

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 and Jay Ibach, 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 Manager, Jeri Diesinger, recorded minutes of the meeting. Absent: Councilman Edward Mohn

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

**UPDATE ON PLAYGROUND PROGRAM**

Head Playground Leader, Audrianna Osorio provided Council with a brief overview of the 2011 Summer Playground Program. Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> is the last day. The Leaders planned a talent show and party. She also indicated that they averaged 40 participants on a daily basis which was greater than last year's daily average. Borough Council and Mayor Hatzas congratulated Audrianna Osorio and Assistant Leader Bryce Dutt for being awarded "Number One Playground Leader in Berks County" and Runner-up, respectively by the Berks County Parks Department. This is the second year in a row that Kenhorst Borough playground leaders achieved this honor.

**RESIDENTS**

No residents wished to be heard.

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL** - President Quattroco requested to add the word "Borough" in the description regarding the new Community Center windows where no "Borough" taxes were used. He then asked for a motion to approve the July 7, 2011 meeting minutes. Councilman Fritz made said motion, seconded by Councilman Ibach; with all voting aye. Motion passed.

**POLICE CHIEF HEIM** – Submitted his report for the month of July (attached).

**MAYOR HATZAS** – Submitted his report for the month of July (attached). He also read an unsolicited letter from the Ken-Grill pool association which complimented the Reading Police Department for its overall exemplary coverage of the pool as well as special events.

**FIRE CHIEF WEIDENHEIMER** - Submitted his fire activity report for July and reminded Council that the Fire Company is holding its annual Chicken BBQ on August 7th. Tickets are still available.

**TAX COLLECTOR JOANNA ROCHE** – No report.

**FINANCE, COUNCILMAN FRITZ** - Councilman Fritz announced the total of the July bills and made a motion to have them approved. Councilman Roche seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

**CODES & EMERGENCY SERVICES, VICE PRESIDENT ROCHE** – Reviewed the Kraft Code Services monthly report of permits and property transfer inspections completed in July. He also updated Council on the Neighborhood Watch Committee which voted a Chairman (William Lange), Vice-Chairman (Juan Serrano) and Secretary (Laurie Fischer). He and the Mayor will coordinate alternate meetings as representatives of Council, but for the most part, this committee will be run by the resident members.

**PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND** – No report.

**PROPERTY, COUNCILMAN CORRENTI**

- Discussed the weeds at the bridge on New Holland Road and who was responsible for maintaining the area – the property owner, PennDOT or the Borough
- Provided a brief summary of a sewer line camera he was researching at a cost of \$9,900.00.

**SANITATION, COUNCILMAN MOHN** – Absent

**STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH** –

- ADA Curb Ramp contract documents reviewed, in place and project ready to be scheduled.
- 2011 Road work ready to be advertised with bids to be opened at next Council meeting.

**SOLICITOR NAGY** - Solicitor Nagy indicated that the Alvernia/Ken-Grill Property zoning permit denial by the Zoning Officer was being appealed with a hearing before the Zoning Hearing Board on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Roche made a motion for the solicitor and engineer to attend the hearing on behalf of the Borough. Councilman Fritz seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion passed.

**BOROUGH MANAGER DIESINGER** – Mrs. Diesinger reported that the DCED Park/Playground renovation grant was completed and closed out in July. The Inflow/Infiltration repair project on Woodcrest and Fern would begin in approximately two weeks with Wexcon performing the work. In addition, she continued property maintenance code enforcement activities and sent approximately 50 water shut off notices to delinquent accounts. Over \$9,300 was recovered.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Amends current zoning ordinance with regard to rentals and other items, this ordinance required a 30-day review period by Borough and County Planning Commissions. Ordinance was advertised twice through our solicitor's office. Public hearing will be conducted on August 8th at 7:00 at Borough Hall. The ordinance may be adopted at that time by Council.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Total Visibility Program – Council provided with a form to complete personal information and return to Borough for input into the database. Council will be contacted for photos.
- Invitation to Senators Schwank and Hughes event on August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Agricultural Center in Bern Township to discuss the state budget. Council should let the Manager know if they would like to join her in attending this meeting.
- ADA Ramp Project – Councilman Ibach made a motion to award the contract to Forino for five (5) base bid ramps and up to three (3) additional ramps (at \$3,900 each ramp) to use the full \$30,000 grant with the Borough to pay not more than an additional \$1,000. Councilman Fritz seconded the motion with a roll call vote. Five Councilmen voted aye. Councilman Quattrock voted no. Motion passed.
- Borough Files – Mrs. Diesinger asked that this item be tabled until a future meeting.
- New Doors at Brooke Blvd storage garage Overhead Door Company provided a quote of \$1,720.00 to install two new manual garage doors and mechanics. Council asked Mrs. Diesinger to obtain two additional quotes to reconsider at the next meeting.

- PADOT – Mrs. Diesinger reported that the Borough can expect a reimbursement for severe winter maintenance costs of \$236.84. In addition, the Borough is ready to advertise the 2011 road work. Councilman Ibach made a motion to authorize advertisement of the bid notice. Councilman Roche seconded the motion with all voting aye. Motion passed
- Building Code Official – Councilman Roche as Chair of the Codes Committee indicated that the committee interviewed two (2) candidates on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. He described the in-house program in detail and made a motion to move forward with the Borough Code Enforcement program. Mr. Roche also indicated that one candidate appeared to have the experience, credentials and personal qualities to become the full-time Building Code Official and included a motion that the Borough move forward in filling the position. Councilman Fritz seconded the motion and all voted affirmatively. Motion passed.
- Floodplain Ordinance – Solicitor Nagy discussed this issue with Council. The PADEP pre-approved a model floodplain ordinance which the Borough needs to amend to be consistent with conditions in Kenhorst Borough. The Berks County Conservation District needs a copy of the draft by the end of the month. We can send a copy of the model with comments based on the needs of the Borough. She indicated that for the most part, there are some technical changes that have been made; however, Council needed to direct her with a few policy changes such as maintaining a prohibition of mobile homes in the flood zone, prohibiting nursing homes and jails, etc within the flood zone, modifying some definitions. Councilman Roche made a motion for the Solicitor to work with the Borough Engineer and Manager to finalize the draft and forward to the County for review by the end of August. Councilman Ibach seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion passed.

**REMARKS** –

- Mayor Hatzas – related the saga of the missing meat smoker which originally was located at 1500 New Holland Road, moved to the Ken-Grill Pool. He promised an update at the next meeting.
- John Griffith – Mr. Griffith was a former member of the Borough’s Playground Association. He indicated that there were some safety issues he had observed at the Community Center. He also noted that there is money in an existing account which could be used to purchase a new projector to replace the old LCD projector. He would like to become involved again. The Parks/Recreation/Playground Committee will invite him to the next committee meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Roche, seconded by Councilman Ibach to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeri L. Diesinger, Borough Manager