

KANE BOROUGH COUNCIL
June 12, 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 Pflieger led council in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Kase (President), Jack Zelina (Vice President), Melanie Clabaugh, Kelle Bari, Debra Miller, Don Payne (Secretary), Tony Alfieri (Solicitor), Carrie Klaiber (Recording Secretary), Heath Boyer (Police Chief), Mick O'Rourke (Street Department Manager)

Telecommunications

Excused: Brandy Schimp (Mayor), Sam Cummings Jr., Jerry Milliron

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

VISITORS

Andy McKowan (Kane Republican), Steve Dyne, Pastor David Pflieger

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Bari, seconded by Mr. Zelina, to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2024, regular monthly meeting. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. McWaPEC dinner and meeting invitation for June 27th in Ridgway
- b. McWaPEC Meeting Minutes from the April 25, 2024 Meeting in Emporium

MONTHLY REPORTS

Budget – Report submitted to Council.

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

Tax Collector – Balance on duplicate = \$151,309.74 (previous balance \$165,609.02)

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

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Check detail in the amount of \$134,768.95 was presented to Council for approval.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Office – Report submitted. There was discussion about the funding of the 2025 paving project, in hopes that between grant, low interest loan and Borough funds we will be able to pave all the remaining streets in the Borough with the exception of those that PA American Water will be working on. Engineers that are designing the crosswalk in front of the Kane Apartments is finished and we will be applying for that permit with PennDOT.

Code Compliance - Report Submitted. Worked with the Fire Department to contact homeowners whose house numbers were not visible from the street by Fire Department Volunteers.

Solicitor – Report Submitted.

Police – Report submitted. Chief Boyer stated there have been complaints about speeding and rolling through stop signs, so there will be more tickets issued in the near future.

Street - Report Submitted. Painting of parking spots and crosswalks is underway. The X’s at spots where parking is now permitted have been blacked out, giving back 6 additional parking spaces.

Assessment – Report submitted.

Health Board - Report submitted. Dr. Olson and Darlene Olson will be retiring as the Health Board Officers and Dr. Dale McLaughlin and Audry McLaughlin are to be trained to by Ben Weirick, Retail Food Specialist and Local Health Liaison for the PA Dept of Agriculture to take over. There were no inspections completed in April due to complications with Dr. Olson and any that were due will be completed in May or June.

Fire – No Report submitted.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiations – Have been contacted by the police department requesting negotiations begin for the next 3-year contract. Officers Snyder and Nichols will be contacted to set up meetings.

Property – Concern near the Concession Stand at Glenwood Park by the soccer fields. Mr. O’Rourke explained that the fence was put there because of water run-off.

Ordinance - Dr. Miller asked if there is or if we create an Ordinance regarding foul and vulgar language used on signs and flags throughout the Borough. After a brief discussion, it was advised that we check with other municipalities to find an example of language that could be used. However, it is likely that freedom of speech laws will negate any Ordinance we adopt.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Melanie Clabaugh was nominated to fill the vacant position of President Pro Tem by Mr. Zelina. This nomination was seconded by Dr. Miller. No other nominations were made. Ayes by all to elect Mrs. Clabaugh to complete the term started by the late Mr. Gary Schul.
- b. A motion to allow for the filing of a reimbursement grant application with USDA Community Facilities for the new police vehicle was made by Mrs. Bari, seconded by Mrs. Clabaugh. Motion carried.
- c. Resolution #10-24 -Evergreen Park Sidewalk Project Grant. A motion was made by Mrs. Clabaugh, seconded by Mr. Zelina to commit to a match of \$37,500.00 if the DCDC Multimodal Grant is awarded. Motion carried.
- d. Resolution #11-24 -Borough Street Paving Grant. A motion was made by Mr. Zelina, seconded by Mrs. Clabaugh to commit to a match of \$150,000.00 if the DCDC Multimodal Grant is awarded. Motion carried. It was noted that if a loan is decided on, loan dollars can be used as match as well.
- e. The request for a new Dump Bed and Plow has been tabled. Repairs are being considered instead of purchasing new.
- f. We may apply for a PIB loan for the Streets Paving to spread the cost out over several years, so we can complete all of the paving during the 2025 project. We are gathering numbers from Shawn Agosti of PennDOT now and should have a better understanding of what the total project costs will be by the meeting in July.
- g. Santilli Field – another proposal for simply fixing the drainage and re-seeding the outfield without including the leveling has been submitted. Decisions will need to be made prior to the work beginning in September.
- h. Street Sweeper – having a lot of maintenance issues with the sweeper and it is becoming more difficult to obtain parts for repairs due to the age of the machine. We are looking into a new sweeper for possible delivery of April 2025.
- i. There will be no Council Workshop in July, since it would fall on July 3rd.
- j. Kinzua Skywalk Closing – Dr. Miller drafted a letter of concerns regarding the closing of the Skywalk. She will be attending an information session on June 13th and will report back to council with a summary of that session and how this may impact the Borough.

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS

None

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 7:46 P. M.

Carrie Klaiber, Recording Secretary