough; we could find someone on the outside to take it over.

Mr. Fanella stated we don’t even own the building and asked her if she knows the definition of it.

Tina Treese relied and said, “you take a petition to court and find someone to take over the building at the owner’s expense and added, they do have to foot the bill in the beginning.” Mr. Fanella asked who is footing the bill. She replied saying whoever is the signed conservatorship, it’s a private person, and it’s a construction company it is someone who would be interested in doing it. Tina Treese stated you are not even looking into it adding she gave them the email of the 70 page of blight to bright and stated she then even handed all of the conservatorship in the section of it. She stated she does not even know if anyone read it.

Mr. Fanella stated he was there when they were taking out the asbestos and the engineers were there and said to tear something like this down would cost seven or eight million dollars, why would we want to do that. She suggested to at least send a letter of intent and just let them think something will be done we are just sitting here letting that building crumble someone is going to get seriously injured, it is so open.

Mr. Fanella stated we will discuss in executive session. Tina Treese stated the apathy of this council is astonishing, adding this is going on since July as it was not discussed once. Mr. Fanella replied, stating yes, we did. She stated read it, read the conservatorship act, just write the letter of intent. Mr. Fanella stated council will have the solicitor look into it and get back with her on it next month.

OLD BUSINESS-

None

NEW BUSINESS-

Mr. Hodge questioned when street sweeper starts. Ed Begis replied, stating it starts the end of this month, the last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the month. Ed Begis reminded residents due to the amount of winter salt and antiskid on the roads that they will need to make a couple of passes and asked residents to not move their car back when they make one pass. Mr. Niglio asked if March is a advertised date. Mr. Fanella replied saying “it is.”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Kulpmont Active Transportation Committee will meet here on Tuesday March 24th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 p.m.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day

Mr. Fanella thanked everyone for coming and stated council will now meet in executive session to discuss possible litigation.

Solicitor Anthony Matulewicz stated council met in executive session for approximately 20 minutes for possible litigation matters.

ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Borough Secretary

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