

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL
July 5, 2012

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

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

SWEARING IN – KENHORST VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OFFICERS

Deputy Fire Chief Dwayne Hart and Assistant Deputy Fire Chief Ray Okonski were sworn in by Mayor Hatzas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council met in an Executive Session from 7:03 to 7:13 PM. Solicitor Nagy reported that the executive session concerned pending litigation regarding a former solicitor and the enforcement of a court order. No decisions were made.

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC – no residents asked to be heard.

POLICE CHIEF HEIM – Chief Heim shared the June 2012 crime statistics report. Next month he will have an analysis comparing this year's statistics to last year's. President Roche commented that Officer Tina Fallstich has done very well in covering the Borough. The neighborhood watch group has turned around 180 degrees and Tina contributed – we want to thank her for her effort.

MAYOR HATZAS – Mayor Hatzas announced a total of \$2,920.48 collected in fines during June.

FIRE CHIEF WEIDENHEIMER

- Submitted June report of fire call activity – there were 29 fire calls and no loss to the Borough.
- The Fire Company's annual Chicken BBQ sale will be held Sunday, August 5, 2012. Tickets are \$7.50 – advance tickets will be available at the Borough Hall office and firefighters will be selling tickets in the Borough starting the week of July 16th.
- The "Support Your Local Fire Company" event will be held Thursday, July 26th, 2012 from 5-8 PM at the Kenhorst Dairy Queen. All of the Governor Mifflin area fire companies will be represented including Kenhorst. There will be fire and police demonstrations and family activities such as face painting, a dunk tank, the fire safety house and much more. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- Chief Weidenheimer recommended that Council give Mrs. Diesinger authority to review and sign the new Radio User Agreement. The status of the Radio User agreement was discussed and it was decided that Ms. Nagy would send a letter to Mr. Williams for confirmation in writing on two items: 1) once radios are paid off, they become Kenhorst property; and, 2) President Roche asked that the phone warranty arrangement be included in Mr. Williams response

TAX COLLECTOR JOANNA ROCHE – absent

CODES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, PRESIDENT ROCHE

President Roche reported that there were 8 permits issued, 22 rental inspections and 4 property transfer inspections in June. The June report will be posted on the bulletin board next week.

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL
July 5, 2012

PRESIDENT ROCHE – Councilman Fritz made a motion to approve the June 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith; roll call vote was unanimous.

FINANCE, COUNCILMAN FRITZ – Councilman Fritz provided the revenue and expenditure report. Councilman Fritz made motion to approve June 2012 expenses. Motion seconded by Councilman Ibach; roll call vote was unanimous.

PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND

- The summer playground program is running fairly smoothly in light of the large amount of kids participating this year.
- Vandalism at the playground/park area has become an issue this year.
- Councilman Holland recommends that Council consider some changes to the playground program next year. This could include having registrations completed prior to the start of the season and charging a minimal fee (i.e. \$25/per child/per summer). Council may also want to consider limiting participation to borough residents' children only. He will bring a formal motion for Council's consideration next month.
- Mayor Hatzas believes that the playground/park land was donated to the borough with a stipulation that there be no restrictions on the general public being able to use the facilities. He asked that this be researched before Council makes any decisions regarding the playground program.
- Council Ibach asked Chief Heim what suggestions he has to respond/prevent further vandalism at the park area. Chief Heim recommends that Council weigh the cost of purchasing and maintaining security cameras versus dealing with the vandalism repair costs as they occur. After discussion on the topic, President Roche asked that Council give some thought to installing cameras at the park.

PROPERTY, COUNCILMAN CORRENTI – absent. Mrs. Diesinger commented that the matter of mowing the borough islands will be covered under new business.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING, COUNCILMAN MOHN – no report

STORMWATER AND SANITARY SEWER, PRESIDENT ROCHE – agenda item to be covered later

STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH – agenda items will be covered later in the meeting.

SOLICITOR NAGY

- Seeking Council's authorization to enforce the Hamilton property court order. Councilman Smith made said motion. Motion seconded by Councilman Holland; roll call vote was unanimous.
- Commented on the responsiveness of both Cumru Township and the City of Reading regarding the Sewer agreement draft.
- At the August public hearing for the new Zoning and SALDO ordinances, Council has the option to have a stenographer and Solicitor Nagy recommended that one be used. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve hiring a stenographer for the August meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fritz; roll call vote was unanimous.

BOROUGH MANAGER DIESINGER – Borough Manager's was report previously submitted to Council. Of note, over \$9,000 collected in delinquent accounts. The Borough began preparing the Notice of Intent to renew the Stormwater Permit and the 2013 Refuse and Recycling Request for Quotes. In addition, the 2012 Street Paving project was submitted for advertising with bid opening July 31st.

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL
July 5, 2012

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Open Burning – the Codes Committee will meet with the Fire Chief and Chief Heim to review the current ordinance prohibiting open burning in the borough. Solicitor Nagy confirmed that Council may not have to do a new ordinance but could update the current one with a resolution. Chief Weidenheimer recommended that something also be done so that the police can enforce the ordinance to shut down an open burning situation when a complaint is received. Solicitor Nagy will coordinate with Chief Heim.
- Business Signs – McCarthy Engineering has been documenting all the business establishment signs currently posted in the borough.
- Mailbox Problem – the Borough continues to receive complaints about residents' mailboxes being blocked by legally parked cars. Certain postal workers will not deliver mail if cars are parked in front of mailboxes. Solicitor Nagy confirmed that there is a federal statute that states that it is illegal to inhibit mail delivery. After discussion, it was decided that the Solicitor will write a letter to the postmaster regarding this problem and request a formal written response.

NEW BUSINESS

- Authorize advertisement of the DEP-updated Refuse/Recycling Ordinance - Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Holland. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorize advertisement of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Ordinance - Motion was made by Mr. Smith and was seconded by Mr. Fritz. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorize execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement – MS4 Stormwater Programs – Motion was made by Mr. Holland and seconded by Mr. Smith. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorize award to mow and trim 16 traffic islands as directed by the Borough - Motion was made by Mr. Smith to award to Sweitzer and Son Landscaping at a cost of \$480 per cutting with maximum of four times between now and the end of this year. Mr. Holland seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 4 – 2 (Ibach and Mohn voted no). Motion passed.
- Authorize installation of No Parking Signs on New Holland Road from High Blvd to SR 724 – Motion was made by Mr. Smith for Ms. Nagy to prepare an amendment to the traffic ordinance and to coordinate any recommendations by the Police Chief. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorize advancement of flooding mitigation projects on Woodcrest Dr. and High Boulevard. Mr. Fritz made the motion and Mr. Holland seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- Point Person to third parties – Council President Roche recommended that policy continue to use the Borough Manager as point person to all third party contractors and consultants.
- Cars parked on sidewalks – Mr. Mohn indicated that several vehicles were parking on the grassy area between the curb and sidewalks along New Holland Road. Mrs. Diesinger indicated that the police are aware of the situation and already have issued citations.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Holland, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

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