

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL
July 3, 2014

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

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC – none

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council met in an Executive Session from approximately 7:02 to 7:12 PM. Ms. Nagy reported that the executive session concerned potential litigation related to utilities.

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

MAYOR HATZAS – Mayor Hatzas reported a total of \$1,455.86 in fines collected in June.

POLICE CHIEF HEIM – Chief Heim submitted his June report. He noted that it is usual to see an uptick in crime at the start of the summer season. There were three burglaries investigated; nothing else was notable.

FIRE CHIEF HART - Chief Hart reviewed June's fire call activity summary – there were 33 calls and no loss to the Borough.

TAX COLLECTOR DENICE CARROLL – Mr. Fritz read the Tax Collector's 2014 Second Quarter report in Ms. Carroll's absence.

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

CODES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, PRESIDENT ROCHE - President Roche summarized the June 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 –

- Mrs. Diesinger reported that the first few weeks of the Playground Program have gone well. Council received a letter from a parent who has several suggestions for playground activities and program improvements. It was discussed that Council may want to consider organizing a Parents Playground Association.
- The Mifflin Broncos organization approached Council to ask if they would be interested in allowing them to make certain upgrades/improvements to the park area and facilities. Council is very interested and excited about continuing discussions with the Broncos. The Parks and Recreation Committee will meet to review the preliminary drawing and plans.

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PERSONNEL, PRESIDENT ROCHE – nothing to report at this time.

PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS, VICE PRESIDENT CORRENTI – nothing to report at this time per Mrs. Diesinger.

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

SANITARY SEWERS, PRESIDENT ROCHE – status quo; nothing to report at this time.

STORM WATER/STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH – In Mr. Ibach's absence, Mrs. Diesinger reported that the Public Works crew has been busy repairing pot holes created by this past winter's weather. They recently repaired a large sinkhole in the 1100 block of Broadway Boulevard.

SOLICITOR NAGY – items to be addressed later in the agenda.

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

- Drafted 902 Recycling Equipment Grant application for \$100K and will submit in July.
- Public Works - trimmed traffic island trees, repaired a sinkhole and patched pot holes at various locations.
- Hamilton hearing Judge ordered Borough to clean up inside/outside, secure and lien the property.
- Zoning Hearing Board – Kenhorst Dairy Queen application for a new sign was granted with conditions.
- Borough insurance renewed and State Workers' Insurance Fund (SWIF) for Volunteer Fire Company Workers Compensation coverage was obtained.
- Issued 20+ Property Maintenance NOV's and 2 citations for soliciting without a permit.

Unfinished Business

- Woodcrest Tree Removal – work has begun; should be complete by next week weather permitting.
- Alley between 1300 blocks of Fern and Lancaster Avenues – Mr. Fritz asked for an update – Mrs. Diesinger confirmed that the Borough will repair the pot holes because our sewer line runs through this alley. Mr. Fritz questioned the same regarding the 1400 and 1500 block alleys and Mrs. Diesinger replied that the Borough will look at these areas as well. President Roche confirmed that the Streets Committee recommended not to designate the 1300 block alley as a Borough street.

New Business

- Approved Resolution # 637 - Transfer of \$24,000 from Equipment Fund to General Fund for new dump truck – Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve Resolution #637. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Pasquale and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized B & G Electric to repair salt shed door light and Community Center lights for \$1,435.00 - There was a discussion regarding the total number of lights located at the Community Center and Salt Shed properties. Mr. De Pasquale made a motion to authorize B & G Electric to repair salt shed

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door light and the Community Center lights for not more than \$1,435.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fritz and the roll call vote was unanimous.

- Authorized Borough Manager to obtain quotes for Hamilton Property Clean-Up - Mr. De Pasquale made a motion to authorize Mrs. Diesinger to proceed with obtaining cost quotes for Hamilton property clean-up. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fritz and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized Solicitor and Manager to draft Civil Criminal Ordinance and Advertise – Mr. Mohn made a motion to authorize drafting and advertising the Civil Criminal Ordinance. Solicitor Nagy explained that a civil criminal ordinance is one that outlines the manner of assessing various fines and the burden of proof. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Pasquale and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized Solicitor and Manager to draft amendment to existing parking Ordinance and Advertise – There was discussion regarding the problem of vehicles being parked on both sides of Liberty Avenue during Borough business hours. Mr. De Pasquale made a motion to authorize the draft of an amendment to the Parking Ordinance to paint parking space lines where appropriate and to designate the three spaces in front of Borough Hall on Liberty Avenue as reserved strictly for Borough use 24/7. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mohn and the roll call vote was unanimous.

REMINDERS

- Borough Hall closed Friday for July 4th holiday
- 2nd quarter sewer bills will be mailed this month – note minimum usage rate increased to \$100/quarter
- KVFC Chicken BBQ tickets go on sale Sunday, July 13th

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

ATTEST: _____

Eileen D. Becker – Secretary/Treasurer