

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL

April 4, 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 Jill 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.

Mr. Scott Anuszewski, District Court Judge Candidate – Mr. Anuszewski, Candidate for District Court Justice, introduced himself to Council. Mr. Anuszewski is retired from the Reading Police Department and is a resident of Mohnton. Chief Heim commented that he hated losing Mr. Anuszewski from the police force.

President Roche expressed the hope that Mr. Anuszewski would take property maintenance issues seriously. By the time the Borough submits the citation to the DJ, the Borough has already been dealing with the problem for 4 to 6 months. Property maintenance and quality of life issues are very important.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council met in an Executive Session from approximately 7:07 to 7:25 PM.

Ms. Nagy reported that the executive session concerned the status of the Hamilton property and no decisions were made. The Office of Aging is now involved in handling the situation.

President Roche made a recommendation that Council prohibit members of the Kenhorst Volunteer Fire Company from going into the Hamilton property until such time that a Fire and/or Codes Inspector deems it to be safe to enter. The ambulance services should also be put on notice regarding the same. Mr. Fritz made a motion that the KVFC members will not enter the property at 1469 Hancock Boulevard until it is deemed to be safe. The motion was seconded by Mr. DePasquale and the roll call vote was unanimous.

MEETING MINUTES, PRESIDENT ROCHE

- Mr. Ibach made a motion to approve the March Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Correnti and the roll call vote was unanimous.

MAYOR HATZAS

- Mayor Hatzas reported a total of \$908.56 collected in fines during the month of March.
- As Council prepares to approve the new Peddling/Solicitation Ordinance at tonight's meeting, Mayor Hatzas asked Chief Heim if the police can issue citations to those who violate the new regulations. After discussion, it was decided that both the police and the Borough Staff can issue citations but the police will forward the information they obtain to the Borough. The Borough office will maintain a list of individuals and/or businesses that are repeat offenders of the new ordinance. Mrs. Diesinger recommended that residents put a "No Solicitations" sign on their door or window. They should also ask to see a Solicitation Permit issued by the Borough. If the peddler cannot produce a permit, our residents are urged to contact the police with a full description if someone comes to their door.

POLICE CHIEF HEIM

- Chief Heim submitted the March crime report. Of special note:
 - 8 arrests were made
 - police responded to 27 incidents, 4 of which were motor vehicle accidents
 - a Megan's Law Notification was made to the neighbors of a convicted sex offender living in the Borough

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FIRE CHIEF WEIDENHEIMER

- Submitted March month end fire call activity report. There was no loss to the Borough.
- The annual Easter Flower Sale was held last weekend and netted approximately \$800.00 in profit for the Fire Company – thanks to all who support the sale.
- The Children’s Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 30th - all went well and approximately 100 children participated.

TAX COLLECTOR JOANNA ROCHE

- Mrs. Roche provided the 1st Quarter Tax Collector’s Report to Council. For the quarter ending March 31, 2013, a total of \$72,924.33 was collected in Real Estate, Emergency Services and Per Capita taxes. A total of \$454,111.62 is outstanding.

FINANCE, COUNCILMAN FRITZ

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

CODES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, PRESIDENT ROCHE

- President Roche reviewed March’s permit, rental inspection and property maintenance activities as reported by Kraft Code Services. Kraft’s report will be posted on the bulletin board.

PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND

- Mr. Holland reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee will be meeting on April 16th at 7:15 PM regarding the summer playground program.

PROPERTY, COUNCILMAN CORRENTI – nothing to report at this time

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

PERSONNEL, PRESIDENT ROCHE

- 4 Reading Phillies tickets are available from Power Kunkel if anyone on Council is interested.

SANITARY SEWERS, PRESIDENT ROCHE

- The Borough is still in ongoing discussions with Cumru Township and the City of Reading regarding the sewer agreements and flow meter locations. President Roche said this process will take some time.

STORMWATER/STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH

- Nothing to report at this time; one item to be covered later in the agenda.

SOLICITOR NAGY – nothing to add at this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER DIESINGER – the March month-end report was previously submitted to Council.

Of special note:

- Total arrears recovered in March - \$25,340 and \$3,980 recovered as of 4/4
- Attended the RPD’s Crime Status Meeting at Alvernia – Mrs. Diesinger commented that it was a very informative meeting and thanked Chief Heim for the invitation.
- The Spring Newsletter was mailed in March.

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BOROUGH MANAGER DIESINGER - continued

- The “No Parking” signs for New Holland Road have been received and our crewmen will start installing the signs very soon. It was noted that the church located at 1730 New Holland Road is planning a flea market again this year. The Borough has not yet received a Road Use/Closure Permit application from the Church.
- High Boulevard Storm Water Project Site Visit conducted on 3/15, proceeding with permit application to PA DEP.
- ZHB for 1326 Broadway – Appeal of ZO denied, variance granted additional 8.8% impervious coverage (45% maximum) to allow use of the driveway. Asphalt will be removed to mitigate storm water issues..

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Upgrade to Phone Lines – *tabled at this time*
- Reverse 911 Communication System – *tabled at this time*
- Participation in Berks Water and Sewer Association – *tabled until May meeting*

NEW BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Ordinance #554 – Burning Ordinance Adopted - Mr. DePasquale made a motion to adopt the duly advertised Burning Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Ordinance #555 – Peddling/Solicitation Ordinance Adopted - Mr. Correnti made a motion to adopt the duly advertised Peddling and Solicitation Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Sewer Line Inspection & Repair Work Authorized - Mr. DePasquale made a motion to approve the sewer line inspection and repair work (as needed) of 11,000 linear feet by Sewer Specialty Services. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Street Sweeping Service Authorized - Mr. Ibach made a motion to approve the street sweeping services by Industrial Grounds Maintenance as proposed for \$2,900.00. Work will be scheduled to be completed in May. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Neighborhood Watch Sign Purchase Approved - Mr. DePasquale made a motion to approve the purchase of lawn signs and/or window decals promoting the Neighborhood Watch Committee (not to exceed \$700.00). The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Notice – West Nile Virus Monitoring – the Berks County Conservation District will be monitoring for West Nile Virus in various places throughout the Borough. More information is available on the Borough website.
- Reminder – Sewer rates increase - \$90/quarter/first 12,500 gallons and \$.0072/each gallon over 12,500
- Reminder – Playground sign ups – discounted fee if applications are received by April 30th
- Reminder – Commissioner’s Breakfast on Friday, April 26th at Kenhorst Fire Company. Council members need to inform Mrs. Diesinger or Mrs. Becker before April 19th if they are planning to attend.

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 7:55 PM.

ATTEST:

Eileen D. Becker – Secretary/Treasurer