

January 12, 2022

KANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

January 17, 2022

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), Rick Vassallo, Scott Rudolph, Linda Kerek, 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: Katie Johnson, Melanie Clabaugh

Excused: Jo Beth Brinley (Recording Secretary)

VISITORS

Rev. David Pflieger, Theresa Auriemmo (Kane Republican), Francis Auriemmo, Steve Dyne

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Rudolph, seconded by Mr. Vassallo, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2021 regular monthly meeting and the January 3, 2022 Reorganizational Meeting. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Mr. Schul asked that all members verify their contact information for the Emergency Manual/Safety Plan.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Prism Glass Recycling- Ms. Schimp clarified that the suggestion of the SaveALot parking lot was not hers, as indicated in the article. Steve Dyne offered that the Wetmore Township location may work.
- b. Notice from PennDOT regarding closure of SR 321 South
- c. WalkWorks Webinar
- d. Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs – Real Estate Tax Exemption - A motion as made by Ms. Kerek and seconded by Mr. Schul to accept this exemption. Motion carried.

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MONTHLY REPORTS

Budget – Report submitted to Council

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

Tax Collector – Balance on duplicate = \$83,677.01

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

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Check detail in the amount of \$80,685.06 was presented to Council for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Rudolph, seconded by Mr. Vassallo, to approve the Bills for Payment. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Office – Report Submitted

Solicitor – Mr. Alfieri reported that he has combination deeds drafted for Holman Street.

Police Department – Chief Boyer stated there are new black uniforms for the officers with the new patches on them. There is a need for markers or blocked access for the trails to avoid motorists driving on them. Mr. Kase confirmed that gates have been received, when weather allows they will be installed. Please park close to curb despite the piked snow on side of roadways.

Code Compliance – no report submitted

Street Department – Reminder that the Post Office Parking lot is restricted 3am-6am during winter months to allow for snow clearing.

Fire Department – Chief Bressler asked that we continue working for the Knox Box ordinance. The ambulance is being pulled to Warren County because there is no longer ambulance service in Sheffield and this is becoming an issue because it is interfering with local services. The Fire Department banquet is March 19, 2022.

Assessment Permits – Report Submitted

Health Board – no report submitted

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – none

Personnel – none

Labor Negotiations – none

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NEW BUSINESS

- a. A motion was made by Mr. Vassallo and seconded by Ms. Kerek, to sell the 2015 Explorer (police) and the 2002 F550 (street dept) on Municibid. Motion carried.
- b. Resolution #01-22 regarding the Police Pension Fund was read. A motion was made by Mr. Schul and seconded by Mr. Vassallo to accept this resolution. Motion carried.
- c. Ordinance A-1061 regarding Early Retirement Requirements for the employees for the Borough of Kane was read. A motion was made by Mr. Vassallo and seconded by Ms. Kerek to accept this Ordinance. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schimp submitted her report and stated that there is currently no agenda for programs such as Coffee with a Cop or Pizza with the Police – but these will be on the radar and will be scheduled as appropriate circumstances arise. Mayor Schimp emailed the commissioners following her Leadership McKean participation reiterating that county funds were used to complete the GAP and asking that future funds be considered for the Knox and Kane Trail Projects. Mayor Schimp also stated that she has received many negative comments about the political signage on Biddle Street, which is on private property.

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS

None

OTHER COMMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Entered executive session at 7:24 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter.

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Return to General Session at 8:18 P. M. A motion was made by Mr. Schul and seconded by Mr. Rudolph to authorize and sign the Police contract as written. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Rudolph, seconded by Mr. Vassallo, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P. M.

Carrie Klaiber, Acting Recording Secretary