

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

July 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 July 10, 2026

Mr. Chesney asked for a moment of silence in memory of Pennsylvania State Trooper Michael Pahira Jr. who was killed in an accident on 81 and who was buried today.

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

ABSENT: NONE

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Polizta, Ray Siko and Kevin O'Hearn.

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 he would like to recognize Mr. Vincent M. Chesney this evening and present him with a proclamation this evening.

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In accordance with the powers and duties granted in the Borough Code to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Constitution, as Mayor of the Kulpmont Borough 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

Vincent M. Chesney

**On being inaugurated to serve as the 150th National President
of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

WHEREAS, Vincent M. Chesney, MS, FAAIDD, a distinguished resident of the Borough of Kulpmont, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to public service and the advancement of human dignity as a Psychological Services Specialist for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Professor at several local colleges; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chesney has earned national and international acclaim for his unwavering advocacy, dedication to evidence-based research, and leadership in establishing person-centered care and systemic support frameworks for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD), founded in 1876 near Philadelphia, stands as the oldest and most prestigious multidisciplinary professional organization dedicated to disability advancement in the United States; and

WHEREAS, during its historic Sesquicentennial year, the AAIDD has officially inaugurated Vincent M. Chesney to serve as its **150th National President**, bringing tremendous pride, distinction, and honor to his hometown community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Kulpmont join together to celebrate this monumental milestone, recognizing the profound impact of Mr. Chesney's expertise and leadership on both local and national stages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as Mayor of the Borough of Kulpmont, I do hereby issue this official Proclamation of Recognition to honor and congratulate **VINCENT M. CHESNEY** on his historic election and installation as the 150th President of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Kulpmont extends its highest commendation and best wishes to Mr. Chesney for a deeply impactful, successful, and visionary presidency, as well in all his future endeavors.

Given under my hand and the official seal of the Borough of Kulpmont, Pennsylvania, on this 8th Day of July, 2026

{IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Borough to be affixed.

The Honorary Gregory A. Sacavage

Mayor, Borough of Kulpmont

Northumberland County, Pennsylvania

Mr. Vincent Chesney thanked the Mayor for this honor and stated this means a lot to him and Kulpmont means a lot to him. He stated we have a lot to be proud of as a borough and stated we just celebrated our sesquicentennial and this organization is celebrating sesquicentennial, 150 years. He added that is a lot of history and a lot of good work that this organization has done for people with disabilities and in our Borough. He stated it may not get the same spotlight as some others may get in some other places throughout the commonwealth. Mr. Chesney stated we have done a lot of good over those years and have been a beacon of light and energy to the world and stated we really need to take pride in the good things that Kulpmont has done and continues to do. He thanked everyone again for this honor.

Mayor Sacavage stated he has another proclamation for Dr. Jeffrey Greco recognizing him in his retirement. He stated he is not able to be here this evening and then proceeded to read the proclamation.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR PROCLAMATION

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**On this date, I happily and proudly do so by recognizing
DR. JEFFERY GRECO**

On his Retirement of Public Practice

For more than 40 years, spanning 5 decades, Dr. Greco, along with residents of communities adjoining our Borough, have served the medical needs of our citizenry regardless of age or gender. Along with maintaining office hours, his normal rounds included, visits to local hospitals, nursing homes, athletic events, and the occasional visit to a living room, kitchen, or bedroom.

**On behalf of the Council and residents of the Borough, I am happy to extend a
KULPMONT' THANK YOU
for being an example to all through a lifetime of service by following the path of the Physician's Pledge by dedicating himself to the service of humanity and his primary consideration always to be the health and well-being of his patients.**

***Respectfully submitted and presented on this 8th Day of July, 2026,
THE HONORABLE GREGORY A. SACAVAGE, MAYOR***

Mayor Sacavage stated the police report is attached and stated if there are any questions to let him know.

Mayor Sacavage stated I am sure the Council will join me in a thank you and well done on last Friday's Picnic and Fireworks display at the American Legion Grounds, to the Kulpmont American Legion, its members and Sons & Daughters groups, the K100 Organization, the Fire Department, and businesses and individuals that donated and help organize the event.

Mayor Sacavage stated as a reminder to all, that in the spirit of God and Country, Kulpmont will continue its recognition of nation's 250th anniversary and our community's spiritual foundation with activities throughout the remainder of this month.

They include:

July 12 - San Marziale Festival, beginning with mass at Holy Angels Church at 12:15 pm with procession of his statue through the streets of Kulpmont at the conclusion of Mass. After which there will be food and refreshments for all those who participated in picnic grounds behind the church.

July 18 - Kulpmont Sportsman's Club Salute to the Nation's 250 Birthday, Picnic and Fire Works, 5pm/ Fire Works 9pm. Picnic at 6th and Oak Streets with Fireworks being launched from Veterans Memorial Field.

July 31 & Aug 1 Holy Angels Parrish Picnic - Friday Evening / Saturday Afternoon and Evening, Fireworks 9 pm and again NO ONE IS PERMITTED AT VMP DURING FIREWORKS.

Mayor Sacavage reminded residents of the street sweeper operating on the 29th, 30th and the 31st of this month.

Mayor Sacavage stated he has a letter from the Kulpmont 100 concerning the Kulpmont 100 first responders' parade and will be taking place on September 12th, 2026, and they need the Borough Councils permission to submit their permit for the event.

