

KANE BOROUGH COUNCIL
October 9, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of Kane Borough Council was called to order at 6:52 P. M. by President Tom Kase. The meeting was held at the Six & Kane Building, 3rd Floor, 63 N. Fraley Street, Kane, PA 16735. Members were notified of the meeting on August 14, 2023.

INVOCATION

Pastor Rebecca Harris led council in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Kase (President), Jack Zelina (Vice President), Kelle Bari, Sam Cummings, Jr, Jerry Milliron, Dr. Debra Miller, Don Payne (Secretary), Tony Alfieri (Solicitor), Carrie Klaiber (Recording Secretary), Matt Bressler (Fire Chief), Heath Boyer (Police Chief), Mick O'Rourke (Street Department Manager),
Telecommunications: None
Excused: Melanie Clabaugh, Brandy Schimp (Mayor)
Absent: Joe Geer (Code Compliance)

VISITORS

Theresa Auriemo, Frank Auriemo

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Zelina, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2024, regular monthly meeting. Ayes from all. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Thank you from No Feline Left Behind.
- b. Request for financial contribution from Kane Area Recreation and Cultural Commission.
This was not included in the proposed budget. Mr. Kase asked that we table this and asked to review the agreement with KARCC.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Budget – Report submitted to Council.

A motion was made by Dr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Zelina, to approve the Budget Report, as presented. Ayes from all. Motion carried.

Tax Collector – Balance on duplicate = = \$93,521.07 (Previous month - \$97,791.86)

A motion was made by Mrs. Bari, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to approve the Tax Report, as presented.
Motion carried.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Check detail in the amount of \$216,104.84 was presented to Council for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Zelina, seconded by Dr. Miller, to approve the Bills for Payment. Ayes From all.
Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Office – Report Submitted. Mr. Milliron confirmed that that the Storywalk kiosks were setback based on where sidewalks will be when they complete the perimeter of the park. The grant for crosswalk at The Kane Apartments has been approved by the commissioners, but we cannot begin until we receive the money from the county. The RentFun Cornhole and Bocce Ball course will be completed by October 12th.

Code Compliance - Report Submitted.

Solicitor – Report Submitted.

Police – Report submitted. People need to call 9-1-1 rather than taking pictures and posting them on social media. Alternate parking begins October 15th.

Street - Report Submitted.

Fire – No Report submitted. Fire Prevention week – KVFD will in the Post Office parking lot on Friday.
Reminder to change your smoke detector batteries.

Assessment – Report submitted.

Health Board – Report submitted.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Negotiations – Police Negotiations meeting on October 24th.

Parks- Minutes from the September 28th, 2024, meeting were submitted. The Parks Commission recommends that Borough Council explore the drainage and resurfacing of Evergreen Park’s tennis, Pickleball and basketball courts. This will be tabled until the next workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Following discussion about changing the ordinance for high grass to be for a growing season rather than for a twelve-month period. Mr. Cummings made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zelina, to relieve Mr. Ross Bish of the fine he was issued for high grass and release the subsequent lien. Ayes by all. Motion carried.
- b. Ordinance #A-1079 – Transient Vendors which will restrict from being in the Central Business District unless for a not for profit with exception from the Borough Office was read for the first time. A motion was made by Dr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Milliron, to approve the first reading. Ayes by all. Motion carried.

- c. Ordinance #A-1080 – Amusement Devices which will increase license fees for PA Games of Skill/Chance to \$300.00 for for-profit business and \$100.00 not-for-profit businesses was read for the first time. A motion was made by Mr. Zelina, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to accept the first reading. Ayes from all. Motion carried.
- d. 2025 Proposed Budget was read for the first time with a tax increase of .5 Mill which is approximately \$37,000 and the remaining shortfall of \$215,000 plus will be paid for from earnings of the sewer sale. The last tax increase was in 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Dr. Miller, to approve the first reading of the Proposed 2025 Budget. Ayes by all. Motion carried. Mr. Zelina made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bari, to approve the first reading of the Proposed 2025 Liquid Fuels Budget.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Report submitted.

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Regular Session ended at 7:35 P.M. An Executive Session regarding a personnel matter took place.
At 8:07 P.M. Executive Session ended.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Cummings seconded by Dr. Miller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 P. M.

Carrie Klaiber, Recording Secretary