

January 11, 2023

**KANE BOROUGH COUNCIL
JANUARY 11, 2023**

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 9, 2023.

INVOCATION

Pastor David Pflieger led Council in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brandy Schimp (Mayor), Tom Kase (President), Gary Schul (Vice President), Jack Zelina, Scott Rudolph, Katie Johnson, Linda Kerek, Don Payne (Secretary), Tony Alfieri (Solicitor), Jo Beth Brinkley (Recording Secretary), Heath Boyer (Police Chief), Mick O'Rourke (Street Department Manager)

Excused: Melanie Clabaugh, Matt Bressler (Fire Chief)

Absent: Joe Geer (Code Compliance)

VISITORS

Pastor David Pflieger, Steve Dyne, Nikki O'Rourke

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mrs. Kerek, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2022 regular monthly meeting. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

McWaPEC Meeting – Kane hosts February 23, 2023

Mayor Schimp announced that Mr. Joel Morrison, West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund Executive Director, will be the evening's speaker. The event will be held at Six&Kane and Mrs. Johnson will coordinate catering once the menu is finalized by Council members. Meal choices need sent to Mrs. Brinkley via email and the final selections will be sent to Mrs. Johnson on January 20, 2023. It was the consensus of Council to raffle table centerpieces and two pies donated by E & M Engineers & Surveyors. A cash bar will be available featuring local vendors. Mrs. Johnson also stated she will look into tablecloths and heavy duty plasticware for the event.

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Increase to Treasurer's Bond

Mrs. Brinkley announced that the current bond company, H. A. Thomson, will not increase the bond to \$4,500,000.00 this year. They are willing to go in increments of \$500,000.00 each year. This brings the 2023 Treasurer's Bond to \$2,000,000.00. It was the consensus of Council to accept this new annual increase.

CORRESPONDENCE

McKean County Repository Bids

Two properties were noted for consideration to the Tax Claim Bureau. Mr. Payne recommended to Council that both bids be accepted:

1. Smithfield Ave. vacant lot – bid of \$250.00 made by Robert C. and Michele L. Mallory
2. 310 Bayard St. – bid of \$250.00 made by Borough of Kane

A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mrs. Kerek, to approve both Repository Bids. Motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Budget – Report submitted to Council

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

Tax Collector – Balance on duplicate = \$100,588.94

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

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Check detail in the amount of \$37,454.46 was presented to Council for approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rudolph, to approve the Bills for Payment. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Office – Mr. Payne announced the Planning Commission meeting has been rescheduled for January 17, 2023 at 5:30 P. M.

Solicitor – Mr. Alfieri stated he reviewed the parking ticket software agreement, and he also has one Personnel item for Executive Session.

Police Department – Chief Boyer added to his report that e-ticketing from the Explorer will be starting soon, and the Taurus will follow after the printer install is completed.

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Code Compliance

Street Department

Reports submitted

Fire Department

Assessment Permits

Health Board – no report submitted

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks Commission minutes from the December 28, 2022 meeting were submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #01-23 – Police Pension Contribution Rate

This resolution will eliminate employee contributions to the Police Pension Fund for the year 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mrs. Kerek, to approve Resolution #01-23 eliminating employee contributions to the Police Pension Fund for the year 2023. Motion carried.

SPARKS Annual Large Group Meeting January 25th – participation headcount

A final headcount from Council is required for the SPARKS Annual Large Group meeting. Council members were asked to RSVP to Mrs. Brinkley in roll call fashion. The results will be emailed to Judge Cleland, Ms. Kennedy, and Mrs. Clabaugh. The cost to participate in this meeting will follow once finalized.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schimp submitted her report to Council.

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS

None

OTHER COMMENTS

Housing Authority

Chief Boyer communicated to Council his safety concern for tenants residing at 130 Greeves Street, Central Towers. One specific tenant has been arrested twice and has not been moved or evicted. Chief Boyer is requesting information from the Housing Authority regarding how eviction is handled in public housing. Mr. Payne stated Mrs. Klaiber is on the Board of Directors of the Authority and she could access information for him.

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Library Meeting Minutes

Ms. Nikki O'Rourke turned in Library meeting minutes for November and December. Although these will be a month behind going forward due to the dates of when meetings fall, they will be included in Council packets for review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council entered Executive Session at 7:15 P. M.

REGULAR SESSION

Council re-entered Regular Session at 7:59 P. M.

Summit Building and Property

A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Zelina, granting Mr. Payne permission to work with the hospital board to finalize a price for the Summit building and property.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Kerek, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P. M.

Jo Beth Brinkley, Recording Secretary