

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL
February 2, 2012

Council President David Roche called the Regular Meeting of the Kenhorst Borough Council to Order at 7:00 PM. Present: Vice President Correnti, Councilmen Fritz, Holland and Ibach. Borough Manager Jeri Diesinger, Solicitor Jill Nagy, Fire Chief Roger Weidenheimer, Reading Police Chief William Heim and Tax Collector Joanna Roche. Borough Secretary/Treasurer Eileen Becker recorded minutes of the meeting. Absent: Councilman Edward Mohn

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED

President Roche asked Council and all present to observe a moment of silence in memory of Deputy Fire Chief Kerry Gottschall who passed away in January.

ROLL CALL

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC

Russell Yeich, 1300 Block Brooke Blvd – Mr. Yeich expressed his displeasure regarding the rental permit fee increase. He wasn't able to pass along the increase from \$35/year to \$100/year because he was only notified in November. He asked Council to give property owners more notice in the future. In addition, he expressed his concern about the Brick House Pub being a nuisance/noise problem. He and his tenants were awakened at 2:30 AM recently by patrons leaving the bar. Mr. Yeich asked about the parameters of the borough's noise ordinance and whether the bar's patrons can have open containers out on their porch. He also commented that he gets duplicates of Borough mailings – this is a waste of money in this time of watching finances.

PRESIDENT ROCHE – Councilman Fritz made a motion to approve the January 3, 2012 Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Correnti; roll call vote was unanimous.

SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL – Mayor Hatzas recommended that Council appoint Mr. Jonathan L. Smith, Sr., to the vacant council position. Councilman Ibach made a motion to appoint Mr. Smith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Correnti; roll call vote was unanimous. Mr. Smith was sworn in by Mayor Hatzas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Solicitor Nagy reported that Council held an Executive Session during the previous Conditional Use Hearing for the Proposed Mini-Golf course at the Kenhorst Plaza. It is Council's decision to approve the mini-golf facility providing certain conditions are met regarding sufficient parking, establishment of a walking/pedestrian area and the installation of a handicapped accessible bathroom. Councilman Ibach made a motion to approve the Conditional Use application, with conditions, as stated by Ms. Nagy. Motion was seconded by Councilman Holland; roll call vote was 6-Yes and 1-Abstain (Councilman Smith).

POLICE CHIEF HEIM – Chief Heim provided the November 2011, December 2011 and the 2011 year-end as well as the January 2012 crime statistic reports.

MAYOR HATZAS – A total of \$730.57 was collected in fines during the month of January.

FIRE CHIEF WEIDENHEIMER

- Report submitted for the month of January; there was loss of \$10,000.00 to the Borough.
- Chief Weidenheimer thanked everyone for their support regarding the passing of Deputy Fire Chief Kerry Gottschall. He specifically thanked Chief Heim and the Police Department's Traffic Detail for their assistance during Deputy Gottschall's funeral procession.

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FINANCE, COUNCILMAN FRITZ -

- Gave expenditure report and made motion to approve January expenses. Motion seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous.

CODES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, PRESIDENT ROCHE

- President Roche reviewed the Kraft Code Services January report for permits issued.

PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND – nothing to report.

PROPERTY, COUNCILMAN CORRENTI – nothing to report.

SANITATION/SEWER, COUNCILMAN MOHN – Councilman Mohn was absent.

- Manager Diesinger reported that the sewer meeting with Cumru was positive.
- A joint meeting with Cumru Township and the City was held to hear the City's plans for the upgrade to the new wastewater treatment facility.

STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH – nothing to report.

TAX COLLECTOR JOANNA ROCHE – Provided report to Council for taxes collected in January.

SOLICITOR NAGY – nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER DIESINGER

Completed Business

- 10 "Permits Required" Signs to be posted throughout the Borough to alert residents and contractors
- 6 Crime Watch signs ordered as well
- SMART phones received for Borough Manager and Road Crew – email and contact information will be installed on the phones making staff time more efficient. The Verizon phones were free – paying monthly for service only.
- PEMA/FEMA – approximately \$3,900.00 was received for reimbursement of overtime and equipment related expenses; received notification of an additional \$19,500.00 for reimbursement of new pump and other pump station expenses incurred due to Tropical Storm Lee in September 2011.
- Sewer/Refuse - Approximately \$9,500.00 in arrears was collected in January. A new, closed format was initiated for the sewer/refuse bills issued in January.
- DEP – notified that the Borough will receive a \$7,585.00 recycling grant this month for recycling efforts in 2009.
- Mini-Golf Conditional Use Request approved – per hearing held earlier this evening.

New Business

- Resolution #600 – Councilman Fritz made a motion to approve Resolution #600 which repeals previous resolution for 2012 Appointments and Council Committees. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Berks Cooperative Purchasing Agreement – Councilman Ibach made a motion to approve the Borough's participation on the purchasing council. Motion was seconded by Councilman Holland; roll call vote was unanimous.

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- Resolution # 601 – Councilman Fritz made a motion to appoint Borough Manager Diesinger as the Borough’s representative on the Berks County Cooperative Purchasing Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman Correnti; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Resolution #602 – Councilman Holland made a motion to adopt Consolidation Method 2 for the Governor Mifflin Area region fire and rescue services. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fritz; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Berks County MS4 Storm Water Steering Committee – Councilman Ibach made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to participate in the Berks County MS4 Storm Water Steering Committee. Motion was seconded by Councilman Smith; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Update Employee Manual – Councilman Smith made a motion to authorize the Personnel Committee to meet to review and update the Borough Employee Manual. Motion was seconded by Councilman Correnti; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Pump Station Metering – Councilman Fritz made a motion to authorize the Sanitary Sewer Committee to proceed with requesting quotes for a metering device at the pump station. Motion was seconded by Councilman Holland; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Snow Removal Plan - Councilman Smith made a motion to authorize the Streets Committee to meet to draft a revised Snow Removal Plan. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Ordinance #540 – Councilman Ibach made a motion to adopt Ordinance #540 for Comprehensive Alleyway Regulations repealing previous ordinances. Motion was seconded by Councilman Holland; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Ordinance #541 – Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt the 2012 Property Maintenance Code. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fritz; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Tree Removal – Councilman Smith made a motion to authorize the Public Works Department to remove the damaged/diseased trees in the 1200 Block of Commonwealth Blvd. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Community Forum Meeting – Councilman Smith made a motion to approve holding another Community Forum meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the Social Quarters. Motion was seconded by Councilman Correnti; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Kraft Code Services Office Hours – a representative from Kraft Code Services will be available at the Borough Hall offices Wednesday mornings from 8-10 AM to meet with residents/contractors regarding permitting and code issues.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Correnti, seconded by Councilman Ibach, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen D. Becker, Borough Secretary/Treasurer