

REGULAR MEETING OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL  
November 2, 2017

Council President Alfred Correnti called the November 2, 2017 meeting of the Kenhorst Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present: Mayor N. Hatzas and Councilmen K. DePasquale, R. Fritz, K. Holland, E. Mohn and S. Stamm. Also in attendance, Fire Chief D. Hart, Reading Police Department, Lt. David Liggett, Solicitor J. Nagy, Esquire and Borough Manager/Secretary J. Diesinger – *Absent: J. Ibach*

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL** – President Correnti read a letter received by the Borough on November 2, 2017 from Councilman Jay R. Ibach as follows: *I, Jay R. Ibach am resigning as a Councilman for the Borough of Kenhorst as of November 2, 2017 due to medical and personal reasons.* Councilman DePasquale motioned to accept Mr. Ibach’s resignation. Mr. Fritz provided a second and all voted to accept the resignation.

Mr. Correnti presented the minutes from the October 5, 2017 meeting for approval. Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve the minutes from October 5, 2017 with Mr. Holland offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – *no executive session required*

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR REDNER’S WAREHOUSE MARKET TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE** – At 7:05 p.m. the Council meeting was suspended temporarily in order for Council to conduct the advertised public hearing for Redner’s Market. Ms. Diane Herr, Redner’s representative presented to Council the particulars regarding the transfer of a restaurant liquor license from an establishment in the City of Reading to the Kenhorst Plaza store location. Hours would be from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday. There was no public in attendance wishing to make comment. Ms. Nagy asked Council if they wished to accept or deny the transfer of the license based on the information provided by Ms. Herr. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the transfer of the restaurant liquor license. Mr. Stamm provided the second and the motion passed with all voting unanimously.

Council meeting was re-adjourned after the hearing at approximately 7:15 p.m.

**PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD** –

- **Mr. Joseph Hoka of Dogwood Drive, West Lawn** – Mr. Hoka is pastor of the Mosaic Church, currently conducting services at 1540 New Holland Road. The owner of the property, Mr. Michael Bugay, recently was sent a letter from the Borough’s Zoning Officer regarding a zoning violation at the location. While the property is located in a mixed-use zoning district, the only Borough-approved business at that location is the dance studio. Pastor Hoka indicated that 30 to 40 parishioners attend services on Sundays from 10 to 11:05 a.m. A few additional parishioners help set up/break down the room prior and after services. Council noted that there have been no complaints from neighbors regarding noise or parking issues. The Pastor is looking for another location; however, the lease runs out in April 2018 so he has requested Council provide some understanding of the situation.

Ms. Nagy indicated that the Borough can issue a consent order with conditions attached. The church would be the applicant for a conditional use hearing and Mr. Bugay as owner would need to consent. Pastor Hoka will complete a zoning application and return it with the \$300 application fee next week. A hearing will be advertised for the next Council meeting in December.

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- **Mr. Michael Bugay of Wolfe Street, Mohnton** – Mr. Bugay addressed the materials dumped on the property at 1536-1540 New Holland Road in August as being sand and water. He was sent a bill for clean up by Elk Environmental, since at the time, no one know for sure what was dumped into the street which flowed along New Holland Road to the storm drain by Turkey Hill. Council members indicated that while the Borough paid the original invoice, the Borough's other residents would not be charged for the clean-up and that Mr. Bugay was required to pay the bill. Mrs. Diesinger indicated that if Mr. Bugay required a payment plan, she would be able to set him up with one. Mr. Bugay indicated that he would pay the bill for clean-up.

**REPORTS –**

**Mayor** – Mayor Hatzas reported that in the month of October the Borough received \$160.00 in Local Police fines, \$14.18 from the Clerk of Courts and \$214.38 from the District Justice's office for a total of \$388.56.

Mayor Hatzas also brought up House Bill 542 regarding consumer grade fireworks – Council directed Mrs. Diesinger to write a letter to the Borough's legislative representatives that the Borough is “not in favor” of the bill.

**Reading Police Department** – Lt. David Liggett updated the Borough regarding a house in the 1400 block of Fern Avenue. In addition, he discussed changes to the patrol supervisor and patrol officers starting in January. Lt. Kyle Rentschler will be responsible for the Kenhorst patrol officers. Officer Goudy will move to night shift again. A patrol officer for the day shift has not yet been named. He will keep us posted.

**Kenhorst VFD Chief** – Chief Dwayne Hart presented the October Fire Chief's activity report as follows: There were no fires in the Borough. The department received 50 calls for the month, 192 firefighters responded, average number of firefighters per call - 4, total time spent 25 hours and 34 minutes with no loss to the Borough.

Chief Hart also announced that the Fire house had just under 200 trick or treaters on Halloween.

