

**Kane Borough Council Meeting
March 11, 2026**

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Kane Borough Council was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Tom Kase. The meeting was held at the Borough Office, 112 Bayard St., Kane, PA 16735. Members were notified of the meeting on February 11, 2026.

Invocation

The Invocation was given by Pastor Calvin Cook.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Brandy Schimp (Mayor), Tom Kase (President), Jack Zelina (Vice President), Debra Miller, Ingrid Cartwright, Robin Imbrogno, Donald Payne (Council Secretary), Derrick Snyder (Chief of Police), and Amanda Shrubb (Recording Secretary). Sam Cummings arrived at 7:25

Excused: Jerry Milliron, Mick O'Rourke (Streets Department), Joe Geer (Code Compliance), Matt Bressler (Fire Chief)

Visitors

Frank Auriemmo, Theresa Auriemmo, Calvin Cook, and Mike Reese.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ingrid Cartwright, second by Jack Zelina to approve the minutes of February 11, 2026, Regular Council meeting. Ayes from all. Motion carried.

Correspondence

- January transfer tax report received, showing three realty transfer transactions.
- Letter regarding Eagle Scout Joe Rosten's project. Discussion occurred regarding whether an Eagle Scout ceremony was planned; no information had been received.
- Project Graduation request (reminder that Borough does not contribute as a government body, but individuals may do so).
- EmeryCare Municipal Response Report for February.

Monthly Reports

- A motion was made by Debra Miller, second by Jack Zelina, to approve the January Budget Report. A question was raised regarding duplicate winter maintenance line items in Liquid Fuels; this was confirmed to be a coding oversight and will be corrected. Ayes from all. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Ingrid Cartwright, second by Robin Imbrogno to approve the Tax Collector End-of-month balance for February of \$675,923.05

Bills for Payment

- General Fund: \$88,519.10
- Liquid Fuels: \$4,795.78
- Total: \$93,314.88
- Payroll: \$50,219.01

A motion was made by Robin Imbrogno, second by Ingrid Cartwright to approve bills for payment.

Vote: Motion carried.

Department Reports

A. Office Report

- PennDOT reimbursed the Borough for damage to the “Welcome to Kane” sign caused during snow removal, sign is located at Borough line on 321 and is near completion to be reinstalled.
- Survey at South Over Park revealed the Borough owns more land than expected, including a small 20×20 ft notch behind a South Fraley residence.

B. Code Compliance

- Report reviewed; No additional discussion

C. Solicitor’s Report

- Labor negotiations with the Street Department is scheduled for April 13, 2026
- Completed research on a personnel matter for executive session.
- The ongoing project in process of ‘Cable Franchise Agreement – language needed’ was marked discontinued as this is no longer in process.

D. Police Department

- New station is fully operational.

E. Streets Department

- Report reviewed; no additional discussion

F. Fire Department

- Reminder issued regarding burning hours; suggestion made to post information and ordinance link on social media.

G. Assessment Permits

- Hospital project noted as air handler/air exchanger replacement.

H. Health Board

- Health Board completed three inspections; all passed.

A motion was made by Jack Zelina, second Debra Miller, to approve all department reports.

Ayes from all. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- Parks Commission minutes from February 25 received. Temporary pickleball accommodations planned; long-term conversion of two tennis courts anticipated. Baseball field repairs completed and field nearly playable.
- No other reports submitted.

New Business

A. Pavement Preservation Project

- A motion was made by Jack Zelina, seconded by Ingrid Cartwright, to grant permission to use an estimated \$250,000 to \$300,000 from the controlled account for pavement preservation on 27 blocks identified within the Borough as needing treatment. Ayes from all. Motion Carried.

B. Interest in Lots, Creating a Minimum Bid Price

- Motion made by Debra Miller, second Ingrid Cartwright, to place four Borough-owned lots up for bid with minimum bid amounts and a two-year requirement to construct a residential or commercial structure (depending on zoning). Ayes from all. Motion carried.

C. Southover Park Property Line

- A Motion was made by Tom Kase, second by Ingrid Cartwright, to straighten the property line at Southover Park and complete a minor subdivision to deed approximately a 20’x20’ small parcel to the adjacent South Fraley Street homeowner as an act of goodwill.

Mayor’s Report

- Participation in Lou Bryson’s ‘Seen Through a Glass’ podcast, recorded at the new rentable office space at Six & Kane.
- Update on Dr. Doyle signing a letter of intent to join the community as a maternal care provider; strong community and hospital support noted.
- Discussion of local gathering spaces and community engagement opportunities.

Statement of Citizens

No public comments.

Additional Items

- Borough issued a letter of support for the Kane Historic Preservation Society’s grant application for West Penn Energy Fund’s Sustainable Energy Program to the benefit of the Depot and Chapel.
- Anne Cleer of Friends Memorial Library requested use of sidewalks at the park for a “Raining Poetry” youth program that the library had been awarded a grant for; no objections noted.
- KARE for Kane will be held May 8, reminder issued and Borough team will assist as in prior years.

Executive Session

Council entered Executive Session at 7:20 PM

Council Meeting Resumed at 7:55 PM

Sam Cummings made a motion, second by Debra Miller to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56PM

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Shrubb, Kane Borough Office Assistant

