

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL
September 4, 2014

President Roche called the Regular Meeting of the Kenhorst Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM. Present: Mayor Hatzas, Councilmen Correnti, Fritz, Ibach, Holland and Mohn, Fire Chief Dwayne Hart, Reading Police Chief William Heim, Attorney Sean Summers and Borough Manager Jeri Diesinger. Absent: Councilman Kevin De Pasquale, 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. Vince Balestrieri, Womelsdorf Borough – Mr. Balestrieri verbally presented Council with an offer to purchase the Borough's 2000 GMC 10-ton dump truck for \$18,500.00. Mr. Ibach made a motion to accept the offer of \$18,500.00 from Womelsdorf Borough. The motion was seconded by Mr. Correnti; the roll call vote was unanimous.

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

MAYOR HATZAS –

- Mayor Hatzas reported a total of \$547.36 in fines collected in August.
- Mrs. Diesinger confirmed that the Streets Supervisor and Streets Committee both reviewed the placement of the stop sign located at the Haig and Hancock Boulevard intersection. This was done in response to Mrs. Cech's request to move the stop sign closer to the corner so that there would be more parking spaces available. Mrs. Diesinger reported that the stop sign is as far forward as it should be and should not be moved. Mrs. Diesinger will send a letter to Mrs. Cech regarding this outcome.
- Mr. Fritz asked about the establishment located at 1400 Lancaster Avenue. The Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer will make an appointment to inspect the ground floor premises reported to be currently used as a "youth refuge".

POLICE REPORT –

- Chief Heim provided the August Crime Statistics report. He noted that there were a few burglaries this month in which residents had left doors or windows unlocked.
- President Roche asked if the City requires permits for solicitation.
- President Roche also asked whether the City owns a car speed trailer. The City doesn't but Chief Heim will check with other municipalities to see if they can borrow or rent one to use on Harding Avenue. He mentioned that the State Police can do speed details. Mr. Ibach inquired whether the Borough would consider purchasing a speed trailer. Mr. Balestrieri from Womelsdorf Borough mentioned that their Borough has checked into buying one and they cost \$4,400.00. There was a discussion about whether the trailers also count traffic vehicles. Chief Heim will ask the Traffic Department to research.

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FIRE CHIEF HART –

- Chief Hart reviewed August's fire call activity summary.
- The Chicken BBQ sale in August was successful – 1,031 dinners were sold and the Fire Company raised \$3,439.00 after expenses.

TAX COLLECTOR DENICE CARROLL – absent.

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

CODES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, PRESIDENT ROCHE –

- President Roche summarized the August Codes and Permitting report from Kraft Code Services. The open permit report is posted on the bulletin board for Council's review.
- Residents/property owners need to be reminded that building permits should be posted on windows so that Borough staff and Kraft don't waste time in researching whether a permit was issued.

PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND –

- The Parks and Recreation Committee met at the Park area with the Mifflin Broncos representatives. It was decided that the Borough would proceed with a scaled down version of the Broncos improvement plan for now.
- It was a very successful playground year. The committee will get together in January/February to discuss plans for next year.

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

PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS, VICE PRESIDENT CORRENTI – The old dump truck was sold for \$18,500 and the new mowing tractor was purchased for \$14,000.

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

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

STORM WATER/STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH – no report at this time.

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

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

- Continued Pot Hole Patching – used 6 tons of asphalt in 1300 block Fern/Lancaster Ave alley
- Notification that Borough will receive Performance Grant of \$6,052 for recycling in 2012
- Began draft 2015 budget
- Issued ~ 250 real estate registry final reminders – forms due 9/8/2014 or citations will be issued
- Issued 35 Property Maintenance NOVs, 3 PM citations and 1 citation for soliciting w/o permit
- Issued 233 arrears reminders on 8/22/2014 – recovered over \$14K to date

Unfinished Business

- Electric work at Pump Station, Community Center and at Memorial
- Traffic study (speed and volume) on Harding from New Holland Road to Liberty Avenue

New Business

- Ratify health coverage by Highmark for term 9/1/14 to 8/31/15
- Receive 2015 MMO – Minimum Municipal Obligation information per Act 205
- Authorized new purchase of John Deere Mower/Tractor - Mr. Correnti made a motion to approve the new tractor purchase at a cost not to exceed \$14,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fritz and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Adopted Ordinance #565 to amend restrictions of parking on Liberty Ave - Mr. Holland made a motion to approve Ordinance #565 which amends the parking restrictions on Liberty Avenue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Correnti; and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Appoint Ordinance Recodification Committee to review draft manuscript
- Appoint Finance Committee to review 2015 preliminary draft budget
- Authorized the Borough’s May hail storm repairs - Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve proceeding with the necessary repairs based on the insurance estimates. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized execution of Radio Management User Agreement - Mr. Correnti made a motion to approve the execution of the new Radio Agreement pending review by the Solicitor. The motion seconded by Mr. Ibach and the roll call vote was unanimous.

REMARKS – There being no further remarks or business, Mr. Ibach 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