

Kane Borough Council Meeting
June 11, 2025

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Kane Borough Council was called to order at 6:30 pm by Council President Tom Kase. The meeting was held at the Borough Office, 112 Bayard St., Kane, PA 16735. Members were notified of the meeting on June 9, 2025.

Invocation

Pastor Garen Smith delivered the invocation.

Roll Call

Present: Tom Kase (President), Jack Zelina (Vice President), Kelle Bari, Jerry Milliron, Debra Miller, Sam Cummings, Tony Alfieri (Solicitor), Donald Payne (Council Secretary), Heath Boyer (Police Chief), and Mick O' Rourke (Street Dept. Manager).

Telecommunications: None present

Excused: Mayor Brandy Schimp and Melanie Clabaugh

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

Visitors

Hayley Gubelman, Michael Lombardo, Steve Dyne, Theresa Aureiemmo, and Francis Auriemmo

Statement of Citizens on Agenda Items

Theresa Auriemmo asked if she would need to fill out a Right-to-Know request to get copies of the Police reports from Council meetings. Tony Alfieri said that it would depend on the content. Hayley Gubelman and Michael Lombardo would like to request a change of length of feet of setback in Ordinance 78-7 Keeping of Certain Animals from twenty-five' to ten'.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jerry Milliron, second by Jack Zelina to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2025, Regular Council meeting. No further discussion. Ayes from all. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Correspondence

- a. Local Realty Transfer Tax-May 2025
- b. Letter from Planning Commission

Monthly Reports

Budget: A motion was made by Debra Miller, second by Kelle Bari to approve the Budget Report, as presented. No further discussion. Ayes from all. Motion carried.

Tax Collector: A motion was made by Jack Zelina, second by Debra Miller to approve the Tax Collector report. No further discussion. Ayes from all. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

Check detail in the amount of \$140,271.40 was presented to Council for approval. This included bills from the Liquid Fuels account. A motion was made by Jerry Milliron, second by Jack Zelina to approve the bills for Payment, as presented. Debra Miller asked about the West Penn Power bill for the street lighting. No further discussion. Ayes from all. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Office: Report submitted.

Code Compliance: Report submitted.

Solicitor: Report submitted. Tony Alfieri stated he had worked with Laura McDonald on Right-to-Know requests.

Police: Report submitted

Street: Report submitted. Mick O'Rourke reported to Council that the new street sweeper had been returned to the Borough.

Fire: Report submitted. Chief Bressler's report asked that drivers use caution now that school is out for the summer. Also, parents should teach kids the rules of the road with bikes and e-bikes. Council thanked Debra Miller for her article on e-bike safety that was posted on the Borough's Facebook page. Chief Boyer said that Officer Hartman had done a bicycle safety course at the elementary school this spring. He said that Youngsville Borough does a bicycle "rodeo" every year for safety and we should investigate something similar.

Assessment: Report submitted.

Health Board: Report submitted.

A motion was made by Kelle Bari, second by Sam Cummings, to approve Department reports as presented. No further discussion. Ayes from all. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Parks Commission- Tom Kase said he attended a webinar for Tree Revitalization at the Trailhead. They would like the planning to be completed by the end of June 2025. **Ordinance Committee-** Sam Cummings told Council that the Ordinance Committee's recommendation for Ordinance #78-7, Keeping of Certain Animals, is to keep the setback distance at 25 feet and that there will be a limit of animals to six per property. A motion was made by Jack Zelina, second by Kelle Bari to have the first reading of Ordinance #1085, Article II, § 78-7, letter E limit to no more than six animals. No further discussion. Ayes from all, except for Debra Miller. Motion carried.

New Business

- A. A motion was made by Jack Zelina, second by Sam Cummings to nullify the current PIB Loan Agreement #521340 and apply for a new loan for paving next year. Ayes from all. Motion carried.
- B. Jack Zelina reported to Council that he has been working with the local cable company, Comcast, in an effort to provide Borough residents with access to local news stations. Comcast does not support Buffalo, Erie, or Altoona stations. However, he explained that residents can view local news through a few different streaming channels. He said that there are certain platforms that do allow viewing in real time. He said that the process is not exactly user friendly, but it is possible.
- C. Council agreed to send letters of support to the Bradford Essential Air Program and the Kane Children's Museum. It was decided that the letters will be signed by Tom Kase as Council President, and Don Payne as Council Secretary.

Mayor's Report

No report.

Statement of Citizens (Time limited to 5 minutes) none.

1. Steve Dyne reported that a letter was sent to the Borough (not received) from Hamlin Bank saying that PennDOT is requesting that four parking spaces be removed for their new drive-through service. Don Payne said that he will speak to both parties regarding the issue.
2. Hayley Gubelman and Michael Lombardo spoke further about their issues with Ordinance 78-7.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jerry Milliron, second by Jack Zelina to adjourn the meeting. No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura McDonald, Kane Borough Treasurer