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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 June 8, 2022.

INVOCATION

Pastor Carol Sharp led the council in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Telecommunications: None

Excused: Katie Johnson, Jo Beth Brinkley (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Rick Vassallo, Joe Geer (Code Compliance)

VISITORS

Pastor Carol Sharp; Theresa Auriemmo (Kane Republican); Steve Dyne; Mike Swartwood; Connie Faull; Emma Clabaugh

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Rudolph, seconded by Mr. Schul, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2022 regular monthly meeting. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Comcast Contract – we have until August 11, 2023 to sign off on new contract. A copy of the complete contract is available at the Borough Office if anyone wishes to review it.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Wetmore Township Letter requesting the dissolution of the Kane Borough Sewage Authority.

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MONTHLY REPORTS

Budget – Report submitted to Council

A motion was made by Mrs. Kerek, seconded by Mrs. Clabaugh, to approve the Budget Report, as presented. Motion carried.

Tax Collector – Balance on duplicate = \$132,296.67

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 \$94,872.48 was presented to Council for approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Kerek, seconded by Mr. Rudolph, to approve the Bills for Payment. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Office – Report submitted. Greeves Street Repair Update: the Borough will be responsible for repair of a soft spot that exceeds the 1.5 foot limit. Mealy is doing a great job with the road thus far. Approximately 35 people participated with the Christian Camp Volunteers at the Trailhead. The Borough will need to clean up that which was cut, piled, and left along the trail. It was requested that someone from the McKean County Redevelopment and/or Housing Authority. Mrs. Klaiber stated that she would bring this to the attention of the MCRA and MCHA. The Borough will be testing Micro Sealing on a few roads in Kane, this will determine if it is best to include this as part of the road maintenance plan.

Code Compliance – Included on Office Report.

Solicitor – Report submitted.

Police Department – Report submitted. Juvenile Incidents have increased dramatically since last month.

Street Department – Report submitted.

Fire Department – Report submitted. Chief Bressler asked that we keep a look out for kids sitting on the rails of the Poplar St. Bridge, as they have been spotted there and it is very dangerous.

Assessment Permits – Report Submitted.

Health Board – Report Submitted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kerek, seconded by Mr. Schul to accept the Staff reports. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – none

Personnel – none

Labor Negotiations – none

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Parks Commission – Minutes from were included from the 6/22/22 meeting in the packets. Discussion took place about what grants may be available to the Kane Baseball Dugout Club for the upgrades at Santilli Field at Glenwood Park and what groups may be able to assist them in applying.

Cable/Technology – Ms. Kate Kennedy and Mrs. Clabaugh are working on the new borough website with the company Protocol 80. The Kane Area Development Center has paid more than half of the initial development costs and is asking the Borough for \$6,000.00 for initial development and \$600.00 per year going forward. A motion was made by Mrs. Kerek, seconded by Mrs. Clabaugh to pay the \$6,000.00 initial development cost and \$600.00 annually. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. A motion was made by Mr. Rudolph, seconded by Mrs. Kerek for the Borough to complete the Application for County Aid for liquid fuels in the amount of \$5,686.52. Motion carried
- b. A motion was made by Mrs. Clabaugh, seconded by Mrs. Kerek to forward the letter stating that the Borough has no comments on the subdivision of Kyle Good's property to the Planning Commission to finalize this subdivision. Motion carried.
- c. Mr. Kase gave the first reading of Ordinance #A-1062 stating that there shall be no parking permitted on a section of Hacker Street.
- d. Resolution #09-22 authorizing the sale of the Dinkmar Leafer on Municibid was read by Mr. Kase. A motion was made by Mrs. Kerek, seconded by Mr. Rudolph to allow the sale. Motion carried.
- e. Resolution #10-22 authorizing the sale of the Eager Beaver Asphalt Roller on Municibid was read by Mr. Kase. A motion was made by Mrs. Clabaugh, seconded by Mr. Schul to allow the sale. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Report submitted. Mayor Schimp received a request for cameras and increased police presence in the park due to vandalism issues. It was also discussed to develop a plan to try to get the juveniles in community more engaged. It was suggested that there be an incentive that can be given out to the youth, such as ice cream gift certificates when they are seen acting responsibly. It was also discussed to work with the school district to survey students to gauge their satisfaction with Kane; what activities they would like to see; what would keep them here. National Night Out, which is a first responders' event will be held August 2, 2022.

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS

Mr. Mike Swartwood asked about "easement of Necessity" within the Borough. Mr. Alfieri stated that there may be something in the deeds of the properties. He advised Mr. Swartwood to contact an attorney, as this is a legal matter and not a matter of Borough Code or regulation.

Regular Session ended at 7:21 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session was entered to discuss property and personnel issues.

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Return to Regular Session at 8:10 p.m.

- a. A motion was made by Mr. Rudolph, seconded by Mrs. Kerek to execute the sales agreement between the Borough and Kyle Good for the property behind Commons Alley including a right of way, for the amount of \$22,500.00. Motion carried.
- b. A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mrs. Kerek authorizing Mr. Kase and Mr. Payne to sign a contract amendment, which will be provided by Mr. Alfieri, authorizing the payment of a one-time inflation adjustment check to the contracted employees (Police and Street Departments). The check amount will be 5% of wages earned January 1, 2022-June 30, 2022 for each individual. Motion carried.
- c. A motion was made by Mrs. Kerek, seconded by Mrs. Clabaugh to increase Mrs. Jo Beth Brinkley's hourly wage to \$20.00. This is to be effective immediately. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Kerek and seconded by Mr. Schul to adjourn the meeting at 7:21p.m. Motion carried.



Carrie Klaiber, Acting Recording Secretary