KANE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MAY 8, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of Kane Borough Council was called to order at 6:30 P. M. by President Tom Kase. The meeting was held at the Kane Borough Building, 112 Bayard Street, Kane, PA 16735. Members were notified of the meeting on May 6, 2019.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brandon Schimp (Mayor), Tom Kase (President), Gary Schul (Vice-President), Melanie Clabaugh, David Walker, Shana Snyder, Katie Johnson, Linda Kerek, Matt Boyer (Junior Council Person), Donald Payne (Secretary), Anthony Alfieri (Solicitor), Lori Feldbauer, Jo Beth Brinkley (Recording Secretary), Tim Holt (Fire Chief), Heath Boyer (Police Chief), Philip Lingenfelter (WWTP Foreman), Mick O'Rourke (Street Department Manager)

VISITORS

Pastor Bill Waterman, Martin Berrigan, Steve Dyne, Ted Lutz (The Kane Republican), Mick Petrunev, Larry Rudolph, Bill Cook (Assistant Street Department Manager)

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Clabaugh, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2019 regular monthly meeting. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Council member Gary Schul – Mr. Schul spoke with PSAB for clarification on Resolution #03-19 – Authorizing Participation & Voting by Telecommunications Device. It has been stated that the wording is correct.
- Resolution #03-19 – Authorizing Participation & Voting by Telecommunications Device – A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the use of telecommunication devices for meetings if needed. Motion carried.
- Ordinance #A-1048 – Amending Park Hours – A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, to approve the second reading of Ordinance #A-1048 amending the park hours at Evergreen tennis and basketball courts to match those of town curfew. Motion carried.
CORRESPONDENCE

1. PA Department of Military & Veterans Affairs – Notification of application approval for a Disabled Veteran’s Real Estate Property Tax Exemption. Mr. Schul also mentioned this application is actually a renewal, not a new application.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Budget – Report submitted to Council

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Schul, to approve the Budget Report, as presented. Motion carried.

Tax Collector – Balance on duplicate - $210,633.62

A motion was made by Ms. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the Tax Collector’s Report, as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Check detail in the amount of $45,839.68 was presented to Council for approval. A motion was made by Ms. Snyder, seconded by Mrs. Clabaugh, to approve the Bills for Payment. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Office – Mr. Payne added that he would like Council to work on a Vision Plan for the borough at the next Council Workshop on June 5, 2019. He also noted that the Fraley Street paving project is scheduled to begin May 28, 2019.

Grant Writer – The EADS Group is currently working on the Greenways, Trails & Recreational Program Grant application.

Solicitor – Mr. Alfieri reported to Council that items will be discussed in Executive Session.

Police

WWTP Foreman

Street Department

Fire Department

Assessment Permits

Health Board – no report

Chief Boyer added that the full time officers have all been fitted for new bulletproof vests.

Mr. O’Rourke wanted to thank Mrs. Johnson for getting the new light post banners for main street. He was also pleased to introduce Bill Cook as the new Assistant Street Department Manager. Mr. O’Rourke informed Council that the street sweeper demonstration was very impressive and he is looking forward to scheduling 1-2 more with different companies to see what can be offered. Remarks also included
that he attended LTAP training to educate street employees on ways to make roads better and last longer.

Chief Holt was very pleased to add that the Kane Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded $65,000 from Collins Companies for communication upgrades. This amount roughly equals out to 40 new radios including software upgrades.

A motion was made by Ms. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the Staff Reports, as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No formal reports were submitted, however, several updates were stated to make Council aware:

1.) Mrs. Clabaugh is working with Kate Kennedy from the Kane Chamber of Commerce and a Pittsburgh firm to get a website update price quote.
2.) The Parks Commission will be working to reseed Evergreen grass due to the dead tree removal.
3.) The Labor Negotiations Committee met on May 7, 2019 to discuss the Civil Service Commission’s recommendation to lift the 3 mile residency requirement of all full time police officers. The hope is that this will increase the number of potential applicants for the position of a fourth full time officer. With the 3 full time officers’ approval, the Committee’s recommendation is to extend the residency requirement to 25 miles or roughly 30 minutes out of the borough.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Ms. Snyder, to approve changing the residency requirement of the Police Contract to 25 miles or roughly 30 minutes out of the borough for full time officers. Motion carried in a 5-2 vote with Mr. Schul and Mr. Walker voting no. Mr. Alfieri has been directed to draw up this change to the Police Contract.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Commission Recommendation for Skate/Bike Park

The Parks Commission has submitted a request to Council for upgrades to the Skate/Bike Park. A detailed plan of these upgrades include a kiosk, covered pavilion, and memorial tree. All recommendations, drawings and maps were approved by the commission. The proposed cost comes to $13,412.00 and all labor will be done by volunteers with the exception of the acrylic coating to blacktop to be completed by Nagle.

A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Ms. Snyder, to approve the Parks Commission request for the Skate/Bike Park. Motion carried.

Kane Borough Civil Service Commission Rules & Regulations

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, to approve the Rules and Regulations for the Civil Service Commission. Motion carried.
Ordinance #A-1049 – Amending Chapter 242 – Vehicles & Traffic

A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the first reading amending Chapter 242 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article VII (Alternate Parking), §242-56 (Violations and Penalties) to state: If the violation is not paid within seven (7) days, the Borough Police shall issue a citation with the District Justice. If the violation is paid after the citation has been filed with the District Justice, but before the hearing date, the fine shall be thirty dollars ($30.00). Motion carried.

Ordinance #A-1050 – Amending Chapter 78 - Animals

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Kerek, to approve the first reading amending Chapter 78 Animals, Article II, Keeping of Certain Animals, §78-6 Certain Animals prohibited to state: It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any large animal or wild animal at any place within the Borough of Kane, except where the same shall be permitted under Chapter 250, Zoning, in a park, zoological garden to similar establishment for exhibit to the public or to any portion thereof and deleting §78-7 Keeping of Animals (A). Motion carried in a 5-1 vote with Mr. Schul voting no.

Resolution #04-19 – Authorizing Signers for Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant

A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Ms. Snyder, to approve Mr. Thomas Kase (President) and Mr. Donald Payne (Secretary) as authorized signers for the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Schimp submitted her report to Council. She added to her report:

1. Exploring PA Boroughs aired on May 2, 2019 at 7:30 P. M. on PCN. Although she was pleased with the overall program, she did feel that pertinent information and businesses were left out. Special thanks to Mr. Tracy Smith from Sixty Foot Films for all his footage.
2. Everything went very well in Harrisburg on all fronts speaking at the Capitol at meetings and dinners.

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS

Mr. Mick Petruney – would like the Ordinance Committee to discuss changing the wording of the swimming pool set backs in the CR Zone to make it easy to understand.

Mr. Steve Dyne – is excited that Kane's youth is so involved in making Kane bigger and better.

OTHER COMMENTS

Mr. Kase thanked Mr. Boyer for his service this school year as the Junior Council Person.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council entered into Executive Session at 7:55 P. M.
REGULAR SESSION

Council re-entered Regular Session at 8:22 P. M.

Sewer Sale

A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mr. Walker, authorizing the signing of the agreement with Wetmore Township for the distribution of funds from all assets of the Borough of Kane Authority one year after the sale of the assets to Pennsylvania American Water at which time the Borough of Kane Authority will be dissolved. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mr. Walker, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P. M.

Jo Beth Brinkley, Recording Secretary