

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL
April 2, 2015

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, Reading Police Chief William Heim, Fire Chief Dwayne Hart, Solicitor Jill Nagy, Attorney Samantha Phillips and Borough Manager Jeri Diesinger. Absent: Tax Collector Denice Carroll. Eileen Becker, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, recorded minutes of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC - none

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council met in an Executive Session from approximately 7:02 to 7:25 PM. Ms. Nagy reported that the executive session concerned litigation regarding the Hamilton property as well as property acquisition matters.

MEETING MINUTES, PRESIDENT ROCHE – Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach; the roll call vote was unanimous.

MAYOR HATZAS –

- Mayor Hatzas reported the total fines collected for February (\$1,648.97) and March (\$391.11).
- Lt. Monteiro of the Reading Police Department contacted Mayor Hatzas to see if the Borough would consider making a donation to support the annual Michael H. Wise Foundation fundraiser. The Borough would be recognized as a sponsor on the fundraiser tee shirt. Mr. Ibach made a motion to approve a donation of \$200.00 to the Michael H. Wise Foundation. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Pasquale; the roll call vote was unanimous. Mayor Hatzas asked that the check be given to him directly so he can provide it to Lt. Monteiro.

POLICE REPORT –

- Chief Heim provided March Crime Statistics report and commented that it was a pretty typical month.
- President Roche has noticed a big difference in the patrol car presence in the borough on weekends. Chief Heim said he's aware that Officer Burkhardt has been taking care of recent reports of individuals soliciting in the borough without a permit.
- The Borough is still working on the police contract review and will bring the contract renewal to the May meeting.

FIRE CHIEF HART - Chief Hart reviewed the March fire call activity report. In March, there were 34 calls involving an average of 4 firefighters for a total of 22 hours and 7 minutes. There was a fire loss of \$5,000.00 in the Borough. –

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 March expenses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland; the roll call vote was unanimous.

CODES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, PRESIDENT ROCHE – President Roche shared a summary of the March Codes and Permitting report received from Kraft Code Services. The new open permit report is posted on the bulletin board for Council’s review.

PARKS & RECREATION, COUNCILMAN HOLLAND – the Borough is accepting employment applications for playground leaders until April 15th and will make decisions after the committee meets.

PERSONNEL, PRESIDENT ROCHE – new items to be covered later in the agenda.

PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS, VICE PRESIDENT CORRENTI – Mr. Correnti has been in contact with Mr. Hart regarding the new dump truck. The salt spreader mechanism started leaking hydraulic fluid. The leak was fixed and the work was covered under warranty.

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

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

STORM WATER/STREETS, COUNCILMAN IBACH –

- Mr. Ibach will be meeting with Mr. Hart soon to determine what streets need attention after this year’s winter.
- Mr. Mohn commented that the street in front of his house looks like it’s been “chewed” up. He believes it was resurfaced a few years ago but is already starting to break up. President Roche said they would make sure to take a look when they do the streets review.

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

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

- Received Solicitor’s comments on Ordinance Recodification Manuscript
- Recovered over \$36,000 in sewer/refuse arrears
- Mailed Spring 2015 edition of newsletter
- Resolved delivery of state salt contract order
- Coordinated CodeRED notification system set up and completed training
- Advertised for 2015 playground leaders - due date for applications is 4/15
- Trained for and achieved compliance as UST A/B Operator – (D. Hart and J. Diesinger now certified)
- Upgraded computer security system firewall
- Reinstalled the repaired muffin monster into pump station

BOROUGH MANAGER DIESINGER CONTINUED

- Completed 2015 sewer inspection/repairs – A total of 15,904 feet of sanitary sewer piping were cleaned & TV'd. A total of 337 joints were tested, made 24, 2-foot repairs and 6, 4-foot repairs, cut roots in four laterals on Broadway, used 375 gallons of grout. This year's inspection and maintenance program expenditures totaled ~ \$77,000 for the areas last inspected in 2006.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Two new street lights in 1300 block of Fern – President Roche and Mr. Hart will work on this item for the May meeting.
- Hailstorm Repairs to Borough Facilities – Mrs. Diesinger reported that the roof repair work should be done over the next few weeks depending upon the weather.
- Authorize screening along rear Borough Hall fence - **tabled until May meeting.**
- Park parking lot extension project – **tabled until May meeting.**
- Authorization of 2015-2018 Police Contract – **tabled for May meeting.**
- Temporary/2-hour parking sign adjacent to small business – After discussion, it was decided that Ms. Nagy and Mrs. Diesinger will review the matter further before making a recommendation to Council. Decisions need to be made as to what constitutes a “small business” and how the borough will determine who is eligible to request the signs/parking spaces. Ms. Nagy said the ordinance itself will be simple to document.

NEW BUSINESS.

- Authorized 2 electrical projects (Pump Station wet well electric system transfer and Memorial light repair) – Mr. Correnti made a motion to approve both projects at a total cost not to exceed \$2,600.00 based on a quote from B & G Electric. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach; the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized hiring of a temporary, full-time public works crew person for 4 – 6 months - Mr. De Pasquale made a motion to approve the temporary public works position at \$15.00/hour without a CDL license and \$16.50/hour with a CDL license. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach; the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized CodeRED notification system “all call” launch date on May 4th - Mr. Ibach made a motion to approve the May 4th “all-call” launch date for the CodeRED system. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Pasquale; the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Ratified emergency sewer vent, trap and standpipe repair at Upland Avenue address - Mr. Correnti made a motion to ratify the emergency sewer repair at 990 Upland Avenue at a total cost not to exceed \$2,980.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mohn; the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized HOP#340093 for the L2i Project on New Holland Road - Mr. Ibach made a motion to authorize executing the HOP #340093 for the L2i New Holland Road apartment building project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fritz; the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized the 2014 902 Recycling Grant agreement - Mr. Fritz made a motion to authorize the execution of the 2014 902 Recycling Grant for \$114,848. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland; the roll call vote was unanimous.

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NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

- Authorized Industrial Grounds Maintenance for Street Sweeping - Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve Industrial Grounds Maintenance for 4 days of Street Sweeping during the week of May 12th, 2015 at a cost of \$3,400.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach; the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized Diesel UST Modifications – Mr. De Pasquale made a motion to approve the UST modifications to include installation of a drop tube for diesel and an emergency stop switch. The motion was seconded by Mr. Correnti; the roll call vote was unanimous.
- 724 Bridge PA DOT Sidewalk Request – After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept PA DOT’s offer to install a permanent sidewalk on the north side of the 724 bridge over Angelica Creek. There was no second to Mr. Fritz’s motion.
- Road Closure permit application for One United Church of Christ – After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve UCC’s Road Closure permit application for their Flea Market/Car Show event on May 30th, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mohn. The roll call vote was 2-YES and 5-NO (Correnti, De Pasquale, Holland, Ibach and Roche). The motion was denied. Mrs. Diesinger will contact the church to deny the permit application in writing.
- Notice to Council: Zoning Hearing Board Meeting on Monday, May 11, 2015 for Pet Photography Studio –at 1439 New Holland Road.
- The Borough and Tax Offices will be closed Friday, April 3rd in observance of the Good Friday holiday.
- Egg Hunt - Chief Hart reminded Council that the Children’s Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Playground on Saturday, April 3rd at 10AM weather permitting. It will be held indoors at the Fire Company Social Quarters banquet hall if it rains.

Final Remarks and Adjournment

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 approximately 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Eileen D. Becker – Secretary/Treasurer