In addition, Chief Hart requested approval to purchase two (2) Apple iPads and the monthly service that goes with them. The iPads will be mounted in both the engine and the utility vehicle allowing the company to utilize an app called Active 911 designed to enhance the Fire Company's abilities through mapping, hydrant locations and special information. Currently, the Tough-Books and On Scene Explorer are out-dated and the software is no longer supported. Neighboring departments are using the new system which will make exchanging information easier. The purchase price is not to exceed \$690 for hardware and the monthly service fee is \$90. Mr. DePasquale made a motion to purchase for the fire company two Apple iPads and monthly service fee with costs not to exceed \$690 and \$90/month, respectively. The motion unanimously passed.

**Finance** – Councilman Richard Fritz provided the financial report for October. He indicated that the Borough has begun earning interest on the funds moved in September from BB&T to First National Bank. Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve the bills paid in October and to accept the finance report. Mr. Holland provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

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In addition, Mr. Fritz went over the 2018 draft budget, indicating that there is essentially no change from this year and there will be no tax increase in 2018. Hearing no comments or questions, Mr. Fritz made a motion to advertise the draft 2018 budget. Mr. DePasquale offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

**Codes, Safety & Emergency Services** – Mrs. Diesinger presented the Kraft Code Services October report and indicated that the open permits list as of October 31st was posted on the bulletin board.

**Parks & Playground** – Councilman Kieran Holland reported that the storage shed has been constructed by the Mifflin Broncos. The Borough contracted with Dave Roche Electric to run an electric service from the Community Center to the storage shed as per the Borough's agreement with the Broncos. Paving and shed doors will be installed next week.

**Personnel** – No report

**Property & Buildings** – Dwayne Hart (Public Works Superintendent) reported that the shoot pipe on the leaf picker was cracking and needed to be welded together in-house as it is out of warranty. In addition, four college kids vandalized street signs on Commonwealth Boulevard. A bill for replacement of the signs and the Public Works Department for time, equipment and materials will be presented to the people identified as the vandals for reimbursement. The Reading Police Department will send Mrs. Diesinger the Incident number and the names of the people who were caught.

**Sanitation** – Councilman Mohn reported that recycling was missed this week. Mrs. Diesinger added that after several good weeks of trash and recycling collection, this week there were many calls regarding totally missed streets, etc. The Eagle representatives were quick to respond to the misses once notified.

**Sanitary Sewers** – Ms. Diesinger reported that the Woodcrest lateral that was pierced by the electric conduit in 2015 will be repaired by B and G Electric at no cost to the Borough. Mr. Hart reported the sanitary sewer projects remaining to be completed includes: repair of a leaking lateral in the 1600 block of Liberty Avenue and three leaking manholes. Mr. Hart also reported that we will be getting a manhole relined for free in the coming weeks through a demonstration of a new manhole-lining product.

Mr. Fritz requested that Mrs. Diesinger get copies of any flow data derived from Cumru Township the five newly installed flow meters as part of the Manhole #7 project.

**Streets & Stormwater** – Mr. DePasquale indicated that the 2016 road work punch list is done except for the concrete apron at 1150 Broadway. This is to be completed before the end of this year. The 2017 additional work to pave the alley between Liberty and Columbia Avenues will be scheduled. Neighbors have been notified of the pending work.

**Solicitor** – Ms. Nagy reported that she heard from the Landis Deck attorney regarding the 2016 Road Work. Not sure what they are looking for since we have spelled out our position in several letters over the course of a year. He was not willing to come before Council to discuss the issue.

**Borough Manager** – Mrs. Diesinger provided Council with a written summary of the many administrative and public works-related activities which occurred in October. Most items were discussed tonight previously.

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**OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS -**

- High/Commonwealth stormwater easement flooding – Mrs. Diesinger indicated that McCarthy Engineers had a surveyor out to define the limits of the stormwater utility easement at this location. The Borough received a rendering and specifics for removing the existing corroded piping and manhole from McCarthy Engineers. Property lines appear to be showing the stormwater easement mostly located on the Lis property, not the Gable property as previously supposed. Dwayne Hart attended the two-day Dirt and Gravel Low Volume Road workshop in October. We are waiting for the certification paperwork now. We need to do a traffic count prior to putting together a grant for the pipe removal work.
- 2017 Roadwork and change order items – 2016 punch list and change order was discussed earlier – the alley paving. Neighbors were notified of the work and we will let them know once the schedule for work has been set.
- Construction of Broncos storage shed at park – this item was discussed by Councilman Holland during his report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Review of the 2018 Draft Budget – This was discussed above under the finance report. The 2018 draft budget will be advertised in November and be brought back to Council for adoption at the December meeting.
- 600 High Boulevard – Mr. Fritz noticed that a bush located at the corner of High Boulevard and New Holland Road at the Kenhorst Medical Center creates a sight distance issue at the stop sign by Turkey Hill. Mrs. Diesinger will contact Dr. Hanna's office to significantly trim back or remove the bush.

**Final Remarks, Reminders**

- Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> - Election Day – Don't forget to VOTE!
- Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – Zoning Hearing Board – hearing for 320 Haig Blvd. patio
- Thursday and Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> - Borough Hall CLOSED for Thanksgiving Break

**Adjournment** – With no other business before Council, Mr. DePasquale made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri L. Diesinger  
Kenhorst Borough Manager/Secretary