

Council President Frank Quattroco called the Regular Meeting of the Kenhorst Borough Council to Order at 7:00 PM. Present: Councilmen Al Correnti, Richard Fritz, Kieran Holland, Jay Ibach, Edward Mohn and Vice President David Roche, Mayor Nickolas Hatzas, Solicitor Jill Nagy, Police Chief William Heim, Fire Chief Roger Weidenheimer and Tax Collector Joanna Roche. Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Eileen Becker, recorded minutes of the meeting. Absent: Borough Manager Jeri Diesinger.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Council President Quattroco acknowledged Council's receipt of a thank you letter from former Solicitor Krafczek. Every Council member received a copy and one copy is posted on the bulletin board.

SWEARING IN

- Mayor Hatzas swore in the new Deputy Fire Chief and Assistant Deputy Fire Chief, Kerry L. Gottschall and Dwayne G. Hart, respectively.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council President Quattroco called an Executive Session at 7:03 PM; Council returned at 7:13 PM. Per President Quattroco, the discussion concerned the increase to be processed for the Borough employees in 2011. It was agreed that a 1.5% increase would be approved - this percentage takes into account the additional expenses the Borough is paying due to an increase in the medical plan premium. Councilman Roche made a motion to approve the 1.5% increase for 2011. Councilman Fritz seconded the motion; the roll call vote was unanimous – motion approved.

RESIDENTS – no residents requested to be heard.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Motion needed to approve the December 2, 2010 meeting minutes. Councilman Fritz made said motion. Motion seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous and motion approved.

CHIEF OF POLICE HEIM - submitted report for December and all of 2010. Councilman Mohn asked Chief Heim to give an update to the Officer who took his stolen property report.

MAYOR HATZAS - submitted report for ticket/fine revenue received in December. In addition, the Mayor expressed that the Reading Police Department's service to Kenhorst went far and above what was expected.

The Mayor reminded Council and residents that the Borough has a current Snow Plan regarding sidewalk clearing and parking restrictions. The penalties for violations have recently been increased and will be enforced. Information regarding the Snow Plan Ordinance was included in the November newsletter and is available at the Borough office and website. Mayor Hatzas provided a copy of the Snow Ordinance to the Reading Eagle representative.

FIRE CHIEF WEIDENHEIMER – submitted report for the month of December and all of 2010.

TAX COLLECTOR, JOANNA ROCHE – submitted report regarding 2010 taxes collected.

FINANCE, COUNCILMAN FRITZ – Councilman Fritz announced December 2010 bill total and made a motion to have them approved. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous and motion was approved.

CODES & EMERGENCY SERVICES, VICE PRESIDENT ROCHE – reviewed Kraft Code Services report for December.

PARKS & REC, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND – nothing to report

STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH – no report

PROPERTY, COUNCILMAN CORRENTI – inspections on Borough building roofs and heating systems are continuing. Roads and Public Works Supervisor Dwayne Hart explained the recent problem with the Borough's heating system was minor and was easily fixed.

SANITATION, COUNCILMAN MOHN – Councilman Mohn reported that so far, Mascaro is doing a very good job. He followed their trucks several times and did provide feedback regarding their service. Even with having to deal with very windy conditions on several of the early pickup days, they have done well and Councilman Mohn has been pleasantly surprised.

President Quattrochio asked about the monthly tonnage report that used to be provided to Council. Since that information is provided by the landfill, the Borough Secretary will prepare a monthly report for Council.

BOROUGH MANAGER DIESINGER – Mrs. Diesinger's report was previously submitted to Council.

SOLICITOR NAGY

- The developer's storm water escrow agreement between the Borough and the owners of the New Story School/1300 New Holland Road has been reviewed and is ready to be executed. This agreement provides for a total of \$28,924.00 to be escrowed for future required storm water improvements. Councilman Roche made a motion to proceed with signing the prepared agreement. Motion seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous and motion passed.
- The City of Reading Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public meeting February 9, 2011 to review the Borough's appeal of the Alvernia athletic field approval. There will be time for the public to comment. The ZHB has requested that the Borough specify the exact issues outstanding. Solicitor Nagy explained that the Borough is asking for confirmation from Alvernia that they will adhere to the previously agreed to sound and light protocols. Those aside, the last outstanding issue and cause for the appeal has to do with the times the field will be in use.

