

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL
May 7, 2015

President Roche called the Regular Meeting of the Kenhorst Borough Council to order at 7:01 PM. Present: Mayor Hatzas, Councilmen Correnti, De Pasquale, Fritz, Ibach, Holland and Mohn, Reading Police Chief William Heim, Fire Chief Dwayne Hart, Attorney Sean Summers, and Borough Manager Jeri Diesinger. Absent: Tax Collector Denice Carroll and Solicitor Jill Nagy. Eileen Becker, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, recorded minutes of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

FIREFIGHTER RECOGNITION - Fire Chief Hart presented Certificates of Recognition for Fire Training to Zachary Baker, William Stucke and Mark Nies. President Roche thanked the firefighters for their time and efforts on behalf of the borough.

FIRE POLICE SWEARING IN – Rick Stewart was sworn as a Fire Police Officer by Mayor Hatzas.

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC –

Pastor Rebecca Hoover, One United Church of Christ – Pastor Becky addressed Council regarding their denial of the Church’s Road Closure application for their annual One Fest event. She was joined by various church lay leaders and friends. Pastor Becky explained that the festival is a fundraiser which benefits the Greater Berks County Food Bank. Council members explained that the application was denied due to safety concerns because festival attendees did not heed the “No Parking” signs posted on both sides of New Holland Road. Council is very concerned that someone will be seriously injured. After discussion about different ways to prevent cars being parked along New Holland Road during future festivals, several ideas were agreed upon by both the Church and Council. The Church would enlist several volunteers wearing bright safety vests to patrol both sides of New Holland to instruct attendees not to park there. Caution tape will be hung on both sides of NHR attached to stakes and/or posts to discourage cars being parked. The Borough will notify Reading Police to request additional patrols/officers to be present during festival hours.

Robert Correas, 1300 Block of Wingate Avenue

Mr. Correas represented Wingate Avenue residents and neighbors who have planned a Block Party Celebration on Saturday, May 23, 2015. The Road Closure/Event Application is for a pig roast to be held from 12 to 10 PM at the corner of Wingate and Grill Avenues. Mr. Correas has contacted all effected neighbors either in person or by mail. After discussion, Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve the Wingate Avenue Block Party Road Closure application for Saturday, May 23, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach and the roll call vote was unanimous. Borough staff will drop off road barricades at Mr. Correas’ driveway after 1 PM on Friday, May 22nd.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council met in an Executive Session from approximately 7:25 to 7:35 PM. Mr. Summers reported that the executive session concerned potential litigation.

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

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MAYOR HATZAS – Mayor Hatzas reported the total fines collected for April (\$565.93).

POLICE REPORT – Chief Heim provided the April Crime Statistics report.

FIRE CHIEF HART - Chief Hart reviewed the April fire call activity report. There were 38 calls involving an average of 5 firefighters for a total of 24 hours and 52 minutes. There was no fire loss to the Borough.

TAX COLLECTOR DENICE CARROLL – absent

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

CODES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, PRESIDENT ROCHE – President Roche shared a summary of the April 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 Committee met on April 24th and finalized the interview list for playground candidates. Mr. Holland made a motion to approve the hiring of a 6th playground leader. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach and the roll call vote was unanimous.

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

PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS, VICE PRESIDENT CORRENTI –nothing to report at this time.

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 –new item to be covered later in meeting agenda.

SOLICITOR NAGY – Attorney Summers attended in Ms. Nagy’s absence. There are no new legal items.

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

- Hired Jesse Schweitzer as temporary, full-time roadman
- Began incorporating Solicitor’s comments on Ordinance Recodification Manuscript
- Receipt and review of 2015 playground leaders applications
- Start-up of 2015 Property Maintenance inspection program on April 13th – 33 NOVs sent out to date

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BOROUGH MANAGER CONTINUED

- Hail damage repairs were made to all Borough facilities – *one change order to be ratified on 5/7*
- Completed 2012 Recycle grant reimbursement report – *submitted final request/close-out on 4/29*
- Completed 2014-2015 MS4 permit storm water report – *finalizing - will submit to DEP in May*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Hancock Blvd property – *sheriff sale in July*
- Two new street lights in 1300 block of Fern – *Tabled in November*
- Kenhorst Park lot expansion –*design/bid \$7,900, construction \$45-\$55K Tabled in April*

NEW BUSINESS.

- Ratified Change Order #1 for 1108 Brooke Boulevard for additional garage roof repairs of \$5,511 – Mr. Correnti made a motion to ratified the additional salt shed garage roof repairs. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Pasquale and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized revisions to and subsequent advertisement of the draft Ordinance for time-limited, on-street reserved parking for small businesses in the Borough – Mr. Ibach made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the new Ordinance for limited commercial parking spaces. Ms. Nagy and Mrs. Diesinger will review each business's request for reserved parking space(s) and will bring to Council for final approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Pasquale and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Request from Berks County Emergency Response Team for \$500 to support programs in 2015 – no action per Mayor Hatzas. This letter does not concern the Borough.
- Request from Children and Youth Services regarding waiver of playground fee – After discussion, it was decided that Mrs. Diesinger would contact Children Youth and Services to ask if they could define the criteria they used for evaluating the legitimacy of the resident's waiver request.
- Authorized Greenway to Woodcrest sewer gravity line work at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 - Mr. Holland made a motion to approve the sewer gravity line work. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibach and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Approved Joanna. Roche's request to conduct exercise class once per week (Thursday evenings) at the Community Center – Classes are for Kenhorst residents and are free. The Borough will supply liability waivers to be signed by participants. Mr. Holland made a motion to approve Joanna. Roche's exercise class request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Correnti. The motion passed with the roll call vote of 6-Yes, 1-Abstain (President Roche).
- Accepted Resignation of Bernard Blanski from Planning Commission - Mr. De Pasquale made a motion to accept Mr. Blanski's resignation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fritz and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized 2015 Road Work Milling and Paving Bidding Specifications – Mr. Ibach made a motion to authorize McCarthy Engineering to provide the 2015 Road Work specifications. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Pasquale and the roll call vote was unanimous

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NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

- Authorized recommended 2015 Milling and Repaving Road Work (1300 block of Brooke, High Blvd from Commonwealth to the Bridge, Haig from New Holland to Hancock and High Blvd from Liberty to Hancock) - Mr. Ibach made a motion to authorize the 2015 Road Work locations as noted above. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Pasquale and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- Authorized Execution of the 2016-2018 Police Contract - Mr. Correnti made a motion to authorize execution of the new Police contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Final Remarks and Adjournment

- Monday, May 11th - ZHB appeal hearing for Pet Photography Studio – 1439 New Holland Rd - 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 12th – PC meeting for L2i Properties Land Development Plan - 7 p.m.
- May 12th through May 15th – Street Sweeping
- Tuesday, May 19th – Primary Day – *Don't forget to VOTE!*
- Monday, May 25th – Memorial Day Holiday - *Borough Offices will be closed*

There being no further remarks or business, Mr. Correnti made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. De Pasquale. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Eileen D. Becker – Secretary/Treasurer