

Vice President David Roche 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, and Edward Mohn, Mayor Nickolas Hatzas, Borough Manager Jeri Diesinger, Solicitor Jill Nagy, Reading Police Chief William Heim, Fire Chief Roger Weidenheimer and Tax Collector Joanna Roche. Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Eileen Becker, recorded minutes of the meeting. Absent: Council President Frank Quattrock.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Recognition of Borough Residents' Norman and Dorothy Davis' 65TH Wedding Anniversary - Mayor Hatzas read a Recognition Certificate given to the Davis' by the Borough of Kenhorst in recognition of their 65th wedding anniversary. The Mayor also presented Mrs. Davis with a bouquet of flowers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Vice President Roche called an Executive Session at 7:05 PM and Council returned at approximately 7:25 PM. Solicitor Nagy explained the subject matter of the Executive Session concerned two items: the threat of possible litigation against the Borough and an ongoing property maintenance/zoning issue within the Borough.

RESIDENTS

Stacy Hertzog, 1300 Block Wingate Avenue

Mrs. Hertzog thanked Council and Vice President Roche in particular for standing by the residents regarding the Alvernia issues - she and the residents are very grateful for the support.

MEETING MINUTES

Vice President Roche asked for a motion to approve the March 3, 2011 meeting minutes that all Council members had a chance to review. Councilman Fritz made said motion. Councilman Ibach seconded the motion; the roll call vote was unanimous and motion was passed.

CHIEF OF POLICE HEIM – submitted report. Chief Heim commented that there has been a slight increase in crimes as compared to last month but overall, the Borough's statistics are very good. Councilman Ibach thanked the Chief for the traffic details on New Holland Road – the officers did a good job.

MAYOR HATZAS - submitted report for ticket/fine revenue received in March: Police - \$75.00 and District Justice - \$163.01 for a total of \$238.01.

FIRE CHIEF WEIDENHEIMER – submitted fire activity report for March. Announced the annual Fire Company Easter Flower sale to be held 4/21 and 4/22 and a reminder that the Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10AM on Saturday 4/22 at the Kenhorst Playground. In case of bad weather, it will be held in the ballroom at the Fire Company Social Quarters.

TAX COLLECTOR JOANNA ROCHE – submitted Tax Collection Report for the Quarter ending March 31, 2011: Real Estate - \$55,134.26, Fire Tax - \$4,758.04 and Per Capita - \$15.00 for a total of \$59,907.30.

FINANCE, COUNCILMAN FRITZ

Councilman Fritz announced the total of the March 2011 bills and made a motion to have them approved. Councilman Correnti seconded the motion; roll call vote was unanimous and motion was approved.

CODES & EMERGENCY SERVICES, VICE PRESIDENT ROCHE

- Kraft Code Services Report - Reviewed Kraft's report for March: total of two permits pulled and four property transfer inspections completed.
- Neighborhood/Crime Watch Committee – The Committee met again on March 31, 2011 - only three residents were present as several of the initial committee members were unable to attend. They discussed ideas for the group's mission, plans and parameters for their activities. The next meeting is planned for Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 7PM – a reminder notice will be sent. Vice President Roche stressed that new recruits are needed – all residents are welcome and encouraged to participate.

PARKS & REC, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND – The Parks and Recreation Committee met on March 23, 2011 – several items were discussed and will be covered in the New Business section of tonight's meeting.

PROPERTY, COUNCILMAN CORRENTI

- Small truck has been inspected
- Large Dump Truck needs six new tires – current tires are nine years old, one has a hole and our Borough Road Crew have noted problems with steering and plowing as a result. Because of past problems experienced with Michelin tires, the Borough will look to replace the six with Goodyear brand tires. All tire costs are state contract prices.
- A back bar needs to be installed on the large dump truck for the plow blade to rest upon – will need to take to EM Kutz for the repair this summer.
- Purchased a tool box containing wrenches and sockets – which will remain in the truck so the Road Crew does not have to travel back to the shop when tools are needed.
- A new leaf blower was purchased at Walker's for the state price of \$180.00. This is a budgeted item.
- Small pavilion roof at playground needs to be replaced due to safety issues. The Borough will be able to use grant money for these repairs.
- The garage area 20 X 10 shed needs to be re-shingled – Road Supervisor Hart commented that he would speak with Councilman Correnti regarding this item. The costs may be able to be split with the Fire Department.
- Some repairs must be done to the salt shed building – the wall's cement blocks need to be re-pointed. There are some spots where you can see through to the inside.
- Maintenance work on the Borough Hall building – the gutters and backboards must be replaced to reduce the chance of roof damage.
- Councilman Correnti commented that he doesn't feel our Public Works crew should do the proposed work on the Borough's 16 sewer laterals. They will have to dig 8 – 16 feet deep and that will require shoring – he doesn't feel we have enough experience or expertise in this particular type of work. Due to the safety factor, he feels a contractor should do this work. Vice President Roche said this topic and the others Councilman Correnti brought up will be covered in New Business.

SANITATION, COUNCILMAN MOHN – nothing to report.

STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH – The Streets Committee met on March 16th and the discussion items will be covered in New Business.

SOLICITOR NAGY

New Story School/1300 New Holland Road – Some of the Planning Commission approval conditions still need to be met. With Council's authorization, S. Nagy will send a letter to New Story's owners to resolve these items.

