

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, Borough Manager Jeri Diesinger. Solicitor Jill Nagy, Fire Chief Roger Weidenheimer and Tax Collector Joanna Roche. Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Eileen Becker, recorded minutes of the meeting. Absent: Police Chief William Heim

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council President Quattroco called an Executive Session at 7:02 PM; Council returned at 7:10 PM. Per President Quattroco, the discussion concerned a personnel matter. Solicitor Nagy explained that Council discussed the benefits and salary as it relates to the Borough Manager's employment contract. Recognizing that Ms. Diesinger has satisfied the probationary period, she recommends proceeding with a salary increase prorated to her anniversary date and one additional week of vacation.

President Quattroco asked for a motion to proceed with a 1.5% increase for the Borough Manager and an additional vacation week. Councilman Roche made said motion and was seconded by Councilman Correnti. The roll call vote was unanimous – motion approved.

INTRODUCTION – MS. COLLEEN STAMM

President Quattroco and Borough Manager Diesinger introduced Ms. Colleen Stamm. Ms. Stamm has volunteered to serve as Kenhorst's representative to the Mifflin Area Library. On behalf of Council, President Quattroco thanked Ms. Stamm for her service and asked that she contact Council should she have any questions or need assistance.

RESIDENTS

Mr. Robert Hill, 800 Block Milford Avenue

Mr. Hill asked how many citations were issued for sidewalks and/or parking violations. Mayor Hatzas replied that he didn't know. Mrs. Diesinger said that they will be in touch with Chief Heim regarding the Borough's odd/even Snow Plan and who is responsible for issuing violations, etc. Mr. Hill added later that there were 3 cars that he saw that were not moved on Bellefonte and Commonwealth.

Mr. Russel Yeich, 1300 Block Brooke Blvd.

Mr. Yeich believes most residents don't know that the Borough is still doing the odd/even plowing process. He moved his car by 12 PM and his side of the street was never plowed to the curb. Now there is a large amount of frozen snow/ice in front of his home and he can't park there.

President Quattroco explained the Borough procured back-up plow drivers to relieve the Borough Road Crewmen. The extra drivers did not follow the odd/even plan. There was a discussion re private contractor plowing alleyway shut. Councilman Mohn commented on having a similar problem on Cortland Avenue. One of his neighbors blows snow into the street and it results in a very large pile of snow.

Councilman Roche commented that the Chief's report shows that 8 parking violations were issued in January – some of them could have been snow related. Councilman Ibach said that one of his elderly neighbors was hospitalized and wasn't home to move his vehicle – what should be done in those situations? President Quattroco stated that the entire Snow Removal and Snow Emergency processes will be reviewed.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Motion needed to approve the January 6, 2011 meeting minutes. Councilman Fritz made said motion; motion was seconded by Councilman Ibach. The roll call vote was unanimous - motion approved.

CHIEF OF POLICE HEIM – Absent; previously submitted report.

MAYOR HATZAS - submitted report for ticket/fine revenue received in January. Mayor Hatzas reviewed the January Police report submitted by Chief Heim.

FIRE CHIEF WEIDENHEIMER – submitted report for the month of January.

TAX COLLECTOR, JOANNA ROCHE – nothing to report.

FINANCE, COUNCILMAN FRITZ – Councilman Fritz announced the total of the January 2011 bills and made a motion to have them approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous and motion approved.

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

PARKS & REC, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND – nothing to report

STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH – nothing to report

PROPERTY, COUNCILMAN CORRENTI – There were a few heater problems which were taken care of. President Quattroco asked Councilman Correnti to check into some type of heating control/alarm for situations like the Community Center and to look into the brine spreaders.

SANITATION, COUNCILMAN MOHN – nothing to report.

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

SOLICITOR NAGY

- The City of Reading Zoning Hearing Board's public meeting regarding the Alvernia appeal is scheduled for 5:30 PM on February 9, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

- Zoning Hearing Board Vacancy
- Resolution # 581 - Amending Road Closure/Usage Application and Permit – change needed to state that applications must be received at least 30 days prior to event to allow time for Council to review and approve Road Closure applications. Councilman Roche made motion to approve; motion seconded by Councilman Correnti. Roll call vote was unanimous – motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS continued

- Sewer and Refuse Amnesty Program Update – Mrs. Diesinger reported that approximately \$39,478.00 has been recovered since the start of the program in November 2010. Resident comments have been positive and have expressed their gratitude that the Borough has understood the difficulties due to the economy and appreciates the chance to get caught up on the accounts. Working with Solicitor regarding collection agency fee resolution.
- Snow Removal – will have a meeting for Snow Removal Plan and 2011 Road Work with the Streets Committee. Streets Plans will be done in February/March instead of Fall timeframe.
- Streets – looking to roll Curb Cut & Ramp project into the 2011 Streets Plan

NEW BUSINESS

- City Water Meters – Letter was sent to the Chairman of RAWA regarding the Borough's displeasure at the lack of communication that resulted in errant water shut-offs within the Borough. No response has been received.
- Logo Request - Governor Mifflin request to use Kenhorst Borough logo in a mural that students are working on incorporating all of the municipalities within the school district. Solicitor Nagy does not believe there was any concern or copyright issue. Councilman Fritz made motion to approve GM's request; motion seconded by Councilman Ibach. Roll call vote was unanimous – motion passed.
- Crime Watch Committee – Mrs. Diesinger will reschedule first meeting this month. We are still looking for additional volunteers – all interested residents are welcome to join.
- Berks Municipal Officials Dinner – anyone interested in attending should contact the Borough Secretary.
- Reading Hospital Request – was not included in Council meeting packets; will table until March meeting.

REMARKS

- Councilman Correnti stated that he did not see any mention in the paper about the fact that there would be no tax increase for the Borough of Kenhorst. He saw mention of all the other Berks County boroughs and municipalities not increasing taxes. He asked if the paper was at this meeting, we would appreciate the reporter mentioning this fact. He commented that the Borough may need to run an ad regarding no new tax increase.
- Councilman Roche asked the Borough Manager about the status of the Flow Meter installation and costs. Mrs. Diesinger stated that she has not completed all of the necessary calculations and will have that information for Council next month.
- Councilman Fritz reported that the Borough's 12-month CD in the amount of \$240,407.20 was due this coming Saturday (2/2/5/2011). He's investigated rates and the best renewal rate he could find was only 1.00% from Royal Bank (Susquehanna's is only .88%). He recommends rolling the funds into the Borough's large money market savings at Susquehanna where we can take advantage of earning 1.47% interest rate. Councilman Fritz made motion to put the entire amount of \$240,407.20 in the money market account. Motion was seconded by Councilman Roche with the provision that Councilman Fritz confirm that in doing so, all of the Borough's funds in the money market savings would be FDIC insured as the account balance would now exceed \$250,000.00. Roll call vote was unanimous – motion passed.
- Councilman Fritz said he was approached by the owner of 666 High Blvd after driving on the lane that comes up next to their property and passes next to the church on New Holland Road. He was told he was on private property – Councilman Fritz always thought that was a public road. There was a discussion as to whether that lane/road is private property or a "paper street" that is a right-of-way and therefore a potential future

public, dedicated road. Mrs. Diesinger said that the Streets Committee would look into this situation and the road's status.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Roche and seconded by Councilman Fritz to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:53 PM.

ATTEST:

Eileen D. Becker – Secretary/Treasurer