OLD BUSINESS

- Sewer and Refuse Amnesty Program Update – Councilman Fritz confirmed that approximately \$26,000.00 in sewer and refuse arrears had been recovered during December as a result of the Amnesty Program.
- 2011 Ballot Question - Southern Berks EMS Funding Request – President Quattrochio asked Councilman Fritz to explain his suggestion regarding the EMS request. Councilman Fritz recommends Council enter into an agreement with Southern Berks EMS to provide member services to all residents. Instead of a flat donation amount, he proposes that this be funded through an increase to the Borough's LST tax (the current LST amount is \$10.00). If raised

to \$52.00, the additional revenue (estimated at \$30,000.00 based on the 2010 Census figures) would pay for ambulance services at a member rate for all Borough residents. The LST tax is paid once per year (or weekly via payroll deductions) by every person who works within the Borough and earns \$12,000.00 or more.

- Vice President Roche made motion to rescind the motion approved at the September 2, 2010 meeting to put the EMS donation as a ballot question. Councilman Ibach seconded the motion; roll call vote was unanimous and motion to rescind was approved. Councilman Fritz made a motion to approve increasing the LST Tax from \$10.00 to \$52.00 to be effective in 2012 in order to fund the ambulance and EMS services. Councilman Correnti seconded the motion; roll call vote was unanimous – motion passed. Per Vice President Roche's request, the Borough Secretary will ask Mrs. Diesinger to draft a letter to Deb Oliveri in Election Services to remove this as a ballot item.

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution # 578 – Confirms 2011 Council committee assignments. Councilman Fritz made motion to approve. Motion seconded by Councilman Correnti; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Resolution # 579 - Reaffirms appointments to PC, ZHB (Vacancy) and WBRA – Councilman Roche made motion to reaffirm current appointments as documented in resolution. Motion seconded by Councilman Fritz; roll call vote was unanimous and motion passed. Council agreed to hold the ZHB vacancy item for the February meeting as Council is still looking for a candidate.
- Resolution # 580 – Councilman Fritz made motion to approve the appointment of Colleen Stamm to serve as the Borough's representative on the Mifflin Area Community Library Board. Motion seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous and motion approved.
- Resolution # 581 - Amending Road Closure/Usage Application and Permit – Hold for next meeting when Borough Manager is present.
- Resolution # 582 - Mileage Reimbursement Rate amended to \$.51 per mile – Councilman Ibach made motion to approve the \$.51 IRS adopted mileage reimbursement for 2011. Motion seconded by Councilman Correnti; roll call vote was unanimous and motion approved.
- IT/Computer Upgrades – Councilman Roche made a motion to proceed with the IT upgrades as previously communicated and agreed to in the 2011 budget approval. Councilman Mohn seconded the motion; roll call vote was unanimous and motion passed.
- Phone System Changes – Councilman Inbach made a motion to proceed with adding a phone line as previously agreed to in order to better service incoming calls. Motion seconded by Councilman Roche; roll call vote was unanimous and motion approved.
- Flow Meters – Hold until next meeting
- PSAB Collections Training – Hold until next meeting
- City Water Meters – Councilman Roche asked that the Borough Manager send a letter to the City of Reading/RAWA expressing our concern and dissatisfaction with the meter change process. His water service was almost turned off in error even though he had an appointment scheduled to have the meter changed./ He also heard from another resident who came home from work and found his water service turned off and he also had an appointment scheduled. The City needs to know their process is not working as it should.

REMARKS

Councilman Mohn asked why Kenhorst doesn't spray or coat the Borough streets the way as he sees other municipalities do. Road Supervisor Hart explained that we do not currently have the correct equipment to pre-treat the roads. We used to have a "home made" piece of equipment that attempted the job but it did not work correctly.

Council President Quattrochio asked Councilman Correnti to research equipment and costs although Council is in agreement that no new major expenses will be incurred.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Roche and seconded by Councilman Fritz to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM.

ATTEST:

Eileen D. Becker – Secretary/Treasurer