MOTION- Mr. Chesney made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Hodge to approve the Kulpmont 100 first responder parade on September 12th and allow road closure as requested.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

Mayor Sacavage stated Kulpmont 100 is seeking approval to park at the Veterans Memorial Field on September 26th, 2026, in conjunction with several organizations that will be traveling to College Park Maryland to attend the NCAA division one football game with the UCLA Bruins which is coached by Bob Chesney Jr. will be taking on the University of Maryland Harpins and they are asking the use of the Veterans memorial field to park vehicles to bus out for the game.

MOTION- Mr. Hodge made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Hine to approve Kulpmont 100 to use the Veterans memorial field for parking on September 26, 2026.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

Mayor Sacavage stated he is requesting to meet in executive meeting to discuss personnel matters.

6. Appointed Officials Reports

A. Secretary's Report

Approval is needed for May 13, 2026, and the June 10, 2026 meeting minutes

MOTION- Mrs. Gensemer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Novakoski to approve May 13th and June 10th, 2026, meeting minutes.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

Rhonda Wilk stated the following correspondence was received,

Correspondence:

1. A letter from Ami Britton - Release of the 2025 land survey Kulp Lane and letter copied to the mayor, council and Solicitor
2. Correspondence was received from Matt Siko permission to progress with the upgrade of cascade system. Additionally requesting permission to close Fir Street from 8th to 9th Streets August 15th from mid-morning to the afternoon to host fire department community day.

Copied Mayor/Council

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Chesney to allow closure of 8th to 9th on Fir Street on August 15th.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

3. Correspondence from the Tax Claim Bureau, distribution of proceeds from 2025 Upset Tax Sale was received and copied to Mayor, Council, Code and Solicitor.

Rhonda stated the Parking for the NCAAS Division 1 football game was already covered under the mayor's report.

TREASURERS REPORT (Paul Niglio)

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

MOTION- Mr. Novakoski made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Gensemer to pay the bills listed and any regular monthly bills.

Mr. Fanella questioned the bill from Glick for nine hundred and some dollars. Mr. Motyka stated that was for the Sunday service on the overhead door. Ray Siko stated he will take care of getting an itemized bill to the borough with the breakdown.

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)

Solicitor Matulewicz stated a motion is needed to adopt Resolution 786-2026 appointing sewage enforcement officer and alternate sewage enforcement officers for Kulpmont Borough. He stated this is the full resolution as required by the EDP and the fee schedule provided by KPI.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Novakoski to adopt resolution 786 as explained.

Mr. Niglio questioned about the fee schedule. Solicitor Matulewicz stated it is separately, KPI fee schedule.

Solicitor Matulewicz stated Gilbert Picarelli and then there is an alternate Domonic Picarelli, those are the names that came to the borough.

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

Solicitor Matulewicz stated the next resolution is a resolution seeking emergency participation in the United States customs and immigration enforcement program which was brought up before and also will require a MOU. He stated this starts the process and again everything is incorporated into the resolutions, which officers or whatever. This encompasses everything that was discussed.

MOTION- Mr. Novakoski made the motion to adopt resolution 787 to participate in the US immigration and customs enforcement.

Mr. Motyka asked if this ICE partnership does anything to punish the real problem, the owners that hire these individuals? Solicitor Matulewicz stated they are a limited ICE enforcement, they are not full ice agents, they are limited and they are under the supervision of ICE. They are police officers its task force laws and only involves crimes.

He stated he does not believe it does anything directly, maybe indirectly but it, but is the sort of pipeline for police to ICE. This is to extend ICE outward without putting ICE agents everywhere. to answer your question directly, which currently Pennsylvania has great case law on this, no state has immigration authorities in the constitution and is federally protected. Crimes and things police officers relate to, its not investigatory in the way a investigation a normal crime. He stated it would be something the police run into in their normal enforcement, patrol and investigation.

ROLL CALL VOTE- MOTYKA (no), CHESNEY (no), HODGE, (no),
FANELLA (yes), NOVAKOSKI (yes), GENSEMER (yes), HINE (yes)
4 YEAS – 3 NAYS

Council previously discussed accidents and reporting of accidents involving borough employees and borough vehicles. A resolution was reviewed by borough council.

MOTION- Mrs. Gensemer made the motion to adopt Resolution 788 and was seconded by Mr. Hine.

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

POLICE REPORT

Police Report was reported under Mayor Sacavage's report.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT – (Marshall Mirarchi, III)

Report is attached, Attachment #2

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 as scheduled from July 23, 2026.

Mr. Fenella stated two computers are needed for the police department and stated we received quotes. One computer will be used by our fulltime employee and one for the part time employees use. Previously a new server was purchased.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Hodge to purchase the computers not to exceed \$1300.00 each.

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

Mr. Fanella stated council received copies of price quotes to have door locks installed at the Restrooms at the Veterans Memorial Field for review.

MOTION- Mr. Novakoski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Hodge to accept the price quote from John Janaski for the install of door locks.

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)
No Report

PERSONNEL- (Beth Gensemer)

No Report

FIRE/EMA/POLICE COMMITTEE – (Bernard Novakoski)

No Report

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

OLD BUSINESS-
None

NEW BUSINESS-
None

ANNOUNCEMENTS
None

Council President Robert Fanella stated Council will now meet in executive session to discuss personnel matters, legal issues and possible litigation.

Solicitor Matulewicz stated council met in executive session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters, possible litigation and legal issues.

ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Borough Secretary

Approval date September 9, 2026