

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL
September 3, 2015

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER

Presentation – Mayor Hatzas presented Certificates of Appreciation for Nancy Polito (Ken-Grill Pool Manager), Quinn Bieber (Life Guard) and William Keppen (Kenhorst Resident) for heroic actions on June 24, 2015. Mrs. Polito and Mr. Keppen were in attendance. Mrs. Polito explained that on June 24th of this year, a young child who had been pulled from under the water was successfully resuscitated. Mrs. Polito thanked Council for their recognition and said she was just glad that the situation ended positively.

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD –

Dr. Stephen M. Gerhard, Governor Mifflin School District Superintendent – Dr. Gerhard was recently appointed as new superintendent. He shared that he is originally from Berks County and graduated from Governor Mifflin High School. He is looking forward to getting to know the GMSD municipalities and attended the most recent GMACC meeting.

William Haldeman, 900 Block of Greenway Terrace – Mr. Haldeman presented a sketch drawing to illustrate his idea for addressing the traffic/parking congestion that occurs on his street when Alvernia is in session. Dr. Joseph Cicala, Vice President of Student Affairs and Public Safety at Alvernia University, accompanied Mr. Haldeman. Mr. Haldeman explained that Alvernia’s main entrance is directly across the street from the front of his house. Because of cars parking along both sides of the street near the college entrance, traffic backs up and there is not enough room for vehicles to enter and exit. His suggestion is to establish several feet of “No Parking” yellow curbed areas on both sides of Greenway Terrace. Mr. Roche thanked Mr. Haldeman for his efforts. This matter will be referred to the Road Superintendent for review and someone will get back to Mr. Haldeman when a decision is made on how to proceed.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL –

Mr. Roche presented the meeting minutes from August 6, 2015. Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve the minutes from August with Mr. Holland offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

A brief executive session was conducted to discuss personnel and concluding litigation matters.

REPORTS –

Mayor - Mayor Hatzas reported a total of \$949.49 in fines were received by the Borough during the month of August.

Reading Police Chief - Chief William Heim presented the August police report. Of special note:

- Two incidents of spray painting vandalism at the Community Center/Playground were reported.
- Additional burglaries reported in August where mostly unlocked sheds/garages were broken into.
- Two other crimes of interest – a vacant property that is for sale was broken into when the realty company’s lock box was opened to obtain the house key. A second burglary occurred where an expensive collection was stolen taken and is believed to have been taken by someone familiar

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with the residents and/or property. Borough residents are urged to keep garages, sheds, and vehicles locked.

- Mr. William Keppen, 1300 Block of La Crosse Avenue – Mr. Keppen asked Chief Heim if he knew of any reports of kids riding motorbikes over the park property. Chief Heim will check and will advise patrol officers to be on the lookout for the motorbikes as they are not permitted on Borough property.

Kenhorst VFD Chief – Chief Dwayne Hart provided the August report. Of note:

- There were 24 calls with an average of 5 firefighters responding for a total of 14 hours, 30 minutes. There was no loss to the Borough.
- BBQ Chicken Fundraiser – 934 BBQ chicken dinners were sold for a profit of \$3,069.43, plus an additional \$173 in cash donations. The Ladies' Auxiliary also raised \$315 with their baked goods sale.

Tax Collector – no report

Finance – Mr. Fritz presented the financial report for revenue and expenses for August and made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Holland to pay the bills. Roll call vote was unanimous to pay the bills.

Codes & Emergency Services – Mr. Roche presented a summary of the August Kraft Code Services report with Council and indicated that the latest open permits report was posted. Anyone who has a question as to whether or not a permit is required and/or was obtained for work going on in the Borough should contact the Office.

Parks & Playground – Mr. Holland commented on the previously mentioned vandalism at the park property. The proposed short and long term plans for the Park property are on hold until early 2016.

Personnel – will be covered later in agenda.

Property & Buildings

- Plans have been made to put spray-on rubber liner material to the body area of the Ford 550 pickup truck to extend its life at least through this fall/winter season. The rear body area is very rusty and the Borough is considering replacement options for next year.
- Hinges on the pump station pit doors are broken and must be replaced. They were repaired at some point in the past and cannot be repaired any further. Mr. Hart is getting pricing for new doors and will report back to Mr. Correnti and Mrs. Diesinger.

Sanitation – no report

Sanitary Sewers –no report

Streets & Storm Water –

- Mrs. Diesinger reported that this year's street paving work is on schedule for this fall.
- The storm water pipe repairs were completed on Woodcrest Drive.

