

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL
May 1, 2014

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

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC

Mr. Russell Yeich, 1300 Block of Brooke Boulevard – Mr. Yeich expressed several concerns regarding the Brick House Pub.

- Has the owner has met all of the conditions the Borough asked of him such as having the back parking area paved?
- The alley is being damaged by the trash truck that comes to empty the bar's dumpster.
- The owner has started propping the front door open allowing the music and noise from the bar to filter out into the neighborhood.

Mrs. Diesinger will look into the dumpster requirements and work with the owner to insure compliance. Since the sewer line runs through the alley, the Borough may be able to include this alley on the list for street repairs but has to determine what street repairs can be done this year due to budget. Mayor Hatzas mentioned that there may be LCB regulations that allow/restrict bar patrons from bringing alcoholic beverages onto the porch area.

Mr. Mark Isett, 500 Block of High Boulevard – Mr. Isett requested the Borough's permission to mow the High Blvd. islands for a short time period so that he can obtain the grass clippings for use in his garden. Council granted his request and asked that he contact the office once he is finished mowing for the season.

Mr. Frank Gable, 700 Block of High Boulevard – Mr. Gable thanked Council and the Borough staff for the storm water project near his property. There has been no flooding since it was completed. He also complimented the Roads/Public Works Crew for having done a great job plowing this winter season

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council met in an Executive Session from approximately 7:10 to 7:25 PM. Ms. Nagy reported that the executive session concerned the ongoing Hamilton litigation.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, PRESIDENT ROCHE

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

MAYOR HATZAS –

- Mayor Hatzas reported a total of \$832.31 in fines collected in April.

POLICE CHIEF HEIM –

Chief Heim will submit his formal report for both April and May at next month's meeting.

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FIRE CHIEF HART

- Chief Hart reviewed April's fire call activity summary. He also reported that the Easter flower sale was a success and netted \$863.80 in profit.

TAX COLLECTOR DENICE CARROLL - absent

FINANCE, COUNCILMAN FRITZ – Mr. Fritz presented the revenue and expenditure report and made a motion to approve the April expenses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.

CODES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, PRESIDENT ROCHE – President Roche summarized the April codes and permitting report from Kraft Code Services. The open permit report is posted on the bulletin board for Council's review.

PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND –

- Mr. Holland reported that there are approximately 20 early playground registrations. Three leaders are returning from last year. The committee will monitor the number of registrations to determine if additional leaders should be hired.
- The playground will be spruced up with additional mulch and the water fountain will be checked for damage from the winter.

PERSONNEL, PRESIDENT ROCHE – Mrs. Diesinger is working on assessing candidates to fill the Part-Time Administrative Assistant.

PROPERTY, VICE PRESIDENT CORRENTI

The replacement of the Borough's 10 ton dump truck – will be addressed in old business. Mr. Fritz will research possible financial options with Susquehanna Bank. There was some discussion about the preliminary information regarding new truck prices, trade in numbers and financing. Mr. Fritz recommended tabling until June.

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

SANITARY SEWERS, PRESIDENT ROCHE – President Roche will get in touch with Cumru Township Commissioner Sacco regarding status of last year's proposed sewer agreement.

STORM WATER/STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH – In Mr. Ibach's absence, Mrs. Diesinger provided a discussion regarding use of Liquid Fuels funding. Council authorized use of up to \$117,000 in Liquid Fuels funds this year for various projects as needed and applicable to the requirements of PennDOT.

SOLICITOR NAGY – nothing to report at this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER DIESINGER – April's report was previously provided to Council. Of special note:

- Public Works Crew removed and reinstalled new gutters on garage and old salt shed

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- Reviewed Organizational Analysis reviewed for the recodification of ordinances.
- The Property Maintenance Inspection Program was reinstated.
- Repaired islands from winter plowing.
- Began review process of Part-Time Admin Assistant candidates

Unfinished Business

- Woodcrest Tree Removal and stream bank restoration – DEP permit has been received and project is ready to begin.
- Information for new truck to replace 10-ton dump truck.

New Business

- Ordinance #562 Adopted – Annual Real Estate Registry Requirements – Mr. DePasquale made a motion to approve the new ordinance requiring residents and property owners to submit annual census forms. Mr. Mohn seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Ordinance #563 Adopted – Amends Rental Property Ordinance - Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve amending the Rental Property Ordinance. Mr. Mohn seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Mrs. Diesinger informed Council about State Rep. Thomas Caltigirone’s staff member who will hold office hours from 1-4PM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month here at Borough Hall. They are available to assist residents with state-related issues such as property tax and rent rebate applications, driver licenses and birth certificates. No appointments are necessary.

REMARKS – There being no further remarks or business, Mr. DePasquale made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Correnti. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Eileen D. Becker – Secretary/Treasurer