

**Kane Borough Council Meeting
April 8, 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 March 11, 2026.

Invocation

The Invocation was given by Pastor Garen Smith.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Brandy Schimp (Mayor), Tom Kase (President), Jack Zelina (Vice President), Debra Miller, Sam Cummings, Jerry Milliron, Ingrid Cartwright, Robin Imbrogno, Donald Payne (Council Secretary), Derrick Snyder (Chief of Police), Mick O'Rourke (Street Department), and Amanda Shrubbs (Recording Secretary).

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

Visitors

Pastor Garen Smith, Frank Auriemmo, Steve Dyne, Marilyn Blackmore, and Johnathon Spear

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jack Zelina, second by Ingrid Cartwright to approve the minutes of March 8, 2026, Regular Council meeting. Approval minutes with corrections (adding podcast name "Seen Through a Glass," removing extra comma, correcting spelling). Ayes from all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Debra Miller, second by Ingrid Cartwright to approve the minutes of April 1, 2026, Special Council meeting.

Correspondence

- March transfer tax report was received, showing seven realty transfer transactions.
- EmeryCare Municipal Response Report for February.

Monthly Reports

- A motion was made by Jack Zelina, second by Robin Imbrogno, to approve the March Budget Report. A statement was made for Gasoline/oil line item (430.33) trending high. Question raised about a large "refund" line item; The large "refund" line item questioned during the meeting was due to an overpayment of unemployment taxes for the 4th quarter of 2025. The Borough received a reimbursement for the excess amount, which is why the line appears unusually high. The Ayes from all. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Debra Miller, second by Jack Zelina to approve the Tax Collector End-of-month balance for March of \$297,619.37

Bills for Payment

- General Fund: \$114,390.88
- Liquid Fuels: \$8900.00
- Total: \$123,290
- Payroll: \$55,310.03

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

Vote: Motion carried.

Department Reports

A. Office Report

- Report Reviewed, Routine activity; 6 Right-to-Know requests (3 police-related)

B. Code Compliance

- Report reviewed, No additional discussion

C. Solicitor's Report

- Labor negotiations with Public Works are scheduled for April 13, 2026
- Working on trail-related land ownership
- The ongoing project in process of 'Cable Franchise Agreement – language needed' was marked discontinued as this is no longer in process.
- Real estate transactions underway
- Conflict of interest research completed

D. Police Department

- Report Reviewed Chief has been busy with personnel interviews and added a reminder that alternate parking ends April 15, and with that 'parking with the flow of traffic/on the right side' will be enforced.

E. Streets Department

- Report reviewed; New street sweeper performing inconsistently due to design changes.
- Tree obstructions noted.
- Hemlock Street signage updated for parking instructions

F. Fire Department

- Report Reviewed, No additional discussion.

G. Assessment Permits

- Report reviewed, No additional discussion

H. Health Board

- Health Board completed four inspections; all passed.

A motion was made by Jack Zelina, second Sam Cummings, to approve all department reports.

Ayes from all. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Parks Commission minutes from March reviewed, No additional discussion

Public Safety

- GoGov.com, Borough's code enforcement software, would like to promote a mass-notification system and has proposed a presentation. Council prefers a presentation at a workshop so all members can attend to confirm system includes true mass-calling/texting capability.

No other reports submitted.

New Business

A. Ordinance #106 Outdoor Burning second reading

- A motion was made by Ingrid Cartwright, seconded by Robin Imbrogno, to approve the amendment adding §106-4 to allow Borough Manager in collaboration with Fire Chief to issue burn bans during dry conditions and increasing the fine for violation not less than \$100. Ayes from all. Motion Carried.

B. DCNR grant Application resulting in applicable resolution

- Motion made by Debra Miller, second Sam Cummings, to approve the language of the resolution for the DCNR grant application for the trestle project across from Lincoln Street. The trestle is less than 600 feet of what is a 31 contiguous mile trail. Ayes from all. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report

- Discussion on billboard contract expiration and potential extension: Lamar seeks to present options to keep signs in place. Council is open to hearing a proposal at a workshop. Concerns raised about content restrictions, aesthetics, and revenue.
- Mayor officiated a wedding in new office.

- Follow-up with gas company regarding rate spikes; discussion on co-op structure, supply purchasing, and consumer choice options. Also planning on having Knox Energy Representative attend a workshop

Statement of Citizens

Jonathon Spear proposed a borough-run firewood program using fallen trees. Council explained limitations: Borough jurisdiction only covers trees within borough limits. Brush pile wood is generally unsuitable for firewood. Borough cannot compete with private industry.

Marilyn Blackmore shared that Art in the Wild is celebrating its 20th year June 27-28 in Evergreen Park and expressed excitement for this milestone season. She noted that the event will feature live glass-blowing demonstrations by a visiting company and encouraged everyone to attend. She added that the park continues to improve each year, often exceeding expectations.

Frank Auriemmo asked when the updated burning ordinance would appear online. Donald Payne explained that the ordinance will be sent to e-Code for updating and should be posted within a couple of weeks. Payne

Executive Session

Council entered Executive Session at 7:24 PM

Council Meeting Resumed at 8:16 PM

A motion was made by Robin Imbrogno, second Jerry Milliron, to not honor the request for relief against a property lien held by the Borough. Sam Cummings abstained from the vote. Ayes were received from the majority, and the motion passed.

Jerry Milliron made a motion, second by Debra Miller to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Shrubbs, Kane Borough Office Assistant

