

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL
January 8, 2015

President Roche called the Regular Meeting of the Kenhorst Borough Council to order at 7:02 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 – Mr. Darrell Golembiewski, 1500 Block of Fayette Avenue – Mr. Golembiewski expressed concerns about the need for traffic control and management due to issues caused by the Dance Expression Studio customers. He said there are too many cars and the parking areas are overloaded. Studio customers do not look before pulling out of the alley and are still parking on the north side of Milford Avenue even though replacement “No Parking” signs were recently installed. President Roche asked Chief Heim if the patrol officers can make that area a priority especially when the dance studio is holding classes (Monday through Friday from 3 PM to 11PM)..

MEETING MINUTES AND CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL, PRESIDENT ROCHE –

- President Roche asked Ms. Nagy to provide a summary regarding the Executive Session that was held during the Conditional Use hearing held prior to the Council meeting. Ms. Nagy explained that Council held an Executive Session in which they discussed the Conditional Use matter and an update to a litigation matter.
- Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve the December 4, 2014 regular meeting minutes and the December 29, 2014 special meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Pasquale and the roll call vote was unanimous.

MAYOR HATZAS - Mayor Hatzas reported a total of \$228.54 in fines collected in December.

POLICE REPORT - Chief Heim provided the December Crime Statistics report as well as a report comparing crime statistics from 2011 through 2014. 2012 had the most number of crimes recorded but 2013 and 2014 crime numbers were relatively low. Although the spike in burglaries in 2014 is of concern, the Chief said crimes categorized as “violent” are at a minimum in Kenhorst. The Kenhorst Neighborhood Watch group formed and has been active over the last few years. Chief Heim noted that they may deserve some credit for the reduction in overall crime numbers.

FIRE CHIEF HART –

Chief Hart reviewed both the December fire call activity summary as well as the 2014 annual report. In December, there were 27 calls involving an average of 5 firefighters for a total of 24 hours and 44 minutes. In 2014 there were 361 calls involving an average of 4 firefighters for a total of 200 hours and 59 minutes. There was no fire loss to the Borough in 2014.

TAX COLLECTOR DENICE CARROLL – absent

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

CODES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, PRESIDENT ROCHE –

- President Roche summarized the December Codes and Permitting report from Kraft Code Services. The open permit report is posted on the bulletin board for Council's review.
- Council is reminded to contact the office if they see building/construction work going on to confirm whether a permit has been obtained.
- Nothing to report regarding Emergency Services.

PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND – the Committee will be scheduling a meeting soon to confirm what improvements will be made to the park/fields as a result of the Mifflin Broncos support.

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

PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS, VICE PRESIDENT CORRENTI – the hail storm damage work is on hold until the weather permits the repairs to be started. Mrs. Diesinger noted that the Borough has received the insurance damage reimbursement funds and has procured the services of a contractor for the repair work.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING, COUNCILMAN MOHN – Mr. Mohn received reports from Council members that there were recent issues with Eagle crews setting emptied containers on sidewalks instead of curb areas. President Roche asked that Mrs. Diesinger send a reminder letter to Eagle regarding correct placing of emptied containers.

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

STORM WATER/STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH – nothing to report at this time.

SOLICITOR NAGY – Ms. Nagy has items which will be covered later in the agenda.

BOROUGH MANAGER DIESINGER – December's monthly report and 2014's annual report were previously provided to Council. Mrs. Diesinger commented that overall, 2014 was a good year that resulted in the Borough not having to use carry over funds from 2013 to balance the budget. President Roche said the Borough was successful at ending the year under budget and he thanked Borough staff for working hard to keep expenses in check. Of special note in December:

- Leaf collection completed on December 15th
- Two trees trimmed next to Borough Hall
- Finalized review of Ordinance Recodification Draft Manuscript
- Published and mailed Winter 2014 Newsletter
- Obtained quotes from contractors to repair hail damage to municipal facilities

