

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL
March 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 and Borough Manager Jeri Diesinger. Absent: Tax Collector Joanna Roche. 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.

Mr. Vince Pacifico, District Court Judge Candidate – Mr. Pacifico, Candidate for District Court Justice, introduced himself to Council and briefly described his law enforcement background and wish to work with the local governments in upholding codes and regulations.

Plasterer Equipment - Councilman Correnti and Mrs. Diesinger introduced Mr. Todd Dietrich, from Plasterer Equipment. Council is considering purchasing a new backhoe to replace the Borough's twenty year old backhoe. Plasterer can offer a sales arrangement whereby the old backhoe trade will serve as the first payment installment. The cost of the new backhoe is \$182,000, however; the state contract would reduce the cost an additional \$46,000.00. The old backhoe trade-in value would be \$24,000.00 and the Borough would pay approximately \$15,000/year for the next five years beginning next year. Council members discussed the backhoe specifications and warranty arrangements. Mr. Correnti made a motion to proceed with the backhoe purchase. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach and the roll call vote was unanimous.

New Story School, 1300 New Holland Road, Ms. Heather Dehnel

Ms. Dehnel spoke with Council regarding the Mental Health Resources Fair New Story plans to host at their facility on Saturday, May 18, 2013. May is designated as Mental Health month and they are planning this first time event to bring mental health resource information to the public and welcomes the Kenhorst community to attend. They will send a direct mailer to all Kenhorst residents. Mr. Fritz made a motion to authorize New Story's request to use a portion of the park and field areas for their event. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach and the roll call vote was unanimous. Mrs. Diesinger will coordinate with Ms. Dehnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council met in an Executive Session from approximately 7:18 to 7:35 PM.

Ms. Nagy reported that the executive session concerned an ongoing property maintenance situation which is being litigated. There is an emergency hearing on the matter scheduled for April 4, 2013.

MEETING MINUTES, PRESIDENT ROCHE

- Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve the February Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.

MAYOR HATZAS

- Mayor Hatzas reported a total of \$499.28 collected in fines during the month of February.

POLICE CHIEF HEIM

- Chief Heim submitted the February crime report. Nine people were arrested in February.
- A speed check was conducted on Friday, March 1st. Several patrol cars participated and the Chief reported that a number of speeding citations were issued. He will have more information regarding the detail included in his report at the April meeting.

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FIRE CHIEF WEIDENHEIMER

- Submitted February month end fire call activity report. There was no loss to the Borough.
- The annual Easter Flower Sale will be held on March 28, 29 and 30th from 8AM until 8PM (on Saturday 3/30 until flowers are sold).
- The Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 30th at 10AM at the Kenhorst Playground area weather permitting. The Fire Company will host the Egg Hunt in the Social Quarters ballroom in case of inclement weather.

TAX COLLECTOR JOANNA ROCHE - absent

FINANCE, COUNCILMAN FRITZ

- Mr. Fritz provided the revenue and expenditure report and made a motion to approve the February expenses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach 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 February. Kraft's permit report will be posted on the bulletin board.
- Mr. Fritz updated Council on the recent news regarding Southern Berks Regional EMS' tax lien. Mr. Fritz will get the annual audit report and provide it to Ms. Nagy and Mrs. Diesinger.

PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND

- Mr. Holland reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee met on March
- There is a new fee schedule for playground participants – parents must pre-register their children.
- There is a 60 child limit; the 2013 playground schedule will run from June 17th through August 9th.
- The committee recommends hiring five leaders with one of the five functioning as a Coordinator/Supervisor for the children and leaders.

PROPERTY, COUNCILMAN CORRENTI

- Backhoe purchase- previously discussed
- Gutters on the shop/garage need to be replaced/fixed. Our Crew is getting material quotes and can complete the work themselves
- Shop ceiling – will close up steps and table discussion of repairs to a future date
- Salt shed ventilation – will investigate what PennDOT facilities entail

REFUSE AND RECYCLING, COUNCILMAN MOHN – nothing to report at this time

SANITARY SEWERS, PRESIDENT ROCHE

- Borough engineer has sent meter specifications to the City of Reading for review
- Met with Cumru Township regarding the sewer agreements and meter locations to facilitate separate future billing.

