

President Frank Quattroco called the Regular Meeting of the Kenhorst Borough Council to Order at 7:00 PM. Present: Vice President David Roche and 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 and Fire Chief Roger Weidenheimer. Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Eileen Becker, recorded minutes of the meeting. Absent: Tax Collector Joanna Roche.

## **PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

## **ROLL CALL**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Quattroco called a short Executive Session at 7:02 PM and Council returned at approximately 7:12 PM. Solicitor Nagy reported that the subject of the Executive Session was a personnel matter. Borough Manager Diesinger explained the discussion concerned Borough Employee Dieter Stucke successfully completing his six-month probation period. Councilman Roche made a motion to proceed with a 1.5% rate increase for Dieter with the provision that his rate be re-evaluated after he attains his CDL license. Councilman Ibach seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

## **RESIDENTS**

Mr. Bill Haines, 1400 Block Fern Avenue - Mr. Haines asked whether the Borough had curfew hours and if so, he suggested that the curfew information would be a good topic for the Borough newsletter. Borough Manager Diesinger will confirm the curfew hours and will include in the upcoming newsletter.

## **MEETING MINUTES**

President Quattroco asked for a motion to approve the April 7, 2011 meeting minutes which all Council members have had a chance to review. Councilman Fritz made said motion. Councilman Ibach seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

**CHIEF OF POLICE HEIM** – submitted report. Chief Heim mentioned one specific crime which was a home invasion/burglary incident. The perpetrators apparently knew who lived at the residence and had an idea what they were looking for. Reading Police officers successfully apprehended all four suspects who were juveniles.

## **MAYOR HATZAS**

- Submitted report for ticket/fine revenue received in April: Police - \$150.00 District Justice - \$207.43 for a total of \$357.43.
- Mayor Hatzas explained the Borough and Fire Company agreed to split the profits from the sale of memorabilia sold at the Borough's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2006 and 2007. A decision was made to close the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary account and Fire Chief Weidenheimer presented Mayor Hatzas with a check for \$1,227.49 representing the Borough's share. Mayor Hatzas gave the check and corresponding documentation to Borough Secretary Becker for deposition.

## **FIRE CHIEF WEIDENHEIMER**

- Submitted fire activity report for April.
- Thanked everyone who supported the Fire Company's Easter Flower Sale – it was a success and he will report on the financial specifics at the next Council meeting.

**TAX COLLECTOR JOANNA ROCHE** - no report.

**FINANCE, COUNCILMAN FRITZ**

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

**CODES & EMERGENCY SERVICES, VICE PRESIDENT ROCHE**

- Kraft Code Services Report - Reviewed Kraft's report for April.
- Neighborhood/Crime Watch Committee – The Committee met on April 28, 2011. Ten residents attended as well as Borough Manager Diesinger, Mayor Hatzas and Vice President Roche. Everyone was encouraged with the increased participation. The group adopted a mission statement and discussed getting T-shirts and ID tags for Committee members. Additional participants are welcome – the next meeting will be held Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 7 PM.

**PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND** – The Parks and Recreation Committee met on April 21, 2011 and discussed several items:

- Resolution of the MAYBA field arrangement; their Insurance Certificate was provided
- The small pavilion was taken down
- Hot water was installed upstairs in the Community Center
- The Committee reviewed fifteen applications for the Summer Playground Leader positions – looking to hire four; interviews to follow next week. The Playground program will run from Monday, June 13, 2011 to Friday, August 5, 2011.

**PROPERTY, COUNCILMAN CORRENTI** – everything is working fine – nothing else to report.

**SANITATION, COUNCILMAN MOHN** – Councilman Mohn has received several complaints regarding Mascaro's services. He will be following Mascaro's trash truck through the Borough this coming Monday as he's done in the past.

**STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH** – The Streets Committee met with the Borough's Penn DOT representative this week to review the process for getting this year's street repair bids started..

**SOLICITOR NAGY**

- Working with Borough Manager and Codes Committee on several enforcement issues some of which concern noise and nuisance ordinances.
- Also working on a revised Rental Property Ordinance.

