

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL  
August 2, 2012

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

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Council met in an Executive Session prior to the regular meeting from 6:50 to 7:00 PM. Solicitor Nagy reported that the executive session concerned personnel. No decisions were made.

**CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION** –

- Ordinance # 545 - the 2012 Zoning Ordinance - Councilman Jon Smith made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 545 - the 2012 Zoning Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Mr. Holland. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- 2012 Zoning Map - Councilman Holland made a motion to adopt the 2012 Zoning Map. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- Ordinance #546 – Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of 2012 – Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt Ordinance #546. Motion was seconded by Mr. Holland. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- 2012 Road Work – Mrs. Diesinger recommended that due to the past performance of Burkholder Paving (the current low bidder) and their current outstanding billing discrepancies for last year’s road work, the Council award the 2012 Road Work in the amount of \$62,486.20 to the second lowest bidder, Landis C. Deck & Sons, a division of Reading Materials. Mr. Ibach made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Correnti. Roll call vote was unanimous.

**RESIDENTS/PUBLIC** – Dennis Schoenberger of Crowder Avenue requested that the Borough look into the continuing property maintenance issues at 1440 Brooke Boulevard.

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

**MAYOR HATZAS** – Mayor Hatzas announced a total of \$5,263.24 collected in fines during July.

**POLICE CHIEF HEIM** – Chief Heim introduced Officer John Hutchinson one of the two new patrol officers for the Borough (along with Officer James Burkhart) and shared the July 2012 crime statistics report. He also provided a summary comparing this year’s statistics to the last two years.

**FIRE CHIEF WEIDENHEIMER**

- Submitted June report of fire call activity – there were 25 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 are available at the Borough Hall office and from any of the firefighters.

**TAX COLLECTOR JOANNA ROCHE** – gave her quarterly report - attached

**CODES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, PRESIDENT ROCHE**

President Roche reported that there were 16 permits issued, 10 rental inspections, 12 re-inspections and 6 property transfer inspections in July. The July report was posted on the bulletin board.

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

**PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND**

- Playground - The summer playground program is over with Friday being the last day. It ran fairly smoothly in light of the large amount of kids participating this year.
- Park Committee - Vandalism at the playground/park area has become an issue this year. The Parks Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at the park to discuss ongoing concerns and will report its findings at the September meeting.

**PERSONNEL – COUNCILMAN ROCHE** – Mr. Roche reported that the Employee manual was still on the back burner, but was hopeful it could be finalized for the September Council meeting.

**PROPERTY, COUNCILMAN CORRENTI** – Mr. Correnti reported that so far things are working and he is looking forward to the parks meeting to see what equipment, etc. may be necessary.

**REFUSE AND RECYCLING, COUNCILMAN MOHN** – No complaints received this month

**STORMWATER AND SANITARY SEWER, PRESIDENT ROCHE** – to be covered under new business

**STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH** – Street Paving Bid was covered earlier

**SOLICITOR NAGY**

- Borough received notification from Alvernia that the Bridge on the Ken Grill Pool property has been posted per Council's requirement. All surrounding communities and utilities have also been notified.
- Recommended that Council authorize her to advertise the newly adopted Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Map and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to reduce the appeal period to thirty days. Mr. Holland made the motion and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- Mr. Fritz asked Ms. Nagy if she had heard any more regarding the sale of the Ken-Grill property to Alvernia. Mrs. Roche indicated that she had information showing the property went to tax sale. Ms. Nagy will follow up with the Solicitor for Alvernia.

**BOROUGH MANAGER DIESINGER** – Borough Manager's report previously was submitted to Council. Of note, over \$23,000 collected in delinquent accounts. Eleven notices of Property Maintenance violations were mailed in July and three citations were sent to the DJs office.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Mailbox Problem – Solicitor Nagy and her staff have determined who at the District post office needs to be contacted and she will write a letter regarding this problem and request a formal written response.
- Mrs. Diesinger reported that she and the Borough Engineer are working on the Stormwater NOI and an update of the Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan per new regulations.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Adoption of Ordinance #543 - Refuse/Recycling - Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mohn. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- Adoption of Ordinance #544 - Intergovernmental Cooperation Ordinance - Motion was made by Mr. Ibach and was seconded by Mr. Fritz. Roll call vote was unanimous.

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- Authorized drafting and advertising Noise/Nuisance Ordinance - Motion made by Mr. Correnti and seconded by Mr. Holland. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized Annual Confirmation of Commercial Fire Alarm Testing – Motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Ibach. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- Request to purchase automatic LIFEPAK AED – automatic external defibrillator – The Fire Chief had approached Mrs. Diesinger to see if the Borough wanted to piggy back onto his order for this device for the Council meeting room. Mr. Mohn indicated that he would like to see anyone using the device to be formally trained and Mr. Correnti questioned if it was a good idea to possibly open the Borough up to liability issues. After much discussion the purchase request was tabled until more information could be obtained.
- Authorize installation of No Parking Signs on New Holland Road from High Blvd to SR 724 – At the July meeting Ms. Nagy was asked to prepare an amendment to the traffic ordinance and to coordinate with the Police Chief. Chief Heim provided the Borough with a memo indicating his recommendation to install No Parking Signs due to the poor sight distance on this stretch of roadway and the congestion that is caused by only having a single lane in each direction. Also, the encroachment that sometimes occurs on the easement and sidewalk abutting the paved roadway as a result of parked cars presents an additional hazard for pedestrians. Ms. Nagy will incorporate the Chief's recommendation into the document she is preparing in time for the September meeting. Mr. Correnti made the motion to install the No Parking Signs as per the Chief's recommendation and Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Holland, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeri L. Diesinger, P.G.,  
Borough Manager