

REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR
MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL
January 3, 2012

Mayor Nickolas Hatzas called the Reorganization Meeting of the Kenhorst Borough Council to Order at 7:02 PM. Present: Councilmen Correnti, Fritz, Holland, Ibach and Roche; Borough Manager Diesinger, Solicitor Nagy and Fire Chief Weidenheimer. Borough Secretary/Treasurer Eileen Becker recorded minutes of the meeting. Absent: Councilman Edward Mohn, Tax Collector Joanna Roche and Reading Police Chief William Heim.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL – Mayor Hatzas administered the oath of office to newly elected Councilman Kieran Holland. Councilman Mohn did not attend for medical reasons and will be sworn in at a later date.

ROLL CALL

REORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA – Solicitor Nagy reminded Council that if they are nominated for a position, they have to abstain from that motion's roll call vote.

- **President Pro-Tem** – Councilman Roche nominated Mayor Hatzas to serve as President Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous.
- **Council President** – Councilman Fritz nominated Councilman Roche for President. Councilman Correnti seconded the motion; roll call vote was unanimous. Mayor Hatzas turned the gavel and meeting over to President Roche.
- **Council Vice-President** – Councilman Holland nominated Councilman Correnti for Vice President. Councilman Fritz seconded the motion; roll call vote was unanimous.
- **Vacancy Board Chair** – President Roche nominated Frank Quattro to serve as the Vacancy Board's Chairman. Motion seconded by Councilman Fritz; roll call vote was unanimous. Solicitor Nagy explained that the Vacancy Board is used in the event that Council has a tie vote when deciding on a replacement for a vacant Council position.
- **2012 Municipal Appointments** – Councilman Holland made a motion to approve Resolution #595 to adopt the Borough's Municipal Appointments. Motion seconded by Councilman Fritz; roll call vote was unanimous.
- **2012 Council Committees** – Councilman Fritz made a motion to approve Resolution #596 to adopt the Council Committee members and chairs. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous. Mrs. Diesinger explained that there are now eight Committees – the Sanitation Committee oversees refuse and recycling services. Sewer Services was split off and now is a separate committee.
- **2012 Boards/Commissions/Authorities** – Councilman Correnti made a motion to approve Resolution #597 to adopt the appointments to the Borough's boards, commissions and authorities. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fritz; roll call vote was unanimous.
- **2012 Fee Schedule** – Councilman Correnti made a motion to approve Resolution #598 adopting the Borough's 2012 fee schedule. Motion seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous. Mrs. Diesinger stated that she has to make a few minor edits (i.e. adding the 2012 solicitor and paralegal fee amounts) – the final fee schedule will be distributed to Council and posted on the Borough website.
- **2012 Council Meeting Dates** – Councilman Fritz made a motion to approve Resolution #599 which adopts the advertised list of meeting dates for 2012. Motion seconded by Councilman Holland; roll call vote was unanimous.

The Reorganization Meeting was adjourned and President Roche called the January 2012 Business Meeting to order.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION – President Roche called an Executive Session which lasted from 7:14 PM to approximately 7:30 PM. Solicitor Nagy reported that the topic concerned Personnel matters.

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC – there were no residents or members of the public in attendance.

PRESIDENT ROCHE – Councilman Fritz made a motion to approve the December 1, 2011 Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Holland; roll call vote was unanimous.

POLICE CHIEF HEIM – Mayor Hatzas said Chief Heim will provide the November, December and year-end reports at Council's next Regular Meeting.

MAYOR HATZAS – A total of \$1,619.42 was collected during the month of December. Councilman Fritz asked a question about the frequency of the state police fine payments – they are usually paid two times per year via direct deposit.

FIRE CHIEF WEIDENHEIMER

- Report submitted for the month of December; there were no losses to the borough.
- Year-End report submitted: 2011 was the busiest year that the Fire Company has ever had. There was a total of 265 calls and a loss to the Borough of \$25,750.00.
- The Fire Company's Financial Report for 2011 was submitted. Chief Weidenheimer will provide the 2012 Budget to Council next week.
- A reminder to Council about next week's Christmas Party held at the Engine House, Saturday 1/7/2012 from 1-9 PM.

