

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL

June 5, 2014

President Roche called the Regular Meeting of the Kenhorst Borough Council to order at 7:01 PM. Present: Mayor Hatzas, Councilmen De Pasquale, Fritz, Ibach and Holland, Fire Chief Dwayne Hart, Reading Police Chief William Heim, Attorney Sean Summers, Borough Manager Jeri Diesinger. Absent: Councilmen Correnti and Mohn, Solicitor Jill Nagy and Tax Collector Denice Carroll. Eileen Becker, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, recorded minutes of the meeting.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC

Mr. Brian Crupi, 1300 Block Lancaster Avenue and Mr. Barry Barbon, 1300 Block Fern Avenue – Mr. Crupi and Mr. Barbon presented Council with a petition signed by their neighbors requesting that their alley be designated as a Borough street. The alley is 24 feet wide while most other Borough alleys are only 15 feet wide. The alley is heavily traveled by both passenger vehicles and trucks including the weekly trash trucks. Currently there are several large potholes and the alley needs repaving. Mr. Roche recommended that the Streets Committee look into the matter and bring a recommendation to Council in July. Mrs. Diesinger commented that the Borough has been maintaining Borough alleys where our sewer lines are located.

Mr. John Sielski, 1700 Block Liberty Avenue – Mr. Sielski expressed concerns about the 2 way stop sign intersection at High Boulevard and Liberty Avenue. He feels that it should be a 4 way stop sign or signs should be posted warning that opposing traffic does not stop. Mr. Ibach and Mr. Holland commented that they have seen/experienced near accidents at that corner as well. There was a discussion about the possibility of conducting a traffic study of the intersection and Mr. Roche asked that Chief Heim research whether there have been any reported accidents there within the last 2 years. A comment was made that the cost of putting up two “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” signs should not be expensive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council met in an Executive Session from approximately 7:12 to 7:19 PM. Attorney Summers reported that the executive session concerned issues related to the refuse authority.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, PRESIDENT ROCHE - Mr. De Pasquale made a motion to approve the May Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fritz and the roll call vote was unanimous.

MAYOR HATZAS –

- Mayor Hatzas reported a total of \$1,937.38 in fines collected in May.
- Mayor Hatzas shared that comments were made at the most recent Neighborhood Watch Committee meeting about Kenhorst residents setting off fireworks as we approach the July 4th holiday timeframe. He said that specific addresses were mentioned. Mayor Hatzas, President Roche and Chief Heim discussed the Borough’s ordinance which specifically prohibits the sale of fireworks in the borough. It was agreed that at this time, there would not be an effort made to police the sale of minor “fireworks” materials such as sparklers, etc.
- Mayor Hatzas met with a resident who suggested that the stop sign in front of 303 Haig Boulevard be moved closer to the corner (Haig and Hancock Boulevard intersection). Mayor Hatzas agreed and recommends that the Borough consider moving the stop sign closer to the corner and reducing

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the amount of yellow painted curb. Mrs. Diesinger commented that PennDOT's regulations regarding stop sign intersections should be reviewed to see what is permitted before any changes are made. Mr. Hart mentioned there are site distance requirements that need to be met.

POLICE CHIEF HEIM –

- Chief Heim submitted his April and May reports. He stated that crime levels were relatively low in May as compared to April.
- Lt. Tornielli is doing a good job in relaying information and staying in touch with Borough contacts.

FIRE CHIEF HART - Chief Hart reviewed May's fire call activity summary – no loss to the Borough.

TAX COLLECTOR DENICE CARROLL - absent

FINANCE, COUNCILMAN FRITZ – Mr. Fritz presented the revenue and expenditure report and made a motion to approve the May 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 May codes and permitting report from Kraft Code Services. The open permit report is posted on the bulletin board for Council's review.
- President Roche asked that Mrs. Diesinger draft a letter to send to Mr. Bertschler at One United Church of Christ regarding the church's flea market patrons who parked in the No Parking areas along New Holland Road. There was a discussion that in the future, cars parked in the No Parking areas will be towed.

PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND –

Mr. Holland reported there are approximately 45 playground registrations - the playground program starts Monday, June 16th. At this time, the plan is to have a total of five leaders and a part-time fill-in leader. Mr. Holland made a motion to approve the hiring of the five leaders for this year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach and the roll call vote was unanimous.

PERSONNEL, PRESIDENT ROCHE – Mr. De Pasquale made a motion to ratify the hiring of Anna Smith to fill the Borough's Part-Time Administrative Assistant position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.

PROPERTY, VICE PRESIDENT CORRENTI – absent

REFUSE AND RECYCLING, COUNCILMAN MOHN – absent

SANITARY SEWERS, PRESIDENT ROCHE – no new information to report at this time.

STORM WATER/STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH – The Streets and Storm Water committee to meet this month.

SOLICITOR NAGY – Mr. Sean Summers attended in Ms. Nagy's absence.

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- The Hamilton hearing is scheduled for June 19th at 2 PM.
- The sheriff's sale for 1105 Fern Avenue has been cancelled.

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

- Spring Street Sweeping was completed – several cars were ticketed and a few were towed.
- Repaired two sinkholes and some alley pot holes.
- Final reimbursements received for blight property at 1105 Fern Avenue - \$10K+
- Installed security system at Brooke Boulevard garage.
- Upgraded cell phones to Samsung Galaxy S-4 - *\$50/month/phone plan remains in effect.*
- Issued 30+ Property Maintenance NOVs and 4 citations.
- Issued 245 arrears letters – *approximately \$21,000 has been collected since May 21st.*

President Roche complimented the Borough's new Property Maintenance Inspector, Mr. John Sielski and said he is doing a great job.

Unfinished Business

- Woodcrest Tree Removal and stream bank restoration - to be completed within the next few weeks.
- New dump truck – to be covered in New Business.

New Business

- Authorized Richard I. Hart Agency and Keystone Insurance to provide 2014-15 Borough Insurance - Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve Richard I. Hart Insurance Agency and Keystone Insurance. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Pasquale and the roll call vote was unanimous
- Authorized purchase of 2014 Freightliner truck and winter maintenance package - Mr. Fritz made a motion to proceed with the truck purchase. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized 902 Recycling Grant Opportunity application (intended for storage building, truck, chipper and bins) - Mr. De Pasquale made a motion to proceed with the grant application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Resolution #636 - authorizes municipal use of same vehicle speed timing equipment as state police
- Adoption of Ordinance #562 for Annual Real Estate Registry - Mr. Fritz made a motion to proceed with the adoption of Ordinance #562. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Resident Request – to repaint parking spot lines on 1800 Block of Liberty Avenue - Mr. De Pasquale made a motion to approve the line repainting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Resident Request – to place “Do Not Litter” signs on New Holland Road – President Roche called for a motion and no motion was made.
- SW swale behind Sunoco – modify trench to swale for ease of mowing for Arbor Care – no action taken.

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

ATTEST: _____ Eileen D. Becker – Secretary/Treasurer