

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL
February 7, 2013

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

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC – no residents asked to be heard.

MEETING MINUTES, PRESIDENT ROCHE – Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve the January Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.

MAYOR HATZAS

- Mayor Hatzas reported a total of \$1,249.42 collected in fines during the month of January.

POLICE CHIEF HEIM

- Chief Heim submitted the January month end police report as well as the Borough's Crime History from 2010 through 2012. Will research the reasons for the percentage increase from 2011 and 2012 and has instructed the Kenhorst officers to look for crime trends.
- Reported that an arrest was made for some of the vandalism at the park this past summer.

FIRE CHIEF WEIDENHEIMER

- Submitted January month end fire call activity report. There was no loss to the Borough.

TAX COLLECTOR JOANNA ROCHE

- Mrs. Roche provided the 2012 year-end report. A total of \$401,249.39 was collected in 2012. The total of outstanding 2012 taxes is \$16,714.50.

FINANCE, COUNCILMAN FRITZ

- Mr. Fritz provided the revenue and expenditure report and made a motion to approve the January expenses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Correnti and the roll call vote was unanimous.

CODES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, PRESIDENT ROCHE

- President Roche reviewed the permit, rental inspection and property maintenance activities for January. Kraft's permit report will be posted on the bulletin board.

PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND – nothing to report at this time.

PERSONNEL, PRESIDENT ROCHE

- President Roche welcomed the Borough's newest Council member, Mr. Kevin DePasquale, Jr., who was sworn in at the January meeting which was reconvened on January 29th. Mr. DePasquale is filling the vacancy left by former Councilman Smith.

PROPERTY, COUNCILMAN CORRENTI

- A new garage door motor was installed at the salt shed; Mr. Correnti will make a visit to inspect the installation of the new door.
- A new pump is needed to pump the calcium chloride for winter maintenance.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING, COUNCILMAN MOHN

SANITARY SEWERS, PRESIDENT ROCHE – nothing to report at this time.

STORMWATER/STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH

- The committee will meet in the near future to review the Borough's priority street issues for 2013 repair recommendations.
- Mrs. Diesinger received a resident request asking if Council would consider painting parking lines along the Upland Avenue and Commonwealth Blvd. The recommendation will be brought to the Street Committee for discussion.

SOLICITOR NAGY – At Ms. Nagy's recommendation, Council held an Executive Session from 7:18 to 7:40 PM. Ms. Nagy noted that Council discussed the pending Hamilton litigation and no decision was made.

BOROUGH MANAGER DIESINGER – January month-end reports were previously submitted to Council.

Of special note:

- Total arrears recovered in January - \$14,714
- 2012 Recycling Report – *recycled 662 tons*
- Update of storm water and sewer system mapping
- Update of Ordinance link - *through General Codes on Borough website – new and improved format*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Storm Water Mitigation – High Blvd (mitigation of flooding) – Applied to GMACC as possible 2013 Joint Project.

NEW BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Resolution #624 Approved – Wingate Terrace Land Development Plan Permit Extended to July 2016 - Mr. Correnti made a motion to approve Mr. John Lis' request to extend the Land Development plan permit for Wingate Terrace per Act 46. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Draft Burning Ordinance - Mr. Ibach made a motion to approve advertising the Draft Burning Ordinance after review by Ms. Nagy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fritz and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Draft Solicitation/Peddling Ordinance – this agenda item was tabled until the April meeting. Solicitor to research similar ordinances in other municipalities.
- Authorized Solicitor to review the Final Draft Employee Manual - Mr. Correnti made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to review the final draft Employee Manual. The motion was seconded by Mr. DePasquale and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Neighborhood Watch Committee/ID badges – Mr. Ibach made a motion to renew the door-to-door permit for the Kenhorst Neighborhood Watch Committee and re-issue member photo ID badges for 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fritz and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Fire Company financial accounts received by Fire Tax – Mr. Holland made the motion to approve Borough administration of the Fire Company financial accounts received from the Fire Tax. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fritz and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- ARL request for \$1,000 donation in 2013 - this agenda item was tabled until next month. Mrs. Diesinger will distribute copies of the current ARL agreement for Council's review prior to the March meeting.
- Authorized the Replanting of Trees on Brooke Blvd Islands - Mr. DePasquale made the motion to approve purchasing trees (total cost not to exceed \$1000.00) to be planted in the spring. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fritz. The roll call vote was 5-YES and 2-NO (President Roche and Councilman Mohn). Motion passed.

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- Authorized Pump Station Maintenance Agreement - Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve the maintenance agreement not to exceed \$6000/year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Correnti and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized Purchase of New Pump for Salt Spreader - Mr. Correnti made a motion to approve the purchase of a new pump for the salt spreader on one of the Borough vehicles (cost of \$556). The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Borough Alleys – Council, Mrs. Diesinger and Ms. Nagy discussed the Borough maintaining certain alleyways in order to protect borough sewer lines and storm drain pipes. There may be additional Penn DOT/Liquid Fuels funds made available if the Borough designates them as “streets”. President Roche recommended that the Streets Committee meet to review this item and make a recommendation to Council.
- Recycling Grant Award – PA DEP has awarded Kenhorst Borough \$49,765 under Act 101 for our recycling program. The funds will be used to purchase a new leaf picker, larger recycling containers, event recycling containers and various educational programs to encourage our residents and businesses to increase their recycling efforts. The award requires that a certain percentage of the funds be spent each year of a two year period.

Respectfully Submitted, Eileen D. Becker, Secretary/Treasurer