

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL
August 7, 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, Ibach, Holland and Mohn, Fire Chief Dwayne Hart, Reading Police Captain Damond Kloc, Solicitor Jill Nagy and Borough Manager Jeri Diesinger. Absent: Reading Police Chief William Heim and Tax Collector Denice Carroll. Eileen Becker, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, recorded minutes of the meeting.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC – no residents or members of the public asked to be heard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council met in an Executive Session from approximately 7:02 to 7:17 PM. Ms. Nagy reported that the executive session concerned personnel issues and real estate concerns.

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

MAYOR HATZAS –

- Mayor Hatzas reported a total of \$1,114.83 in fines collected in July.
- The Mayor mentioned that Council has discussed 1400 Lancaster Avenue and would like to stay on top of possible zoning issues.

POLICE REPORT –

- Captain Kloc attended tonight's meeting in Chief Heim's absence. He submitted the July Crime statistics report and reviewed highlights. He said he would check into the car theft reported in July as this is an unusual occurrence in Kenhorst.

FIRE CHIEF HART –

- Chief Hart reviewed July's fire call activity summary – there were 42 calls and no loss to the Borough.
- Chief Hart will report on the details from the Chicken BBQ held on August 3rd at the September meeting.

TAX COLLECTOR DENICE CARROLL – absent.

FINANCE, COUNCILMAN FRITZ – Mr. Fritz presented the revenue and expenditure report and made a motion to approve the July 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 July Codes and Permitting report from Kraft Code Services. The open permit report is posted on the bulletin board for Council's review.
- The Codes and Emergency Services Committee will be meeting within the next month.

PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND –

- The Borough had another successful playground season this year; tomorrow 8/8 is the last day for this season.
- The Parks and Recreation Committee members will be meeting this month with the Mifflin Broncos management at the Park to review the Broncos proposed improvement plans.

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

PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS, VICE PRESIDENT CORRENTI – The Public Works crew and Mrs. Diesinger are working on assessing building/property damage from the May hailstorm.

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 –

Mr. Ibach reported that as time allows, the streets/public works crew have been working on filling potholes from the winter weather.

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

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

- Picked up new Freightliner truck
- Submitted 902 Recycling Equipment Grant – *for \$127,649*
- Began pothole Patching at various locations in the Borough
- Installed “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” signs on High at Liberty
- Completed/submitted Wastewater Treatment calculations for the City of Reading for Year 2013
- Completed Woodcrest Drive tree removal and stream bank restoration
- Completed Borough Property assessment of hail storm damages by Insurance Company
- Issued 50 roof permits
- Issued 78 Property Maintenance NOVs and 3 follow-up citations

Unfinished Business

- Mrs. Diesinger reported that Council would like the Police Department’s assistance in conducting a traffic study to learn the average speed and volume of vehicles travelling on Harding Boulevard from New Holland Road to Liberty Avenue in both directions. Mrs. Diesinger will connect with Lt. Tornielli and Captain Kloc will follow up as well.

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New Business

- Ordinance #564 Adopted – Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve a new ordinance regarding Civil/Criminal Enforcement. Ms. Nagy explained that this ordinance will allow enforcement even if the Borough did not actually witness the violation and will take care of amending every borough ordinance that imposes fines/penalties. Mr. Holland seconded the motion; the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized advertisement of Ordinance amending Section 37 of Borough Code – Mr. Fritz made a motion to amend the Liberty Avenue parking restrictions outside of Borough Hall. Three spaces will be designated used only for Borough-related business from 7AM to 10PM, Monday through Friday. The signs will be posted along the Borough building side from S. Kenhorst to the alley. Mr. DePasquale seconded the motion; the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized Personnel Committee to make recommendation to renew health benefits at a cost not to exceed the 2014 premium costs. Because the Health Renewal Plan #6 was determined not to be the best option, Mr. Ibach made a motion to authorize the Personnel Committee to recommend a new plan not to exceed the 2014 premium costs. Mr. DePasquale seconded the motion; the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized GMSD to stage Homecoming Parade at Plaza – Sunday, October 19 (Oct. 22 - rain date) - Mr. DePasquale made a motion to approve the requested date for the GMSD Homecoming Parade to begin at the Kenhorst Plaza on Sunday, October 19, 2014. Mr. Holland seconded the motion; the roll call vote was unanimous.

Reminders

- 2nd quarter sewer bills due August 15th
- Borough Hall closed September 1st – Labor Day holiday

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 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Eileen D. Becker – Secretary/Treasurer