

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
August 12, 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 August 12, 2026

PRESENT: Mayor Sacavage, Robert Chesney by teleconference, Robert Fanella, Beth Gensemer, Mark Hine, Marlin Hodge, Stephen Motyka and Bernard P Novakoski.

ABSENT: NONE

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Marshall Mirarhi, III, Ray Siko, Joe Politza

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

None

PRESIDENTS REPORT – (Robert Fanella)

No Report

MAYORS REPORT- (Gregory Sacavage)

Mayor Sacavage stated the Police Report attached.

Mayor Sacavage stated he was informed by the street department that the street sweeper will not run this month.

He stated regarding the Holy Angels picnic, he would like to thank Father Andrew and all Volunteers, and all involved. For the successful picnic. Thanks to all.

Mayor Sacavage stated he wants to remind everyone of bus schedules and school time is coming up. With the new school year beginning there will be an increase of traffic flow in the Borough, parents and students urged to exercise additional caution when Departing and arriving back from school.

Mayor Sacavage Reminded residents of the discount period for payment of taxes until the end of month.

Mayor Sacavage stated we have a AED unit in the municipal building in borough hall, courtesy of the Fire Department. He stated he is requesting the officer in charge and fire chief to help in the research the availability of funding for AED for the borough garage and any type of training we could get on that, as well as CPR training for all full-time borough employees.

He stated in talking with the borough street department there is a lot of influx of people coming back and forth in using the recycling center in the use of the devices. He stated he feels it would be beneficial.

Mr. Motyka stated they are members of the international labor union and stated they offer training on that.

Mayor Sacavage stated he requested the council pass a motion urging our representatives and Senators with the support of the Governor, to firstly proceed with urgency with any action necessary in requesting the State Supreme Court in delaying their ruling to end Skill Games Legislation in Pennsylvania and Secondly, immediately begin the working of procedural legislation that would legalize Skill Games for Fire Companies, Veterans, Fraternal, Civic. And Non-Profit Organizations, which without this revenue would catastrophically affect the service that these organizations provide to citizens of our Borough, our school district, our county and our state.

MOTION- Mr. Hodge made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Gensemer in support of legalizing skill games.

VOICE VOTE-
Unanimous

Mayor Sacavage stated at this time he would like to present a Proclamation

The Borough of Kulpmont was settled in 1875, with Anthracite Coal being first mined and processed at the Scott Colliery in 1898. Originally part of Mount Carmel Township, it filed for Incorporation through the Court of Common Pleas at the Northumberland County Seat in Sunbury, Pennsylvania and on August 24, 1915, it officially became the BOROUGH OF KULPMONT.

Kulpmont, Pennsylvania, is named after Monroe Henry Kulp, a prominent local businessman and U.S. Congressman who resided in Shamokin till his death in 1911. He acquired the land in the region to develop an open residential community for local coal miners, thus giving settlement an opportunity to grow and develop into a community.

Those who established the settlement and future municipality were a diverse mix of ethnic backgrounds, which included but were certainly not limited to those of Italian, Irish, Polish, Lithuanian, Ukrainian and Hungarian origins. Although early skepticism of each other's heritages were prevalent their work ethic and spiritual upbringings eventually instilled a culture of pride and success for themselves, their families and their community, which has been passed on to this present day and continues in its civic and community efforts.

Therefore, on this date, I declared that Monday, August 24, 2026, as KULPMONT BOROUGH DAY and request all residents take a moment to remember and thank all those who have helped To make our community the great place it was in the past, it is in the present, and will continue to be in the future.

Presented at the August Meeting of the
Borough Council, August 12, 2026:
Honorable Mayor Gregory Sacavage

SECRETARY REPORT (Rhonda Wilk)

Correspondence:

1. Nicole Pistone – letter addressed Mayor and Council -copy Mayor Council

Mr. Fanella asked Heather Owens to explain the letter. Heather Owens stated Nicole Pistone had gotten chickens prior to council approval. She said she reached out to her and let her know she is not supposed to have chickens.

Heather Owens stated the requirements of the ordinance should be met, and she needs to go to council with this. Heather Owens stated the chickens are not in the right place and they still are not. She said there was an issue that was brought to her attention concerning the location which is next to a neighboring deck and pool.

Heather Owens stated if council approves her to have them, there probably should be a timeline on following the distance they need to be off the property. The Solicitor questioned if we have an ordinance against chickens. Heather responded saying we do have one which allows with approval of code or council. Heather Owens stated she does not make those decisions.

