

**BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF May 5th, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Telecommunications and Information Technologies Committee was held on May 5th 2026.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Ms. Lisa Ladd-Kidder

Members present were Ms. Lisa Ladd-Kidder, and Ms. Katharine Keegan

Also in attendance: Mr. David Horvath, IT Director

Public attendance: No Public

Key Discussion Points:

1. Meeting Formalities:

- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Motion from Ms. Lisa Ladd-Kidder, seconded by Ms. Katharine Keegan.
- There were no comments from the public. Mr. George Kusterer called in during the meeting, his call was noted.

2. Old Business Updates: Mr. David Horvath discussed the following Old Business with the Committee.

- Train Station Audio/Video: Equipment has finally arrived after delays, and installation is scheduled for May or June.
- Calix Upgrade (Internet Service for Borough Residents):
 - Two customers successfully migrated to the new system, taking only two minutes each.
 - Full migration of customers is anticipated within the next few months to a year, with completion expected by early next year.

- The upgrade allows for the resale of old equipment and potential consolidation of customers, which could save the borough approximately \$50,000-\$60,000 by potentially avoiding the purchase of two additional equipment shelves.
- The old CMS system is nearing its end-of-life after nearly 20 years of service.
- Thin Clients (Desktop Hardware):
 - Three existing thin clients have been "flashed" with the new, more secure, Linux-based iGel operating system, replacing Windows.
 - Sharon Gechter is currently using one successfully.
 - Plans are in place to migrate other thin clients in the admin and code offices to iGel without purchasing new hardware, improving security and efficiency.
- Vigilant LPR (License Plate Recognition) Camera:
 - A new LPR camera has been installed at Greenwich Street, providing very clear images.
 - The old Vigilant LPR camera was accidentally removed instead of being kept for comparison, requiring a reinstallation to conduct a proper 90-day evaluation by the police department.
 - The new camera will be configured to link with county/state systems to provide alerts for expired registrations, allowing for a true "apples-to-apples" comparison with the old system.

3. New Business Items: Mr. David Horvath discussed the following new Business Items with the Committee.

- Hypervisor Migration (from VMware to Proxmox):
 - Due to an exponential price increase from VMware (following its acquisition by

Broadcom), the borough plans to migrate to Proxmox, a Linux-based, open-source hypervisor.

- Proxmox is significantly cheaper and easier to manage, having been successfully tested in a lab environment. A hypervisor is the operating system that hosts virtual machines, managing their access to server resources.
- Secure Remote Work (iGel for Laptops):
 - To enhance security for employees working remotely, especially those on call, a plan is being considered to install the iGel operating system on laptops.
 - This would allow users to boot into a secure, lightweight iGel OS and establish an encrypted VPN tunnel to access their virtual machines on the borough's network, circumventing the less secure Windows operating system on personal devices.
 - This will be piloted with Emily and the telecom crew.

4. Off-Agenda Item: Kutztown Borough Website Cleanup:

- David Horvath proposed working with Sheila (the existing web person) to clean up and modernize the Kutztown Borough website.
- The goal is to remove outdated content (pictures, data) and redesign it for a more modern, user-friendly, single-page layout, similar to other municipal websites.
- A new development website will be created for testing and review by the council before full deployment.
- The initiative received full support from the attendees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Ms. Keegan and seconded by Ms. Ladd-Kidder to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.