**BOROUGH MANAGER DIESINGER** – provided Borough Manager's report which included an update on the Arrears Recovery efforts. Have collected \$23,280.00 in April alone; since January, approximately \$57,100.00 has been recovered. Ten accounts were sent to RAWA for water shut-off.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Sunoco Sign – The Kenhorst Zoning Hearing Board met last month and granted Sunoco's variance request to install a new sign with computerized red, green or yellow letters/lights. The zoning variance approval was provided with certain conditions which include Sunoco removing some of the obstructions on the corner of their property nearest to the intersection of Routes 625 and 724.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Park/Recreation Improvements with Grant Funds - Councilman Ibach made a motion to proceed with using the remaining money to replace/repair some Community Center windows and a new bench for the area where the small pavilion stood. The motion was seconded by Councilman Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Playground Leaders - Councilman Holland made a motion to hire four playground leaders and to select two alternates. Due to time constraints, Council will delegate the responsibility of candidate selection to the Parks and Rec Committee and to the Borough Manager. Motion was seconded by Councilman Roche and roll call vote was unanimous.
- Child Evangelism Fellowship of Reading/Berks County Request – Councilman Roche made a motion to approve the Fellowship group visiting the playground program as long as parents are notified when they are coming in case there are parents who would prefer that their children not attend the presentation that day. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ibach and roll call vote was unanimous.
- Approval of Resolution #583 – At the April 7, 2011 Council meeting, Council voted to approve changes to the Community Center rentals which included raising the fees to \$150.00/5 hours with a \$100.00 Security Deposit and limiting rentals to Borough residents only. Councilman Correnti made a motion to confirm the decision by Resolution #583. Councilman Ibach seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimous.
- Approval of Resolution #584/Non-Resident Playground Fee - Councilman Ibach made a motion to authorize the increase of the non-resident fee to \$25.00/week per child. The Playground Program will remain free to children who reside in the Borough. A provision for lineal descent situations is to be included in the Resolution language. Councilman Correnti seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimous.
- Playground Use - Mayor Hatzas has heard residents' concerns about the playground: non-residents using the basketball court after hours, dogs in the park and use of profane language – something must be done. Council discussed various ideas and decided upon the first step of locking the basketball courts for a period of two weeks to see if conditions improve. Councilman Roche made said motion. Motion seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Zoning and Subdivision/Land Development Ordinances – The Borough Manager is seeking authorization to organize a committee to revise both the Zoning and Land Subdivision ordinances which have not been updated since 2000 and 1974, respectively. Councilman Roche made said motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Correnti and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Tax Collector Security – Due to security concerns, the Borough Manager is seeking authorization for the Tax Collector to use the Borough Office during her office hours on Saturdays (four times per year). Councilman Correnti made said motion. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ibach and roll call vote was unanimous.
- Sale of Municipal Equipment – New Council chamber chairs and tables have been ordered. The Borough Manager is seeking authorization to sell the existing chamber chairs and desks. Councilman Fritz made said motion. Motion was seconded by Councilman Roche and roll call vote was unanimous.
- Proposed Community Forum – Vice President Roche said he was discouraged after Tuesday's Pre-Council meeting because the majority of Council didn't seem to be in favor of holding Town Meeting/Community Forum style meetings. He asked that they reconsider and allow for two such meetings to be held this year at the Fire Company Social Hall – one in June and one in November. If they are unsuccessful, he will promise not to request them again. He proposes the following agenda for the meetings:
  - 6–6:30 - Regular Business Meeting

- 6:30-7 – Information RE New Programs, Ordinances, etc
- 7-9 - Open House format whereby residents can meet informally with Council Committee members, Borough staff and service providers such as McCarthy Engineering and Kraft Code Services who will man “Information Stations” at individual tables.

Councilman Correnti stated that Vice President Roche had convinced him. Vice President Roche made a motion to plan such a Community Forum for next month’s Regular Council meeting to be held on June 2, 2011. Motion was seconded by Councilman Correnti and roll call vote was unanimous.

- Election Day and National Night Out Reminders - Borough Manager Diesinger reminded everyone that Tuesday, May 17, 2011 was Election Day and the National Night Out this year is scheduled for August 2, 2011 at the Ken-Grill Pool.

**REMARKS** – there were no additional remarks.

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

ATTEST:

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Eileen D. Becker – Secretary/Treasurer