FINANCE, COUNCILMAN FRITZ

- Announced total of the December bills and mentioned the large quarterly bills for both the General Fund (Reading Police Coverage - \$97,708.05) and the Sewer Fund (Sewer Treatment Costs to the City of Reading - \$85,375.91).
- Made motion to approve the December expenses. Motion seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous.

CODES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, PRESIDENT ROCHE

- President Roche reviewed the Kraft Code Services December report for commercial permits. Three permits were issued for a total of \$995.00.
- Asked Mrs. Diesinger to post Kraft's monthly report on the bulletin board in addition to the residential permit report.
- President Roche asked for a copy of the monthly Property Transfer Inspection report.

PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND – No report

PROPERTY, COUNCILMAN CORRENTI – No report

SANITATION/SEWER, COUNCILMAN MOHN – Absent

STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH – No report

TAX COLLECTOR JOANNA ROCHE – Absent

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SOLICITOR NAGY – Councilman Fritz asked about the status of the City's new Sewer Treatment plant plans. Solicitor Nagy reported that the City has not communicated any new information to her or the other municipalities' solicitors. President Roche requested that Solicitor Nagy coordinate a meeting with Cumru Township by the end of the month.

Councilman Ibach asked that something be done about the blue painted curb/handicap parking space put in by a resident at the corner of Hancock Avenue and High Boulevard. Mrs. Diesinger said Borough staff will take care of this as soon as possible since the resident has not done so; the resident will be billed. Councilman Ibach also inquired about whether the Borough can do anything about changing the Post Office designating parts of the Borough as a rural route. He has received complaints regarding parked cars blocking neighbors' mailboxes. President Roche will provide information to Councilman Ibach about the Borough's past efforts to that regard and options that were explored.

BOROUGH MANAGER DIESINGER

- Report previously submitted to Council; \$6,200.00 in arrears recovered in December.

OLD BUSINESS – Councilman Ibach inquired about the status of a flow meter to be installed at the Ken-Grill Pool. Mrs. Diesinger reported that a letter was sent to the Pool's Board informing them that they must install the meter and they are accepting of it. The Borough has been waiting to confirm Alvernia University's purchase of the pool's land. Solicitor Nagy will contact Attorney Gavin to find out the status of the sale.

NEW BUSINESS

- Council Resignation – Councilman Ibach made a motion to accept, with great regret, former President Frank Quattroco's resignation from Borough Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Correnti; roll call vote was unanimous.
- December Holiday Lights Contest – Mayor Hatzas announced the winners of the Borough's Holiday Lights Contest: 1st Place (\$75.00) – 1732 Hancock Boulevard, 2nd Place (\$50.00) – 1400 Fern Avenue, 3rd Place (\$25.00) – 958 Park Avenue. Winners will be included in the next newsletter.
- Permit/Codes Signage – Councilman Ibach made a motion to approve the purchase of 10 signs, at a cost of \$543.00, which will be posted at the entrances to the Borough informing the public about permit requirements within Kenhorst. Councilman Fritz seconded the motion; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Smart Phones – Councilman Ibach made a motion to approve the purchase of 5 smart phones and a service plan with Verizon. This was coordinated with the Fire Company and does not require signing a contract. In addition, the phones will be free under a special offer to government entities. Councilman Fritz seconded the motion; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Mini Golf Conditional Use Hearing – Council's Conditional Use hearing to review Mr. Hamid Chaudrey's request to build a Mini Golf course in the Kenhorst Plaza is scheduled on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 7PM at the Borough Hall. Solicitor Nagy explained that this is only the first step as to whether this project can proceed. Additional reviews by the Planning Commission and/or the Zoning Hearing Board also may be required. She also advised Council to refer any questions they may receive regarding this project to Mrs. Diesinger, as Council members will be acting as the judicial body in this situation.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Correnti, seconded by Councilman Ibach, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen D. Becker, Borough Secretary/Treasurer