BOROUGH MANAGER DIESINGER – Mrs. Diesinger's report was previously submitted to Council and included that in March the Winter/Spring newsletter was mailed, the Borough received \$7,093.00 from PA DEP reflecting the 2008 recycling program and a fire/burglar alarm was installed at the pump station.

OLD BUSINESS

- Sewer and Refuse Arrears Recovery Update – approximately \$65,000.00 has been recovered since the start of the program in November 2010. Forty-nine water shut-off notices were mailed by regular and return receipt mail to accounts owing at least \$500.00. The property owners have until April 25th to pay or water will be shut off.
- Alvernia Field Zoning Appeal Decision – the Reading Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 5PM to announce their decision regarding the Borough's appeal. Solicitor Nagy and Vice President Roche will attend to represent the Borough.

NEW BUSINESS

- Park/Recreation Improvements – Councilman Correnti made a motion to authorize all of the recommended repairs and improvements to the Community Center and Playground areas: pavilion roof using approximate \$5,400.00 remaining grant funds, install hot water to upstairs of Community Center, replace Community Center window cranks, install temperature alarm on Community Center heating system to prevent frozen water pipes – approximate cost of \$400.00. Councilman Holland made said motion. The roll call vote was unanimous and motion passed.
- Field Use Permit – also approved in the Park/Recreation motion is authorization for the Borough Manager to work with the Solicitor to establish a Field Use Permit.
- Increase of Community Center Rental Fee – also approved in the Park/Recreation motion is authorization to increase the Community Center rental fee to \$150.00/5 hours with \$100 Security Deposit and rented to Borough residents only.
- GMC 10-ton dump truck – Councilman Correnti made motion to proceed with tire replacement as discussed under his earlier report. Councilman Ibach seconded motion; roll call vote was unanimous and motion passed.
- 2010 Audit Notice Advertisement – Councilman Fritz made motion to proceed with advertising the 2010 Audit Notice as prepared by Herbein & Company and as required by the DCED. Councilman Ibach seconded motion; roll call vote was unanimous and motion passed.
- Inflow/Infiltration Inspection Program – Council discussed spending this year's I/I funds for repair work on the leaking Fern and Woodcrest laterals instead of re-televising Borough lines at this time. Councilman Fritz made a motion to proceed with bid proposals on lateral repair work. Councilman Correnti seconded the motion; roll call vote was unanimous and motion passed.
- Sewer Rate Analysis – The City will pass on a 14% increase to the Borough in sewer treatment charges to be effective in July 2011. Councilman Fritz and Mrs. Diesinger conducted an extensive study on sewer expenses and revenue and are recommending a sewer rate increase of \$10.00/quarter. Councilman Fritz made a motion to raise the sewer rate minimum charge from \$70.00 to \$80.00/quarter to be effective July 1, 2011. Councilman Mohn seconded the motion; roll call vote was unanimous and motion

passed. Mrs. Diesinger and the Solicitor will work together on the Ordinance required for the rate increase.

- 2011 Street Work - Councilman Ibach made motion to proceed with bid notice for repair/paving work as recommended by Streets Committee. Councilman Mohn seconded the motion; roll call vote was unanimous. This work will involve the following streets as funding permits: Hancock from Haig to Quentin, High from Liberty to Fayette, Haig from New Holland to Kenhorst Blvd., Park from New Holland to the alley and even side of Commonwealth Blvd., from Second Street to Upland, intersection of Fern at Baker.
- ADA Curb Ramps – Discussion resulted in agreement to coordinate the remainder of ADA ramp work with the proposed street work. Councilman Correnti made a motion to proceed with bidding for the ADA curb ramps. Councilman Mohn seconded the motion; the roll call vote was unanimous and motion passed.
- IT Upgrade/Static IP Address – Lynx Computer Technologies has recommended that the Borough obtain a static IP address for the website and email. This will allow the Borough to claim “kenhorstborough.com” for our use and we will be able to create an unlimited number of email addresses. It will also provide the ability to access email remotely from home, etc. There is a flat \$15.00/month cost for the static IP address (not per email address). Currently, the Borough does not pay anything to Comcast for our email service. Councilman Ibach made a motion to approve the additional cost of \$15.00/month. Councilman Mohn seconded the motion; roll call vote was unanimous and motion was approved.
- Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – A meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 7PM to review the Zoning Variance request from Sunoco regarding their new Sign Application. Councilman Ibach made a motion to authorize the Borough Engineer and the Solicitor to attend on behalf of the Borough. Councilman Correnti seconded the motion; roll call vote was unanimous and the motion passed.
- 2010 Census Results – the 2010 federal census results have been made public. Kenhorst Borough recorded 2,877 residents (an increase of 198 residents from 2000) in 1,261 homes (an increase of 7 homes from 2000).
- Councilman Mohn asked if the shrubbery/bush underneath the sign at Sunoco station will be removed. He has had residents express concern that the bush obstructs the view when turning at the intersection of 724 and New Holland Road. It is viewed as a safety hazard. Mrs. Diesinger responded that the Borough can raise this question at the ZHB Meeting on April 20th as well as contacting Sunoco’s owners to address the concerns regarding the bush obstruction.

REMARKS – there were no additional remarks.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Ibach and seconded by Councilman Fritz to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 PM.

ATTEST:

Eileen D. Becker – Secretary/Treasurer