

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL

April 5, 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, Attorney Stephanie Nocera, Fire Chief Roger Weidenheimer, Reading Police Chief William Heim and Tax Collector Joanna Roche. Absent: Solicitor Jill Nagy. Borough Secretary/Treasurer Eileen Becker recorded minutes of the meeting.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC –

Mr. David DiDonna, Wounded Warriors Organization - asked to speak to Council regarding the upcoming race they are holding at Alvernia University on Sunday, May 5, 2012. He was just made aware that a very small portion of the race route may be located within the Borough. He asked Council to consider waiving the Road Closure Permit application fee as this is a fundraising event for injured servicemen and women. Mrs. Diesinger asked that Mr. DiDonna have someone from Alvernia's administration contact her so they can determine whether or not the race route does actually enter into Kenhorst.

PRESIDENT ROCHE – Announced that Council had a special presentation. Mayor Hatzas presented a gift to Mr. Quattrochio on behalf of Borough Council to thank him and recognize his many years of dedicated service to the Borough.

PRESIDENT ROCHE – Councilman Fritz made a motion to approve the March 1, 2012 Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith; roll call vote was unanimous.

POLICE CHIEF HEIM –

- The Chief presented the March 2012 crime statistics report. Of note in March, a resident had made what was later determined to be a false crime report where he claimed he was the victim of burglary. The resident will be charged with making a false crime report.
- Reading Police conducted a speeding detail on March 20th from 3-7 PM on New Holland Road. A total of thirty-four vehicles were cited for speeding.

MAYOR HATZAS

- A total of \$322.65 was collected in fines during the month of March.
- Mayor Hatzas recommended to Council that they consider discontinuing the National Night Out event held at Ken-Grill pool every August. He believes that the attendance hasn't grown over the years and the Borough would be better served to expand the Community Forum concept instead. There is also a Firemen's event planned a week prior to when the National Night Out would be held. Some of the same people and resources would be involved and he feels it would be better to cancel the Night Out event. Councilman Smith made a motion to cancel National Night Out. Motion seconded by Councilman Holland; roll call vote was unanimous. Councilmen Smith, Ibach and Mrs. Roche volunteered to work on an expanded Community Forum event. Councilman Ibach made a motion to approve the new committee. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith; roll call vote was unanimous. Mrs. Diesinger was asked to notify Ken-Grill pool of Council's decision.

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FIRE CHIEF WEIDENHEIMER

- Report submitted for the month of March; there was no loss to the Borough.
- The annual Easter flower sale is coming up this weekend: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 5-7 from 8AM-8PM each day until sold out.
- The annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 7th at 10AM at the Playground for Borough children. It will be held in the Social Quarters banquet hall if it rains.

TAX COLLECTOR JOANNA ROCHE – Mrs. Roche submitted her report of taxes collected year-to-date. As of March 31, 2012, a total of \$58,750.19 was collected on behalf of the Borough. A total of \$352,758.02 is outstanding.

CODES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, PRESIDENT ROCHE

- President Roche reviewed the Kraft Code Services March report for permits issued, property transfer inspections and property maintenance inspections conducted.
- President Roche asked that there be a confirmation from Council as to whether they choose to pay for or split the cost with the Fire Company for the Fire Company's two new Verizon cell phones received in February along with the new Borough phones. Councilman Mohn stated that as long as Kenhorst has its own volunteer Fire Company, he is fine with the Borough paying for the phones. If that should change, the arrangement should be reevaluated. Councilman Mohn made a motion to approve the Borough paying the cost of the two Fire Company phones. Motion seconded by Councilman Correnti; roll call vote was unanimous.

FINANCE, COUNCILMAN FRITZ

- Gave expenditure report and made motion to approve March 2012 expenses. Motion seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Councilman Fritz and Mrs. Diesinger met with Herbein regarding the 2011 financial audit. Overall, it was very good; Herbein made recommendations for some improvements such as having a second person review the bank statement reconciliations. Details will be in the final audit documents. Councilman Fritz made a motion to approve advertising the final audit statement. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith; roll call vote was unanimous.

PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND – per the report provided to Council, the Parks and Recreation Committee is recommending several action items for the Playground and Community Center facilities. These include changes to improve safety, security and discourage vandalism. Specifics include installing motion lights and bollards and removing the metal picnic tables. Various council members discussed different lighting options/preference for the playground and the possible purchase of fold-up tables and chairs to replace the picnic tables. Other recommendations were tabled for further discussion.

Councilman Holland made a motion to replace the current metal picnic tables with fold-up tables and chairs that will be kept in the Community Center building. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith; roll call vote was unanimous.

PROPERTY, COUNCILMAN CORRENTI – Our Road Crewmen have been working to get all equipment ready for the summer season.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING, COUNCILMAN MOHN – Recently, there have been very few complaints received about the refuse services.

STORMWATER AND SANITARY SEWER, PRESIDENT ROCHE – Discussions continue with Cumru Township regarding the City's sewer services and the plans for the City's new sewer treatment plant.

STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH – The Streets Committee met recently and this will be covered in new business.

ATTORNEY NOCERA FOR SOLICITOR NAGY – no report.

BOROUGH MANAGER DIESINGER – previously submitted report to Council.

Completed in March:

- Installation of street light – 1800 block of Liberty
- Engineer and Manager met re: draft Storm Water Permit Renewal and Plan
- Engineer and Borough met to develop plan for upgrade to pump station
- Completed 2012 I/I program
- Spring Newsletter mailed
- Sewer/Refuse Arrears Collection Update - for March \$26,077

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Authorization to advertise draft Zoning Ordinance and SALDO - Councilman Correnti made a motion to authorize the advertising of the draft ordinances update once completed. Motion seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Employee Manual Update – on hold - to be reviewed in April
- County Radio Promissory Note and Security Agreement – on hold

NEW BUSINESS

- Parking Concerns – Alleys, Commercial Trucks on Streets, Second Street. There was a lengthy discussion regarding resident and Council concerns about safety and parking convenience on the streets near the University and specifically at the 2nd Street intersection. The Streets Committee will meet and make a recommendation to Council.
- Animal Rescue League Agreement - Councilman Correnti made a motion to approve the additional \$400.00 requested by the ARL for 2012 and to sign their service agreement. This is in addition to the \$600.00 budgeted amount. They have requested additional support from municipalities because of a reduction in funds from the state. Motion seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous
- UST Operator Training – Councilman Ibach made a motion to authorize the mandated training our two public works staff members. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith; roll call vote was unanimous
- 2012 Street Program – Borough Street Sweeping and Paving – tabled until Committee meets. Councilman Ibach made a motion to authorize Borough Manager to request quotes to extend island on Commonwealth Blvd. Motion seconded by Councilman Fritz; roll call vote was unanimous
- Plaza Mini-Golf Plan - Councilman Ibach made a motion to formally approve the Mini-Golf facility. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith; roll call vote was unanimous
- Alarm for storage building – this item was tabled.
- 2012 Playground Program Leaders - Councilman Holland made a motion to rehire last year's playground leaders for the 2012 season. Motion seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous

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- Design and Installation of Flow Meters - Councilman Fritz made a motion to authorize Borough Manager to request price quotes for flow meters. Motion seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Storm Water Restoration project – High at Commonwealth - Councilman Fritz made a motion to approve spending the funds expected from FEMA (approximately \$2,300.00). Motion seconded by Councilman Smith; roll call vote was unanimous.
- GMACC – Peer Study – Councilman Correnti and Mrs. Diesinger are still authorized to represent the Borough at the GMACC. A resident representative is still needed. No motion needed.
- Sewer and Refuse Arrears – Properties to be Liened. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the list of properties proposed to be liened for non-payment of sewer and refuse charges. Motion seconded by Councilman Holland; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Commissioners Breakfast – Oley Fire Co, Friday 4/27/2012
- Notifications - Alvernia flea market Event, PADOT Closure of RT 625, RT 724

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Ibach, seconded by Councilman Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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