STORMWATER/STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH

- Streets Committee met on February 12th to review streets/repairs most needed in 2013
- Identified the area around Liberty/High/Hancock needing repair due to the water main break this winter. RAWA will make these repairs.
- Certain road surface areas on Milford Avenue, 100 Block of John Glenn and on Fern are rippling/cracking – Mrs. Diesinger recommends having the areas of concern evaluated to see if there was a problem with the paving material originally placed.

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SOLICITOR NAGY – items to be covered under New Business.

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

Of special note:

- Total arrears recovered in February - \$20,165 *recovered as of 3/7*
- Draft Chapter 94 report – *submitted to City first week in March*
- 2012 Audit – *conducted week of February 4th*.
- Awarded 2011 Recycling Performance Grant for \$5,629 from DEP – 530.6 tons of recycled materials. This grant will help us pay for our share of the new grant awarded recently.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Storm Water Mitigation – High/Commonwealth (flooding) – *Site visit planned for 3/15/2013*
- Upgrade to Phone Lines – *tabled at this time*
- Reverse 911 Communication System – *tabled at this time*

NEW BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Authorized advertising the Draft Peddling and Solicitations Ordinance - Mr. Ibach made a motion to authorize advertising the revised Peddling and Solicitations Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. DePasquale and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized advertising the Draft Burning Ordinance – Mrs. Diesinger explained that there will be a \$10 permit application fee required each year for a fire pit, chiminea, etc. Mrs. Diesinger and Ms. Nagy will make sure that the ordinance is consistent with the most current recycling ordinance. Mr. Ibach made a motion to authorize advertising the final ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Identification of Utility easements/rights of way and confirmation of Maintenance obligation - Mr. Correnti made a motion to proceed with the identification of and confirmation of sanitary and storm sewer line easements to facilitate future access for maintenance. The motion was seconded by Mr. DePasquale and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Shop/Garage Gutter Replacement Project - Mr. Ibach made a motion to proceed with gutter replacement at the shop garage. The motion was seconded by Mr. DePasquale and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- 2013 Street Repairs – Mr. Ibach made a motion to proceed with the street repairs as recommended by the Street Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fritz and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- ARL 2013 Donation Request and Agreement - Mr. Fritz made a motion to sign the service agreement with the Animal Rescue League and remit their requested donation of \$1,000.00 for 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Participation in Berks Comcast Cable Consortium – Mr. Correnti made a motion to join the consortium coordinated by the Cohen Law Group along with paying the participation fee after Ms. Nagy reviews the agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. DePasquale and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorize Participation in Berks Water Sewer Association – this item was tabled
- Solicitor, Borough Manager and Zoning Officer to Attend the March 14th ZHB Meeting - Mr. Holland made a motion to authorize the Solicitor, Borough Manager and the Zoning Officer to represent the Borough's interests at the March 14th Zoning Hearing Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Recycling Grant Award Accepted - Mr. Fritz made a motion to formally accept the 2013 Recycling Grant Award and execute the corresponding Contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. DePasquale and the roll call vote was unanimous.

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- Ken-Grill/Alvernia Recreation Center Plan Approved- Mr. Correnti made a motion to approve the recreation center site development plan conditional to a realignment of the existing light standard as labeled on the final existing lighting plan prior to the execution and recording of the final plan document. The motion was seconded by Mr. DePasquale and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- 2013 Employee Manual Adopted - Mr. Mohn made a motion to approve the updated Employee Manual. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.

REMARKS – there were no additional remarks.

There being no further business, a motion was made by President Roche and seconded by Councilman Mohn to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

ATTEST:

Eileen D. Becker – Secretary/Treasurer