

KANE BOROUGH COUNCIL
January 10, 2024

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 December 13, 2024.

INVOCATION

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Kase (President), Jack Zelina (Vice President), Brandy Schimp (Mayor), Melanie Clabaugh, Gary Schul, Jerry Milliron, Sam Cummings, Jr., Kelle Bari, Don Payne (Secretary), Tony Alfieri (Solicitor), Carrie Klaiber (Recording Secretary), Heath Boyer (Police Chief), Mick O'Rourke (Street Department Manager), Matt Bressler (Fire Chief)

Telecommunications: None

Excused: None

Absent: Joe Geer (Code Compliance)

VISITORS

Pastor Pflieger, Steve Dyne

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Zelina, seconded by Mr. Schul, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2023, regular monthly meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mrs. Bari to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024, re-organizational meeting. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance #A-1074 to increase the salary of the mayor to the state approved maximum of \$2,500.00 to be paid in quarterly installments was read for the second time. Per state regulations, this increase will go into effect at the next election. A motion was made by Mrs. Clabaugh, seconded by Mrs. Bari to approve this ordinance. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Distributed the State Ethics Commission's Statement of Financial Interests to all Council Members for their completion and return.

- b. Update from McKean County juvenile Probation Victim Services regarding one of the juveniles that was responsible for the vandalism in Evergreen Park in 2022.
- c. Letter from Kane resident Dan Farnsworth.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Budget – Report submitted to Council

Mr. Payne pointed out that \$321,071.96 was approved last year to be transferred from the reserved funds to be utilized by the Borough due to the budget shortfalls. Only \$6,808.75 of that amount was actually used. He and Mr. Kase commended the staff for great conservation and planning. A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mr. Zelina, to approve the Budget Report, as presented. Motion carried.

Tax Collector – Balance on duplicate = \$60,595.10

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

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Check detail in the amount of \$810,979.68 was presented to Council for approval. Mr. Payne explained that this includes checks that paid for the paving project, a large portion of which will be replenished with reimbursement grant monies, once received. A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mrs. Clabaugh, to approve the Bills for Payment. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Office – Report submitted. Mr. Payne updated on the Laurel Avenue work. The plan is in place for the replacement of the drainage pipe, along with the other work being done there, which should begin the week of January 22nd.

Code Compliance - Report Submitted

Solicitor – Report Submitted. Mr. Alfieri explained the KAIDC Loan Agreement which will turn the funds currently in the IDF Restricted Funds account over to KAIDC to give them more lending power to help the development of businesses within the outer parameters of the Kane School District. A motion was made by Mrs. Clabaugh and seconded by Mr. Schul to allow Mr. Alfieri to proceed with the agreed upon language changes and present to KAIDC for execution on their end. Motion Carried.

Police – Report submitted. Chief Boyer also announced that Officer Labesky has submitted his resignation, and his last day will be Friday, January 12th. The Civil Service Commission is aware of this and is working to recruit another full-time officer.

Street - Report Submitted. Several Council members and Mayor Schimp commended Mr. O'Rourke on the good job the street crew has been doing.

Assessment – Report submitted

Health Board - No Report submitted

Fire - Report submitted

A motion was made by Mr. Zelina, seconded by Mrs. Bari, to approve the Department Reports, as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None submitted

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance #A-1075 which amends the regulation of cats and adds a section on the baiting of free roaming cats to aid in trapping, neutering, vaccinating, and returning the feral cats was read for the first time. A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mrs. Clabaugh, to approve this reading.
- b. Resolution #02-24 setting the amount of participant contribution at 0% was read. A motion was made by Mr. Schul, seconded by Mrs. Clabaugh. Motion carried.
- c. Council Committee Appointments were made by President Kase for the 2024 year.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Report Submitted. Mayor Schimp spoke about the DARE Reboot which is to kickoff February 20th to coincide with the ceremony commemorating the late Officer Steve Jerman. A ceremony in his honor is being planned for the evening of February 20th with details to be announced in the near future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Clabaugh, seconded by Mr. Zelina, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P. M.

Carrie Klaiber, Recording Secretary