

KANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

April 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, 2023.

INVOCATION

Pastor David Pfleiger 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, Kelle Bari, Sam Cummings Jr., Jerry Milliron, Debra Miller, Don Payne (Secretary), Tony Alfieri (Solicitor), Carrie Klaiber (Recording Secretary), Heath Boyer (Police Chief), Bill Cook (Asst. Street Department Manager)

Telecommunications: None

Excused: Mick O'Rourke (Street Department Manager)

Absent: Matt Bressler (Fire Chief), Joe Geer (Code Compliance)

VISITORS

Andy McKowan (Kane Republican), Steve Dyne, Nikki O'Rourke, Pastor David Pfleiger

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Zelina, seconded by Dr. Miller, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2024, regular monthly meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Bari, to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024, Special Council meeting. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Project Graduation

MONTHLY REPORTS

Budget – Report submitted to Council.

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

Tax Collector – Balance on duplicate = \$317,090.50 (previous balance \$673,395.73)

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

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Check detail in the amount of \$68,133.17 was presented to Council for approval.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bari, seconded by Mr. Milliron, to approve the Bills for Payment. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Office – Report submitted. There was discussion about the proposed crosswalk near the Kane Apartments. Mrs. Klaiber explained that a crosswalk with solar powered signs that will blink when button-triggered would be there, as well as a Stop for Pedestrians sign before reaching the crosswalk as you enter town traveling south on Route 6. There was also discussion about the use of the money that was to be used for paving, but the bid came in lower than expected. We cannot do additional streets due to logistics for next year's project. The additional funds will be used to replace the sidewalk on Birch Street along Evergreen Park, which is in very poor condition, as well as sidewalks in front of other Borough owned properties including the Trailhead which are creating hazardous conditions.

Code Compliance - Report Submitted

Solicitor – Report Submitted.

Police – Report submitted. Chief Boyer reminded all that Alternate Side Parking ends on April 15th. This also means that they will be ticketing for being parked facing against traffic. Studded tires must also be removed by the 15th.

Street - Report Submitted. Mr. Cook stated that drivers need to better at stopping at stop signs where the street department is replacing storm drains.

Assessment – Report submitted.

Health Board - Report submitted.

Fire – No Report submitted.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Mr. Kase reported that the Audit Report for 2023 Financials is completed and was included in the packet. A representative from Haines will attend the May 1st Workshop to review the report.

Parks Commission – Minutes from the March 27, 2024 meeting were submitted. Mr. Payne stated the Parks Commission was given a presentation by RentFun, which is explained in the minutes. This will be further addressed in new business.

Library – Minutes from the March 19, 2024 meeting were submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mrs. Bari made a motion, seconded by Mr. Milliron to utilize Marcellus Shale Impact (Act 13) funds up to \$24,500 to build a game court center and rent kiosks for games in Evergreen Park. The Park Commission will make a recommendation of what will be installed, and council will have final approval at that time.
- b. Mr. Zelina made a motion, seconded by Dr. Miller to accept the first reading of Ordinance #A-1076 to amend chapter 179 Nuisances.
- c. Mrs. Bari made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zelina to write the check to KAIDC to close the Industrial Development Fund.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Report Submitted. Mr. Milliron brought up the problem of speeding drivers out Route near the trestle where the speed limit drops to 25 MPH. The Speedar Sign can be moved to that area to see if that helps for starters. There can also be lines painted for police enforcement. Mrs. Bari suggested making the intersection of Dawson Street and Bayard Street a 4-way stop.

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS

None

End regular session at 7:43 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The council held an executive session regarding property.

Return to regular session at 8:16 P.M.

- a. A motion was made by Mr. Zelina and seconded by Mr. Cummings to purchase 8 Beech Street for \$5,000.00 plus play fees to settle the estate estimated at \$3,000.00.
- b. A motion was made by Mrs. Bari and seconded by Dr. Miller authorizing Don to pursue negotiations to purchase 518 Biddle Street for up to \$13,000.00.
- c. A motion was made by Dr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Bari authorizing Don to pursue negotiations to purchase the lot at 236 Haines Street for \$5,000.00.
- d. A motion was made by Mr. Cummings and seconded by Mr. Milliron to purchase five handheld radios for the Volunteer Fire Department using Marcellus Shale Impact (Act 13) Funds for \$38,788.20.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Bari, seconded by Mr. Milliron to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P. M.

Carrie Klaiber, Recording Secretary