

November 10, 2021

**KANE BOROUGH COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 10, 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 at the Kane Borough Building, 112 Bayard Street, Kane, PA 16735. Members were notified of the meeting on November 8, 2021.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brandy Schimp (Mayor), Tom Kase (President), Gary Schul, Cody Scalise, Scott Rudolph, Don Payne (Secretary), Tony Alfieri (Solicitor), Carrie Klaiber (Acting Recording Secretary), Matt Bressler (Fire Chief), Heath Boyer (Police Chief), Mick O'Rourke (Street Department Manager)

Telecommunications: Katie Johnson

Excused: Melanie Clabaugh (Vice President), Linda Kerek, Jo Beth Brinley (Recording Secretary)

VISITORS

Rev. David Pflieger, Francis Auriemmo, Theresa Auriemmo, Steve Dyne,

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mr. Rudolph, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2021 regular monthly meeting. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance #A-1053 – Commercial Signage, 2nd reading. This will amend Chapter 94- Building Permits, adding 94.4 C, stating that all new commercial signage changes will require a permit issued by Kane Borough. Mr. Rudolph made a motion and seconded by Mr. Schul to pass Ordinance #A-1053. Motion carried.
- b. Ordinance #A-1059 – Knox Box. This will be addressed during the December meeting. Mr. Payne stated that there have been questions from citizens that he would like to research before moving forward.
- c. 2022 Proposed Budget, 2nd reading. This is a balanced budget with no tax increase. Mr. Schul made a motion and Mr. Scalise seconded to approve the budget. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Invitation to the Veterans Service on November 14, 2021 at First United Methodist church at 11:00 A.M.

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- b. Essential Emergency Support Training Program from the Seneca-Highlands update. Chief Bressler stated that this program has provided a few students to the Fire Department and allows them to get a lot of experience. Chief Boyer stated he also had someone shadow in the Police Department.

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 = \$91,317.50

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

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Check detail in the amount of \$40,857.39 was presented to Council for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Rudolph seconded by Mr. Scalise, to approve the Bills for Payment. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Office – Mr. Payne was asked to explain the purpose of the zoning hearing held November 7, 2021, which was to permit a home business. He also added that there will be a driveway project on Park Avenue.

Solicitor – Mr. Alfieri reported he gave a brief lesson on the Right-to-Know Act to Mrs. Klaiber and Mr. Payne so that Mrs. Klaiber can answer requests and submitted his report.

Police Department – Chief Boyer announced that there has been a serious uptick in juvenile retail theft, elaborated on the status of the vehicles and submitted his report.

Code Compliance – no report submitted

Street Department - Report submitted

Fire Department – Chief Bressler stated that there is fire hydrant out of service, and he is dealing with PA American Water on this. He also requested that PA American Water provide Hydro-testing for the fire hydrants, and they stated that they cannot provide this as per their legal department. He requested that council draft a letter to PA American Water. Mr. Payne suggested that he speak to them as a first step.

Assessment Permits – Report Submitted

Health Board – no report submitted

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – none

Personnel – none

Labor Negotiations – none

NEW BUSINESS

- a. 1st reading of Ordinance A-1060 for the 2022 tax rate, same breakdown as 2021 with no tax increase. Mr. Schul made a motion and Mr. Scalise seconded to approve the ordinance. Motion carried.
- b. There are two repository reports, Mr. Payne recommended that they both be denied. Mr. Schul made the motion and Mr. Rudolph seconded to reject both bids. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schimp elaborated on her visit to IUP Punxsutawney and letter from a local third grader regarding taxes. Mayor Schimp also spoke about her visit biking the Gap and her optimism with Kane's position in becoming a trail town based upon her experience.

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS

None

OTHER COMMENTS


None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Entered executive session at 7:14 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter. Executive session ended at 7:25 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mr. Scalise, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P. M.



Carrie Klaiber, Acting Recording Secretary