

**Kane Borough Council Meeting  
July 9, 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 July 8, 2025.

**Invocation**

Pastor David Pflieger delivered the invocation.

**Roll Call**

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

**Telecommunications:** None present

**Excused:** Sam Cummings and Matt Bressler (Fire Chief)

**Absent:** Jerry Milliron and Joe Geer (Code Compliance)

**Visitors**

Michael Lombardo, Steve Dyne, Theresa Aureiemmo, Francis Aureiemmo, Brandie Eckstrom, William Eckstrom, RJ Fadenholtz, and Rick Fadenholtz

**Statement of Citizens on Agenda Items**

Michael Lombardo stated that he wanted to let Council know that he was still in opposition to the amendment to Chapter 78-7, Keeping of Animals, to limit small animals to six per household. Theresa Aureiemmo inquired about the SPARKS organization, and if media would be permitted to attend the meetings. The Mayor explained that SPARKS is not a formal organization with a Board or a Council. It is a group of organization leaders that meet to discuss community-related issues to collaborate efforts with ongoing projects within the Borough.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Melanie Clabaugh, second by Debra Miller to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2025, Regular Council meeting with two minor corrections. No further discussion. Ayes from all. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

**Correspondence**

- a. Local Realty Transfer Tax-June 2025

**Monthly Reports**

**Budget:** A motion was made by Debra Miller, second by Jack Zelina to approve the Budget Report, as presented. Mayor Schimp asked about the income from Amusement Licenses. Don Payne explained that the payments are mainly received in December. Income from the licenses is designated to be spent on the parks. No further discussion. Ayes from all. Motion carried.

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

**Bills for Payment**

Check detail in the amount of \$183,313.48 was presented to Council for approval. This included bills from the Liquid Fuels account. A motion was made by Debra Miller, second by Jack Zelina to approve the bills for Payment, as presented. No further discussion. Ayes from all. Motion carried.

## **Department Reports**

**Office:** Report submitted. Don Payne elaborated on Item #8. He said that the two historical markers within the Borough are to be refurbished at the expense of the County. A question was raised about Item #9. Don Payne said that the six cameras in the park are being monitored daily on our online account.

**Code Compliance:** Report submitted.

**Solicitor:** Report submitted. Tony Alfieri reported that he helped Don Payne with code issues with burning and solid waste. He also stated that the purchase of 8 Beech Street had been recorded.

**Police:** Report submitted. Chief Boyer said that Officer Nichols had come back to work and requalified firing his weapon.

**Street:** Report submitted. Tom Kase thanked the street crew for their work at Evergreen Park before the Arts in the Wild event. Mick O'Rourke said that he picked up the new hot mix transporter.

**Fire:** Report submitted. Tom Kase read the recommendation from Chief Bressler in his report. Chief Bressler wanted to remind residents about electrical safety this summer. For any downed lines, residents are to call 911. He also suggested residents check their breaker panels.

**Assessment:** Report submitted.

**Health Board:** Report submitted.

A motion was made by Melanie Clabaugh, second by Debra Miller, to approve Department reports as presented. No further discussion. Ayes from all. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports**

**Parks Commission-** Tom Kase said that the next meeting will be held on July 23, 2025. A question was asked if there were any promotional materials from Rent Fun. No further discussion. Ayes from all. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

- a. First Reading for the ordinance amendment of Chapter 78-7, Keeping of Certain Animals. A motion was made by Kelle Bari, second by Jack Zelina to approve the addition of letter "E" stating that there will be a limit of six small animals per household within the Borough.
- b. First Reading for the ordinance amendment of Chapter 106-2H, Relating to Outdoor Burning, adding the letter "J" stating that all demolition materials must be taken to a landfill.
- c. A motion was made by Debra Miller, second by Melanie Clabaugh to approve County Aid Resolution #04-25 for \$6,597.48. No further discussion. Ayes from all. Motion carried.
- d. Don Payne said that we would ask \$110,000.00 for the PennDOT Multi Modal grant to do sidewalks at the three hundred block of North Fraley Street and the three hundred block of Biddle Street. A motion was made by Debra Miller, second by Kelle Bari to approve Resolution #05-25 to apply for the grant. No further discussion. Ayes from all. Motion carried.
- e. A motion to approve Resolution #06-25 was made by Melanie Clabaugh, second by Jack Zelina to apply for \$400,000.00 for a Pennsylvania Infrastructure Loan. No further discussion. Ayes from all. Motion carried.

## **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor reported that she had a Zoom meeting with a representative from Senator Fetterman's office regarding the Children's Museum. She is also planning to attend a conference in Hershey this month. She was asked to speak about Kane's SPARKS model.

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

1. Theresa Aureiemmo asked if she would be permitted to attend a SPARKS meeting. The Mayor said that the meetings are not open to the public and that the best way to be a part of it would be join boards or volunteer.
2. Debra Miller said that there will be a Route 6 Alliance meeting in September.
3. Don Payne remarked on a previous question about the amusement licenses. He explained that the reason we are not seeing the income is because the invoices are sent in November of each year. The income showing was from past due payments.
4. Two Scouts were in attendance of the Council meeting. They were both there to learn about local government to earn their community and citizenship badges. Tom Kase said that both boys had previously assisted in building a pavilion on one of the trails. The Mayor explained to them that Council members receive meeting information ahead of time to save time at the meeting. Jack Zelina explained to the boys that Borough Council is concerned with budget and spending, as well as listening to citizens' concerns.

**Executive Session**

Council paused at 7:23 pm to break into Executive Session regarding Personnel.

**Adjournment**

The Regular Session resumed at 8:06 pm. We will need to advertise for part-time office help, as well as a Special Meeting announcement on July 29, 2025, at noon. A motion was made by Debra Miller, second by Jack Zelina to adjourn the meeting. No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura McDonald, Kane Borough Treasurer