Heather Owens stated recently council started allowing people to have chicken's. Solicitor Matulewicz stated he would caution the council against any decisions made per individual scenario and recommend it be done purulent of regulations approved and passed by full council, the board should not sit as a judicial bond to interpret its own laws, he is not saying you can't have that he is saying he recommends against it. He stated the fact boards change; it should be in writing and decided on by code officer. Heather Owens stated the ordinance is new.

Mr. Fanella suggested we give the Solicitor a chance to review. Mr. Hine stated he received a call from Mark Hepler the night he passed away complaint about this being up against his fence. Mrs. Gensemer stated she would think either way she needs to move it, period.

Mrs. Gensemer states this is a quality-of-life issue. Heather Owens stated in the letter she said she would move it, but they are still there and the conversation was two weeks ago. Heather Owens stated so if she is told to move it, there should be a timeline.

Solicitor Matulewicz stated that it could come back even to another council later, what is the criteria, why do they have them. A further discussion took place concerning the ordinance. Council agreed to have the Solicitor review the ordinance. The solicitor stated the criteria either has to be met or rejected,

which is why it is suited for the code officer that was a council decision 100%. Mr. Hine stated he is for the solicitor to look over the ordinance but until then also wants to see the chickens moved away from the neighboring deck. Mr. Chesney commented on we also have a quality-of-life ordinance to relate.

Mr. Niglio stated. PA Department of Labor and Industry – Notice of Regulatory Requirements- Copy Mayor, Council and Solicitor

A letter was received from. WJP Engineers -RE: Susquehanna Coal Company - Copy Mayor Council, Solicitor – Mr. Niglio stated this does not pertain to the borough.

TREASURERS REPORT (Paul Niglio)

Mr. Niglio stated a motion is needed to approve and pay the bills listed and any regular monthly bills.

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

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

SOLICITORS REPORT (Anthony Matulewicz)

Solicitor Matulewicz requested to meet with council in executive session to discuss personnel matters, to discuss legal issues and potential litigation.

POLICE REPORT

Police Report was reported under Mayor Sacavage's report.
There is nothing additional to add.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT – (Marshall Mirarchi, III)

Report is attached, Attachment #2
This Saturday the fire department will host its annual community day to be held behind Holy Angels Church, in the Church parking lot.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – (Devin O'Hearn)

No report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT– (Tri County COG)

Report is attached, Attachment #3

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

Report is attached, Attachment #4. Heather Owens proceeded to read the report.

SERVICE AND FACILITIES – (Robert Fanella)

Mr. Fanella stated food surplus will be held at the borough garage
Aug 20th at 8 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

FINANCE AND PURCHASING – (Robert Chesney)

Renewal of Shamokin Creek and Restoration Alliance membership \$30.00

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Hine to approve renewal of the borough's membership with Shamokin Creek and Restoration Alliance membership for \$30.00.

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

CODE HEALTH AND SAFETY- (Marlin Hodge)

No report

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - (Robert Fanella)

No report

RECREATION/GRANTS COMMITTEE – (Stephen Motyka)

A meeting was held with the Bucknell professor drafting Kulpmont's Climate Action Plan. Distribution of digital copy of the plan for edits is forth coming. Edits are due Mid-September. Final plan should be adopted at the November meeting.

Mr. Motyka announced on August 22nd the back-to-school event, the Adzema awareness Foundation, and it will be held at Terry Miriello Field. Preregistration is required on Facebook.

Mr. Motyka stated on September 19th – The 5K will be held at 10:00 am

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Gensemer to approve the Veterans Memorial Field to be utilized for the 5 K event.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

PERSONNEL- (Beth Gensemer)

Mr. Fanella stated we may need someone to step in for Mr. Chesney on the Personnel committee to help to get things going with getting a secretary here. Mrs. Gensemer stated between now and the next meeting, hopefully we will have someone for the next meeting.

FIRE/EMA/POLICE COMMITTEE – (Bernard Novakoski)

No Report

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

OLD BUSINESS-

None

NEW BUSINESS-

Mayor Sacavage stated people have been out on the street for the last few days taking pictures and they have some questions. Mr. Motyka stated they are doing some surveys for our share grant. They are working on gathering information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President stated council will now meet in executive session to discuss Personnel, legal matters and potential litigation.

Solicitor Anthony Matulewicz stated council met in executive session for approximately 35 minutes to discuss personnel, legal matters and potential litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Borough Secretary

Approval date September 9, 2026