Solicitor –

The property at 1469 Hancock Boulevard sold at auction in August. The borough should soon receive reimbursement from its closing and the lien can then be removed.

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Borough Manager – Mrs. Diesinger provided a report to Council highlighting the following activities completed in August:

- Two incidents of vandalism at the park – building was spray painted on 8/13 and playground equipment was spray painted on 8/19 – both incidents were reported to the police; however, both were too minor for insurance claims. PW crew painted over graffiti at CC and cleaned or repainted the affected equipment.
- 2015 Property Maintenance inspection program – issued 26 NOV's
- Prepared and mailed 283 Arrears Letters on 8/20 – have recovered over \$40,000 as of September 1, 2015.
- Finalized 3-year refuse/recycling/yard waste contract bid specifications – will be advertised in September – bid opening is scheduled for September 28th.
- Eagle Scout memorial project completed on 8/22/2015 – photo on bulletin board
- Repaired street lights on Woodcrest – B & G Electric did the work
- Assisted Woodcrest resident in obtaining FEMA floodplain information
- Researched/coordinated the establishment of new individual medical benefits plan for 2015-2016
- Hail damage FINALLY completed and invoice paid – all info sent to insurance company to complete compensation.
- Continued preliminary work on 2016 draft budget
- Completed PADEP 904 Recycling Performance Grant application – will submit in September
- Tracked and resolved issue at DEP/Dept. of Revenue regarding \$114K recycling grant

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2015 Road Work Project – As previously mentioned, this year's road work projects are scheduled to begin after Labor Day.
- Kenhorst Park parking lot expansion project – Council has agreed to table pending plans for the park improvements until spring 2016 (hopefully prior to the start of MAYBA's season).
- Sewer System Program – Mrs. Diesinger, Mr. Fritz and Mr. Hart continue to participate in Technical meetings with Cumru Township and Reading City Public Works representatives.
- Draft Resolution/Ordinance for alley maintenance responsibilities – After review and discussion of the draft resolution, it was decided that Ms. Nagy will work on a draft ordinance for Council's review at the October meeting. Mr. Roche emphasized Council should take time to carefully review the draft information to fully understand what the Borough may be committing to going forward with the alley ordinance. No other action was taken.
- Approved Resolution #649 for New Holland Road Temporary/Reserved parking space request – Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve the temporary/reserved business parking space request from the owners of 1629 New Holland Road. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous. The approved request is for installation of one, 2-hour limit, temporary/reserved, customer parking space. Borough Public Works staff members will install appropriate signage and curb painting. Mrs. Diesinger will review sign details such as days/hours listed with the property owners.
- Neighborhood Watch Group – Mayor Hatzas reported that he and Mr. Roche attended last month's NWC meeting and shared with the group that Council feels this committee needs to shift its mission and focus. This communication was not received positively by all of the group's members. However; Mr. Hatzas and Mr. Roche plan to further discuss the committee going forward and invite all past and present members to attend the September 24th NWC meeting for their input. Mrs. Diesinger will send invitations to all past and present participants.

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• **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Ratified the 2015-2016 Individual Health Insurance Contracts through Moyer Insurance** – Mr. Fritz made a motion to ratify the individual health insurance contracts due to the expiration of the group health plan on 9/1/2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Correnti and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- **Approved the 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) per Act 205 Requirements** – Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve the 2016 MMO calculation that was provided to Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and the roll call vote was unanimous.
- **SBREMS Award Recognition** - Mr. Fritz read a letter from Mr. Malcolm Cole, Executive Director of Southern Berks Regional Emergency Medical Services (SBREMS). The letter explains that SBREMS was the recipient of the prestigious 2015 Mission: Lifeline ® EMS Gold Performance Achievement award. Mr. Roche asked Mrs. Diesinger to send a letter on behalf of Council congratulating them on this honor.

FINAL REMARKS AND REMINDERS

- Monday, September 7th – Borough Offices closed for Labor Day – *Trash pick-up moves to Tuesday, September 8th and recycling and yard waste collection moves to Wednesday the 9th*
- One UCC flea market and car show – *Saturday, September 19th - 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.*
- Tuesday, October 6th – Senior Social Hour - Kenhorst Park Community Center – 10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before Council, a motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Holland, seconded by Mr. Correnti at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen D. Becker, Kenhorst Borough Secretary/Treasurer