

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL
May 2, 2013

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

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC

Mr. Russell Yeich, 1300 Block Brooke Boulevard - Mr. Yeich asked that the Borough repair the alley between the 1300 blocks of Columbia Avenue and Brooke Boulevard. He and other neighbors paid to have it partially paved several years ago. Now, certain areas of it have sunk – the sewer manhole and other pipes are raised above the ground as well as several potholes. Mr. Yeich asked if the Borough could pave the alley or join with the residents, including the owner of the corner bar property, to get a “package” deal from a paving company. Mrs. Diesinger said the Borough would take a look at the alley because our sewer line runs below it.

MEETING MINUTES, VICE PRESIDENT CORRENTI

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

MAYOR HATZAS

- Mayor Hatzas reported a total of \$816.40 collected in fines during the month of April.

POLICE CHIEF HEIM - absent

- Lt Brian Cole attended the meeting in Chief Heim’s absence; Officer Zacckey also attended. Lt. Cole briefly reviewed the April crime report and noted that there have been no violent crimes in the Borough this year. There were 29 thefts and 21 of those have been cleared – most were committed by known persons. There were 26 arrests mostly originating from the same 3 or 4 borough properties.

FIRE CHIEF WEIDENHEIMER

- Submitted April month end fire call activity report; there was no loss to the Borough.

TAX COLLECTOR JOANNA ROCHE - absent

FINANCE, COUNCILMAN FRITZ

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

CODES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, PRESIDENT ROCHE - absent

- Mrs. Diesinger reported that the April permitting report submitted by Kraft Code Services is posted on the bulletin board.

PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND

- Mr. Holland reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee met at the Community Center/Park property – there are several items that will be taken care of prior to the start of this year’s summer program. They include a broken water fountain, parking lot drain and broken playground apparatus. Mulching will also be done as needed.

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- Mrs. Diesinger reported that as of Tuesday 4/30 there were over 30 summer participants registered.
- Last year's playground leaders requested a DVD player to be used to show movies. Mr. Holland made a motion to approve the purchase of a new DVD player for the summer playground program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach and the roll call vote was unanimous.

PROPERTY, VICE PRESIDENT CORRENTI

- Mr. Correnti reported that the Borough's new backhoe was delivered and has already been put to use.
- Tim Overly will assist the Borough in coming up with options to address possible foundation problems after the Borough investigates the storm sewer line and conducts some core drilling around the municipal garage building at 1104 Brooke Blvd.

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

PERSONNEL, PRESIDENT ROCHE – absent

SANITARY SEWERS, PRESIDENT ROCHE – absent

- Mrs. Diesinger reported that the Borough is still working to move the flow meter installation forward and is continuing negotiations with the City of Reading regarding the sewer agreement.

STORM WATER/STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH

- Mr. Ibach reported that work has begun on the specifications for this year's road projects.

SOLICITOR NAGY – nothing to report at this time

BOROUGH MANAGER DIESINGER – the April report was submitted to Council. Of special note:

- Total arrears recovered \$14,892 - First quarter sewer/refuse bills were mailed on 4/19.
- Community Center window repaired, backhoe delivered, Brooke Blvd trees delivered, No Parking signs installed on New Holland Road from High Blvd. to Route 724.
- High Blvd Storm Water Project – access granted, tree/underbrush removed, permit application sent to DEP.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Upgrade to Phone Lines – *tabled at this time*
- Reverse 911 Communication System – *tabled at this time*

NEW BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Berks Water Sewer Association (BWASA) Membership Authorized – Mr. Ibach made a motion for the Borough to join the BWASA at an annual cost of \$400.00/year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Notice – Playground sign ups - discount period ended 4/30 – applications still accepted
- Notice – Street Sweeping will occur May 21st to May 24th
- Reminder – Mental Health Fair at New Story School, Saturday, May 18th.
- Reminder – Property Maintenance Program - effort to repair/replace sheds and garages
- Reminders – No grass clippings in street when mowing – also, Tuesday yard waste collection

REMARKS – there were no additional remarks. There being no further business, Vice President Correnti made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion was seconded by Mr. DePasquale. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

ATTEST: _____

Eileen D. Becker – Secretary/Treasurer