

February 9, 2022

KANE BOROUGH COUNCIL
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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 January 3, 2021.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brandy Schimp (Mayor), Tom Kase (President), Gary Schul (Vice President), Melanie Clabaugh, Rick Vassallo, Don Payne (Secretary), Tony Alfieri (Solicitor), Carrie Klaiber (Acting Recording Secretary), Heath Boyer (Police Chief), Matt Bressler (Fire chief), Dominic O'Rourke (Street Dept)

Telecommunications: Scott Rudolph

Excused: Jo Beth Brinley (Recording Secretary), Katie Johnson, Linda Kerek

VISITORS

Pastor Gavin Smith, Theresa Auriemmo (Kane Republican), Francis Auriemmo, Steve Dyne, Samantha Fiebig and special guest Diana Fiebig an eight-year-old, second grader was introduced by Mayor Schimp.

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 January 12, 2021 regular monthly meeting. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance #A-1061 2nd reading – to change early retirement age for new employees. Mr. Schul made a motion, and Mrs. Clabaugh seconded to approve this ordinance. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter of grant funding for Knox & Kane Trail Project from McKean County Planning Commission
- b. Department of Emergency Services Siren Testing letter and our response – Mrs. Clabaugh will post a sample of the siren and reminders on social media. Chief Bressler noted that one of the sirens is at the high school and will go off for ten minutes and there is no shut off. The school will need to be notified.
- c. Letter from Redevelopment Authority for CDBG available funds.

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MONTHLY REPORTS

Budget – Report submitted to Council

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

Tax Collector – Balance on duplicate = \$61,833.95

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

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Check detail in the amount of \$122,232.95 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 – Report Submitted.

Solicitor – Mr. Alfieri reported that he has completed the PAWC easements.

Police Department – Chief Boyer stated that people parking or standing in the middle of the roads due to the snow is causing a problem. There has been an uptick in thefts by deception.

Code Compliance – no report submitted

Street Department – Report Submitted.

Fire Department – Report Submitted.

Assessment Permits – Report Submitted.

Health Board – No report submitted.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – none

Personnel – none

Labor Negotiations – none

Parks Commission – The 2021 Annual Report and last meeting report was submitted.

Cable/Technology – Mrs. Clabaugh stated that Kate Kennedy has identified a vendor to help us redevelop KanePA.com. The migration of information from Kane.org to KanePA.com will be coming soon.

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

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NEW BUSINESS

- a. A motion was made by Mr. Vassallo and seconded by Mrs. Clabuagh, to pass resolution 02-22, to apply for a grant to purchase a new Street Sweeper. Motion carried.
- b. A motion was made by Mr. Schul and seconded by Mr. Vassallo, to pass resolution 03-22, to apply for a grant to purchase a new Front End Loader. Motion carried.
- c. A motion was made by Mr. Vassallo and seconded by Mr. Schul to transfer the deeds for 128 Yarnell Street and 519 Haines Street to KARE for the N.P.P. Project. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Report Submitted.

OTHER COMMENTS

Mr. Schul stated that the McWaPEC meeting will be in Emporium on February 24, 22. Reservations must be in by Tuesday February 22, 22. The Borough will pay for the dinner for Borough Employees and Council Members. Cost for guests is \$25.

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Entered executive session at 7:02 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter.

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Return to General Session at 7:33 P. M. A motion was made by Mr. Schul and seconded by Mr. Vassallo to authorize salary adjustments for Chief Boyer of 5% increase for 2022; 2% increase for 2023; 2% for 2024. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Vassallo, seconded by Mr. Schul, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Carrie Klaiber, Acting Recording Secretary