

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL  
October 2, 2014

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

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**RESIDENTS/PUBLIC**

Mrs. Judy Makosch-Reilly, 1000 Block Commonwealth Blvd and Mr. Edward Makosch, 1600 Block Fayette Avenue (Mr. Makosch is Ms. Makosch-Reilly's brother and spoke on her behalf). Ms. Makosch-Reilly received a letter from the Borough regarding the possible future need for her to install sidewalks in order for school children to be able to safely reach the bus stop located at her address without walking on private property. Mrs. Diesinger clarified that the letter stated that sidewalks *may* have to be installed. Mrs. Makosch-Reilly stated that she could not afford to have sidewalks put in. President Roche commented that Council had heard Ms. Makosch-Reilly was yelling at the children at the bus stop for stepping on her property. She stated that she only corrected the children when they were running on her driveway and pushing/shoving each other. Mr. Makosch read from 2007 Council Meeting minutes where it was noted that former Solicitor Krafcek would take care of paperwork to change ownership of the corner property adjacent to 1012 Commonwealth to Ms. Makosch-Reilly's name. Mrs. Diesinger will research and report back to Council and Ms. Makosch-Reilly regarding property ownership.

Mrs. Colleen Stamm, 1400 Block Liberty Avenue, Mifflin Area Library Board Member – Mrs. Stamm presented Council with a report regarding the Library's activities and Strategic Impact Plan. She thanked Council for their past support of the Library and requested another year of level funding (\$2,877 was donated in 2014). President Roche commented that he did not foresee a problem with the Borough continuing their support. Currently, there are 257 Kenhorst households who are active users of the library.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Council met in an Executive Session from approximately 7:20 to 7:46 PM. Ms. Nagy reported that the executive session concerned matters pertaining to real estate and litigation.

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

**MAYOR HATZAS** – Mayor Hatzas reported a total of \$1,544.76 in fines collected in September.

**POLICE REPORT**

- Chief Heim provided the September Crime Statistics report.
- President Roche thanked Chief Heim for the efforts of the two officers who worked on the traffic study for Harding Avenue. It provided valuable information for the Council and their time and efforts are appreciated.

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**FIRE CHIEF HART** –

- Chief Hart reviewed September's fire call activity summary. There were 33 calls involving an average of 4 firefighters; there was no loss to the Borough.
- The KVFC will again participate in the joint Governor Mifflin Area Fire Prevention activities planned for Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 12-3 PM at GM High School.

**TAX COLLECTOR DENICE CARROLL** – absent.

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

**CODES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, PRESIDENT ROCHE** –

- President Roche summarized the September Codes and Permitting report from Kraft Code Services. The open permit report is posted on the bulletin board for Council's review.
- Council discussed at the workshop meeting that the Borough Office voice mail message will be changed to give callers the non-emergency Reading Police numbers for after-hours sewer problems.

**PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND** – nothing to report.

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

**PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS, VICE PRESIDENT CORRENTI** –

- The Borough is still working on getting quotes for hail damage to Borough buildings. Our insurance adjustor has provided the specifications for the repairs.
- The Public Works crewmen will begin work next week on replacing the Borough Hall rear steps.

**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** – Nothing to report at this time other than the Traffic Study results.

**SOLICITOR NAGY** – nothing to report at this time.

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

- Completed Hancock Blvd residence - clean up inside/outside
- Researched safety complaint from residents on Highwood – area of no sidewalks on Commonwealth
- Returned 4 old municipal cell phones for \$300
- Completed sale of GMC truck, plow and spreader
- Purchased 2014 John Deere tractor with mower and winter maintenance attachments

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- Public Works installed lights at Community Center entrance doors
- Purchased and posted parking signs on Liberty Avenue
- Published and mailed the 2014 Fall newsletter
- Began review of Ordinance Recodification Draft Manuscript
- Completed and submitted 2013 904 Recycle Performance Report to PADEP
- Completed initial draft 2015 budget – meeting with finance committee pending
- ~92% return on completed annual real estate registry – tracking down last 100 before citations issued
- Issued 26 Property Maintenance NOVs, 4 PM citations and 2 citations for soliciting w/o permit
- As of 9/26, 8 properties set for water shut off on 9/29

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Electric work at Pump Station, Community Center and at Memorial

**New Business**

- Update on Harding Avenue Traffic Study (speed and volume) from New Holland to Liberty – the Police Officers kept track of the types of vehicles as well as counts. The Streets and Safety Committees will be jointly reviewing the study results and to consider possible remedies.
- Report on PennDOT 724 Angelica Creek Bridge Repair Project – *Detour concerns*. Mrs. Diesinger reported that PennDOT will conduct traffic studies regarding the proposed road detours. It was discussed that the Borough should push for PennDOT's guidance as well as possible solutions such as temporary traffic lights at busy intersections and road restoration assistance.
- Parking in Borough by non-residents and parking violations/police enforcement. There was a discussion with Chief Heim regarding residents' concerns about cars which are owned by both residents and non-residents alike being stored on Borough streets. Borough ordinances allow for a ticket to be issued if a vehicle is parked in the same spot for 72 hours or more without moving. The topic of whether the officers could bypass parking tickets altogether and issue state citations up front was also discussed.
- Authorization for arborist to evaluate five trees – 3 at Borough Hall and 2 in ROW behind fire house. Mr. De Pasquale made a motion to approve arborist evaluation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach; the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Cargill Salt delivery – Ms. Nagy reported that arrangements are being worked out with Cargill to have salt delivered to Mohnton Borough. She hopes to move forward in resolving soon.
- Hancock Blvd property – Property clean-up is complete. Plans are to proceed with a sheriff's sale. Ms. Nagy recommended that it would be a good idea for the Borough to pursue some type of insurance coverage to protect the Borough's investment in the property. Mr. Fritz made a motion to obtain insurance for 1469 Hancock Boulevard. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach and the roll call vote was unanimous
- Property Acquisition Resolution #638 Authorized - Mr. Correnti made a motion to approve Resolution authorizing the Borough Solicitor to commence procedures for property acquisition. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Pasquale; the roll call vote was unanimous.

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**Final Remarks and Adjournment**

- Fall Leaf Collection will begin the week of October 6<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> - Bulk Cleanup Day – place bulk items curbside with regular trash
- Halloween will be observed on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 – 8 p.m.

**REMARKS** – There being no further remarks or business, Mr. De Pasquale made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Eileen D. Becker – Secretary/Treasurer