

January 13, 2021

**KANE BOROUGH COUNCIL
JANUARY 13, 2021**

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 via telecommunication devices due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members were notified of the meeting on January 11, 2021.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brandy Schimp (Mayor), Tom Kase (President), Melanie Clabaugh (Vice-President), Gary Schul, Cody Scalise, Scott Rudolph, Katie Johnson, Linda Kerek, Don Payne (Secretary), Tony Alfieri (Solicitor), Jo Beth Brinkley (Recording Secretary), Matt Bressler (Fire Chief), Mick O'Rourke (Street Department Manager)

Excused: Heath Boyer (Police Chief), Carl Swanson (Code Compliance Officer)

VISITORS

Claire Galvin (The Kane Republican), Pastor David Pfleiger

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mrs. Clabaugh, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2020 regular monthly meeting. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Grant outreach potential for Kane Borough

Ned Karger, Tom Hartman, and Don Payne participated in a conference call with Maddie Stanisch and Jody Groshek from the McKean County Conservation District. This was in reference to a new grant opportunity that would utilize the natural area in Evergreen Park by making signage available to the Parks Commission. The Kane Parks Commission has scheduled a follow up meeting on January 14, 2021 at 4 P. M.

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Thank you card

Karen Walter sent a card to the office staff, Borough Council, Kane Police, Kane Volunteer Fire Department, Borough Authority, Street Crew, Code Compliance, and Bill Cecchetti thanking all for the gift of a stone that will be placed at the O. G. Crawford Amphitheater and the plaque from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. This is in reference to her retirement from the Borough after 40+ years of service to the Kane community.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Budget – Report submitted to Council

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

Tax Collector – Balance on duplicate - \$70,271.65

A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, to approve the Tax Collector's Report, as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Check detail in the amount of \$13,860.36 was presented to Council for approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Clabaugh, seconded by Mr. Schul, to approve the Bills for Payment. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Office – Mr. Payne added to his report that the routine Poplar Street Bridge inspection is completed every two years by PennDOT and the report is available at the office if anyone would like to review it. The inspection was completed on October 28, 2020 by Joshua R. England of Alfred Benesch & Company. The report recommended a penetrating sealer be applied to exposed concrete surfaces. Mr. Payne stated this is something to look into as a summer project.

Solicitor – Mr. Alfieri stated that he is working on the abstract for 128 Yarnell Street.

Street Department – Mr. O'Rourke informed Council that the ProMelt Magic Minus Zero from Innovative Surface Solutions is working very well.

Fire Chief – Mr. Bressler notified Council he will complete the recordings of the tornado siren and fire whistle for the public to reference.

Code Compliance

Police

Assessment Permits

Health Board – no report submitted

Reports submitted

A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, to approve the Staff Reports as presented. Motion carried.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ordinance

The Ordinance Committee will have the first reading for the South Elk Avenue parking revision at the next Council Meeting on February 10, 2021.

Labor Negotiations

Mr. Alfieri stated the Labor Negotiations Committee will be meeting January 21, 2021 at 1:30 P. M. with Contract Negotiations to follow at 2 P. M. at the Borough office.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #01-21 – Police Pension Contribution Rate

This resolution will eliminate employee contributions to the Police Pension Fund for the year 2021.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kerek, seconded by Mr. Scalise, to approve Resolution #01-21 eliminating employee contributions to the Police Pension Fund for the year 2021. Motion carried.

Resolution #02-21 – General Obligation Note

This resolution formally states the Borough of Kane will incur the debt to finance the costs of purchasing the leaf vacuum. The Note will be issued for \$99,200.00 with repayment over sixty consecutive monthly payments of \$1,756.00 to begin February 25, 2021.

A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mrs. Kerek, to approve Resolution #02-21 for USDA Financing of the leaf vacuum. With a 7 – 0 decision by roll call vote in favor of the resolution, the motion carried.

A motion was also made by Mr. Rudolph, seconded by Mr. Schul, authorizing Mr. Kase, Mrs. Clabaugh, Mr. Payne, and Mrs. Brinkley to sign any and all documents necessary to complete the USDA Financing. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schimp announced a thank you to Chief Tim Holt for his service as fire chief during 2020 and welcomed Chief Matt Bressler as the new fire chief for 2021.

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS

None

OTHER COMMENTS

Mr. Bressler announced the Kane Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Banquet will be held March 6, 2021 and encouraged all the attend.

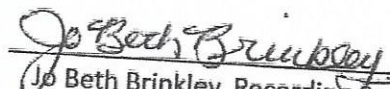
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Kerek, seconded by Mrs. Clabaugh, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 P. M.


Jo Beth Brinkley, Recording Secretary