

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL
March 1, 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, Ibach, Mohn and Smith. 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.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC – No residents asked to be heard.

SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL – Councilman Edward Mohn was sworn in by Mayor Hatzas.

PRESIDENT ROCHE – Councilman Fritz made a motion to approve the February 2, 2012 Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous.

POLICE CHIEF HEIM – Chief Heim provided the February 2012 crime statistic report.

MAYOR HATZAS – A total of \$262.11 was collected in fines during the month of February.

FIRE CHIEF WEIDENHEIMER

- Report submitted for the month of February; there was loss of \$10,000.00 to the Borough.
- Received the Promissory Note from Berks County regarding the new emergency radios. Will pass on the Solicitor, Manager and Council President for their review. After discussion, Councilman Fritz made a motion to tentatively approve signing the Fire radio agreement contingent on the legal review. Motion was seconded by Councilman Smith; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Received the Draft Intergovernmental Agreement to share apparatus with Cumru Township. Commented that it still needs language specific to equipment and vehicle gas. Will pass on to the Solicitor, Manager and Council President for their review. Solicitor Nagy commented that once finalized, Council will need to pass an Ordinance to proceed with the agreement.

TAX COLLECTOR JOANNA ROCHE – No report. The 2012 County/Borough/Fire tax bills have been mailed and residents started to receive them today.

CODES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, PRESIDENT ROCHE

- President Roche reviewed the Kraft Code Services February report for permits issued, property transfer inspections and property maintenance inspections conducted.

FINANCE, COUNCILMAN FRITZ -

- Gave expenditure report and made motion to approve February 2012 expenses. Motion seconded by Councilman Holland; roll call vote was unanimous.

PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND

- The Parks and Recreation Committee will be meeting soon to plan their part of the Community Forum meeting and discuss security issues with the playground and fields area.
- Will get in touch with MAYBA representatives regarding their use of the field this year.

PROPERTY, COUNCILMAN CORRENTI –

- The Borough salt shed building is full

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- There are plans for our Public Works staff to take down some trees in the island in the 1200 Block of Commonwealth Blvd.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING, COUNCILMAN MOHN - Borough Manager Diesinger stated there was nothing to report regarding Refuse and Recycling.

STORMWATER AND SANITARY SEWER, PRESIDENT ROCHE – Nothing to report.

STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH

- The Committee is looking at Borough streets to make recommendations for this year's street work.
- The Streets Committee met on 2/23/2012 and finalized the new Snow Removal Plan.

SOLICITOR NAGY –

- Will continue to keep Council posted regarding the work to finalize the Alvernia/Ken Grill Recreation plan. The only outstanding issues concern the paper streets that run through the property and past recreation easements that were granted such as residents being allowed to fish in the creek that runs through the property.
- Will be meeting with the Cumru Township Solicitor regarding the proposed sewer treatment agreement from the City

BOROUGH MANAGER DIESINGER – previously submitted report to Council.

Completed in February:

- Neighborhood Watch signs installed
- Reimbursement from PEMA/FEMA totaling \$19,864.37 for pump station
- Liquid Fuels report for 2011 submitted to PA DOT
- Chapter 94 Report submitted to City
- Arrears collected \$25,840

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution #603** – Councilman Ibach made a motion to adopt Resolution #603 which summarizes the Borough's current Rental License/Inspection Program. Motion was seconded by Councilman Smith; roll call vote was unanimous.
- **Resolution #604** – Councilman Ibach made a motion to adopt Resolution #604 which clarifies the Borough's Snow Removal Plan. Motion was seconded by Councilman Holland; roll call vote was unanimous. Chief Heim confirmed that if necessary, the police could arrange for the towing of vehicles parked on snow emergency routes. Mrs. Diesinger confirmed that the Borough's ordinance does already provide for towing.
- **Resolution #605** – Mrs. Diesinger explained that this Resolution would amend the 2012 Fee Schedule to include a fee for commercial newsletter advertising. In response to a question from Mayor Hatzas, Solicitor Nagy stated that it is legal for municipalities to offer newsletter advertising. However; she advised Council that they need to be cautious in doing so because the law doesn't currently allow them to arbitrarily deny an ad request. A discussion ensued regarding legality and potential liability issues with allowing commercial advertisements in the newsletter. Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution #605. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ibach. Roll call vote was 6-yes votes and 1-no vote from Councilman Mohn; motion passed.
- **Resolution #606** – Councilman Ibach made a motion to approve installation of a new streetlight in the 1800 Block of Liberty Avenue. Motion was seconded by Councilman Holland and roll call vote was unanimous.

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- Storm Water Plan – Councilman Smith made a motion to authorize Mrs. Diesinger to work with McCarthy Engineering to draft the Borough’s Storm Water Plan. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fritz; roll call vote was unanimous. This plan is required as part of the Borough’s Storm Water PADEP permit and application renewal.
- Design Upgrades to Sewer Pump Station – Councilman Ibach made a motion to authorize McCarthy Engineering to provide recommendations for design upgrades to the sewer pump station. The motion was seconded by Councilman Holland; roll call vote was unanimous. Mrs. Diesinger outlined the plans for the pump rehab, electrical work and installation of an electromagnetic meter in response to a question from Councilman Fritz.
- Storage Shed Roof Replacement – Councilman Correnti made a motion to authorize the Public Works staff to replace the storage shed roof. Motion was seconded by Councilman Smith; roll call vote was unanimous. Estimated material costs are \$872.00
- MAYBA Baseball Field Use – Councilman Holland made a motion to approved MAYBA’s request to again use the baseball field for their 2012 season. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Community Forum – Tuesday, April 3, 2012 – Mrs. Diesinger reminded Council about the Borough’s second annual Community Forum to be held Tuesday, April 3, 2012 from 6:30-8:30 PM. This meeting replaces the normal Pre-Council meeting that would be held that day. Representatives from various organizations will attend: Animal Rescue League, Drive-25, Kenhorst Crime Watch, Mifflin Area Library, Reading Police K-9 as well as Kraft Code Services and McCarthy Engineering.
- Kraft Code Services Office Hours – Mrs. Diesinger reminded Council about KCS’ s office hours each week at Borough Hall. Joe Boulanger is available to answer resident or contractor questions about codes and permitting every Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Service Gift – Councilman Smith made a motion to authorize purchasing a watch for former Council President Quattroco in recognition of his years of service to the Borough. Council agreed to keep the amount to no more than \$300.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Adding PEMA Reimbursement to Sewer Budget – Councilman Smith made a motion to authorize adding the \$19,864.37 PEMA reimbursement to the 2012 Sewer Revenue Budget figure. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fritz; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Facebook – Mayor Hatzas asked for the Solicitor’s opinion on municipalities having Facebook pages. At a recent municipal officials’ breakfast, a solicitor who presented advised against municipalities hosting Facebook pages due to potential liability issues. Solicitor Nagy advised Council that they’d need to pass a resolution to authorize a Borough Facebook for communication with residents and property owners. She recommended that it be “like only’ page with no comment posting.
- Police Academy Noise – Councilman Correnti received a complaint from a Wingate Avenue resident about noise from the Police Academy recruits. He asked if anything can be done about them singing/yelling when they jog through the Borough at 7:45 AM. The resident also claimed the recruits run in the street and sometimes block traffic. Mrs. Diesinger confirmed the Borough noise ordinance doesn’t preclude such noise at that time in the morning, lawnmowers can be run as early as 7:00 AM. Council discussed the issue and agreed the recruits weren’t violating the noise ordinance. Councilman Correnti will respond to the resident.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Ibach, seconded by Councilman Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Eileen D. Becker, Borough Secretary/Treasurer