

MEETING MINUTES OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL

September 5, 2019

CALL TO ORDER – September 5, 2019 BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

At 7:00 p.m. President A. Correnti called the September 5, 2019 meeting of the Kenhorst Borough Council to order with a pledge to the flag and roll-call. Present: Mayor N. Hatzas, Councilmen K. DePasquale, Jr., K. Grassley, K. Holland, J. Smith, S. Stamm and R. Weidenheimer. Also in attendance, Fire Chief/Public Works Superintendent D. Hart, Reading Police Office Ryan Smith, Borough Manager Brian Cole, Jill Nagy, Solicitor., and Jim McCarthy of McCarthy Engineering. The following residents were present:

T. Shuker, W. Griffith, K. Reazor, V. Kutsor, G. Kutsor, K. Schappell, J. McGrann, R. Stubblebine, D. Lenczden, J. Elinausky, B. Marks, T. White, M. McHale, M. Bischler, B. Bischler & A. Shollenberger.

Taking minutes was B. Cole.

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

K. Schappell of 1067 Commonwealth Blvd. complained that drivers are passing the school bus at the corner of Commonwealth and Muncy when the lights are flashing.

K. Reazor of 1624 Fayette Ave. stated that drivers are going the wrong way on the one-way street. Council agreed to install more signage.

The stop sign at Kenhorst and Milford is being ignored, and is set too far back. Council will have the sign moved and a stop bar painted on the road.

T. White of 1240 Woodcrest Dr. complained of the sewer problems in the block. Every time it rains, sewage backs up in homes and on the street. Several other residents of Woodcrest complained about the problem. Solicitor Nagy stated that the DEP had just approved the Corrective Action Plan and bids are being sought. The project will be implemented over a 3.5-year period.

B. Marks of 1234 Woodcrest Dr. told council that water from Alvernia is washing away her yard.

M. McHale of 1434 Bleeker Ave. discussed the recent vehicle break ins and how the police were responding. Officer Ryan responded that two young males with hoodies have been breaking in to unlocked vehicles between 1 am and 3 am. The police are investigating in an effort to apprehend them. She also asked about having a Crime Watch group organized. Council pointed out that the previous Crime Watch group lost interest and no residents participated. Council president stated the next borough newsletter would include a warning for residents to lock their vehicles.

R. Stubblebine of 1444 Lacrosse Ave. requested a street light on the block. Council will contact Met-Ed.

D. Lenczden of 1439 Bleeker Ave. requested the borough check the street for adequate pole lights.

M. McHale of 1434 Bleeker Ave. asked how the borough could be made safer. Officer Ryan responded that two young males with hoodies have been breaking in to unlocked vehicles between 1 am and 3 am. The police are investigating in an effort to arrest them.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

- Approval of Minutes – Mr. Correnti presented the minutes from the August 1, 2019 Council Meeting for approval. *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to approve the minutes with Mr. Grassley offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*

BOROUGH REPORTS

- Mayor – Mr. Hatzas reported the fines collected in August.
- The 2020 MMO Transmittal Memo was presented to council and signed by the Mayor.
- Reading Police Department Report – Officer Smith reported several thefts from vehicles during overnight hours.
- Kenhorst VFD Chief Report – Chief Hart reported there had been five fires in the borough in August; 53 calls for the month. The chicken Bar-B-Q sale made a profit of \$3,841.82.
- Finance Report – Mr. Weidenheimer presented the treasurer’s report/P&L for August 2019. *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to accept the report, with Mr. DePasquale offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Codes and Emergency Services – No report
- Personnel – No report.
- Property & Buildings Report – Uline cabinets were purchased (see new business).
- Sanitation – The committee plans to meet and discuss seeking bids for trash and recycling service for 2020. Many residents have complained about the current hauler.
- Streets – The road opening ordinance should include a bond requirement. *Mr. DePasquale made a motion to approve the requirement, with Mr. Grassley offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.*

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

- Parks/Playground – *K. Holland*
 - Pavilion construction begins September 11, 2019.
- Sanitary Sewer – *K. DePasquale*
 - Jim McCarthy approved the CAP and DEP fine. *Mr. DePasquale made a motion to approve, with Mr. Smith offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Stormwater – *K. DePasquale*
 - Approval was given to pay Barwis the final amount due upon completion of reseeding of the area.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- Solicitor’s Report – No report
- Borough Manager’s Report – No report

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- DEP response legal/engineering was completed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Containment cabinets, at a cost of \$5,000, are needed to store hazardous materials. *Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the purchase, with Mr. Grassley offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.*

Final Remarks and Reminders

- Next Workshop – Tuesday October 1, 2019 at 7 p.m.
- Next Municipal Authority Meeting– Thursday October 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
- Next Council Meeting – Thursday October 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Council held an executive session to discuss personnel matters from 8:10 p.m. until 8:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Frasso, Secretary/Treasurer