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- PS wet well electric system transfer – Budgeted to be completed this year.
- Hancock Blvd property sheriff sale – Ms. Nagy reported that her office will proceed shortly with the next step toward the sheriff sale. She anticipates that the sheriff sale will be scheduled for March or April this year.
- Two new street lights in 1300 block of Fern – tabled at November meeting- After discussion, it was decided that the Borough will request that MetED send an engineer to meet with President Roche and Public Works Supervisor Mr. Hart to determine which locations MetED will approve for the new lights. Mrs. Diesinger reported that MetED would charge over \$2,000.00/light because MetED would need to install new poles to accommodate the new lights. President Roche does not want new lights installed unless they are LED.
- Hailstorm Repairs to Borough Facilities – Mrs. Diesinger reported that a contractor has been selected and the work will commence as soon as weather conditions permits.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approved L2i Conditional Use Request – Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve the L2i Conditional Use request subject to the conditions listed below. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Based upon the facts and evidence presented at the January 8, 2015 Conditional Use Hearing, the Borough Council approves the Conditional Use Application subject to the following conditions, which shall be binding upon the Applicant and/or future persons who shall construct a project in substantial conformity with the application without resubmission for other zoning relief:

1. The Applicants are bound by the testimony and evidence presented at the January 8, 2015 Hearing.
2. The Applicant shall submit any land development plans to the appropriate fire marshal for review and comment prior to the issuance of any building permits.
3. During the land development process, the Applicant shall submit architectural depictions as a condition of plan review for comment by Borough Council.
4. The Applicant shall coordinate its fire alarm/smoke alarm system for coordination of a unified system to the Kenhorst Borough Chief for approval prior to installation.
5. The Applicant shall not permit a dumpster for trash removal by tenants. Rather, tenants shall utilize individual trash receptacles which shall be stored indoors and then placed for pick up at a designated location on the property which shall be approved by Borough Council.
6. The Borough shall agree to flexibility in landscaping and shall make a determination regarding the location and number of trees and/or shrubs on the property or alternative site as determined by Borough Council or, if agreed upon by the parties, a reasonable fee in-lieu of amount.
7. The Applicant shall install curbing along the entrance of the property at a point designated by the Planning Commission in its recommendation which is incorporated herein as if more fully set forth herein.

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- Accepted Extension for L2i Land Development Review – Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept an extension to June 30, 2015 for L2i to complete the land development planning process. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized Council President to Sign Conditional Use Approval – Mr. Ibach made a motion to authorize President Roche to sign the Conditional Use written decision prior to the next meeting of Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Pasquale and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Adopted Resolution #643 – 2015 Council Committees - Mr. Correnti made a motion to adopt Resolution #643. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fritz and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Adopted Resolution #644 – Western Berks Refuse Authority (WBRA) Delegate Appointment – Mr. Fritz made a motion to adopt Resolution #644 which reappoints President Roche to serve as the Borough’s delegate to the WBRA and designates Mrs. Diesinger as the alternate delegate. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Pasquale and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Winners of 2014 Holiday Lights Contest – Mr. Correnti made a motion to approve payments for the 2014 Holiday Lights contest winners. The prizes are First Place - \$75.00, Second Place - \$50.00 and Third Place - \$25.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized 2014 Financial Audit with Herbein & Company – Mr. Holland made a motion to authorize Herbein & Company to conduct the Borough’s 2014 Financial Audit at a cost not to exceed \$7500.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Correnti and the roll call vote was unanimous. Mrs. Diesinger will execute the agreement.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

- Resident Request for Vegetative Screening to be planted at rear of Borough Hall property - Ms. Nagy explained that contrary to the property owner’s understanding, the current Zoning Ordinance does not require the planting of trees at the Borough Hall rear fence area. The property is “grandfathered” because it was in existence prior to the new Zoning Ordinance being adopted in August 2012. Mrs. Diesinger will send a written response to that effect to the property owner.
- Tabled Resolution #645 - 2015 Fee Schedule – this item was tabled until the February Council meeting as further review is needed.
- MS4 Presentation at the February Council Meeting – Council was advised that Berks County Planning Commission representatives will make a short presentation about the state required MS4 Storm Water program. Mrs. Diesinger commented that the presentation should only take 15/20 minutes and it will help satisfy the public education requirements of the Borough’s MS4 Permit.

Final Remarks and Adjournment

There being no further remarks or business, Mr. Ibach made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. De Pasquale. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Eileen D. Becker – Secretary/Treasurer