

MEETING MINUTES OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL
January 3, 2019

CALL TO ORDER – JANUARY 3, 2019 BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

At 7:01 p.m. President A. Correnti called the January 3, 2019 meeting of the Kenhorst Borough Council to order with a pledge to the flag and roll-call. Also present: Councilmen K. DePasquale, Jr., K. Holland, J. Smith, S. Stamm and R. Weidenheimer. Also in attendance, Fire Chief/Public Works Superintendent D. Hart, Reading Police Officer Ryan Smith, Borough Solicitor Sean Summers, Esquire, James McCarthy, P.E., McCarthy Engineers and taking minutes, J. Diesinger (former Borough Manager/Secretary-Treasurer). Absent: K. Grassley and Mayor N. Hatzas

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD –

- Resident Darryl Golembiewski – 1500 block of Fayette Avenue – Mr. Golembiewski issued a complaint about the darkness of the streets and asked when the Borough would address adding additional lights. Mr. DePasquale indicated that a listing was provided to Met-Ed. In addition, Mr. Golembiewski voiced concern regarding a recent arrest of a resident of the neighborhood and asked what the police were going to do about the issue of drugs being found and the pending release of the suspect. Officer Smith made a note to check in with the Vice Department.
- John and Lori Jeznach – property owners in the 1000 block of Fern Avenue – Mr. Jeznach indicated that they pay and are subjected to the annual \$100 rental inspection and keep their property in good condition, yet there are homes in the neighborhood that are eyesores. Mr. DePasquale requested photos be sent so the issues can be addressed.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL –

- Approval of Minutes – Mr. Correnti presented the minutes for approval from the December 6 and December 26, 2018 Council meetings. *Mr. Holland made a motion to approve the minutes with Mr. Weidenheimer offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- Appointment of Borough Manager – With the 12/31/2018 retirement of Borough Manager Jeri Diesinger, Council took official action to adopt the contract and appoint Brian A. Cole as Borough Manager. *Mr. DePasquale made the motion to adopt the contract and appoint Brian A. Cole as Manager with a second provided by Mr. Weidenheimer. Motion passed unanimously.*

BOROUGH REPORTS –

- Mayor's Report – Mr. DePasquale provided the Mayor's report in his absence. The Borough received \$691.26 from the state police and \$225.00 from local police tickets for a total of \$916.26.
- Reading Police Department Report – Officer Ryan Smith provided a verbal assessment of the December activities noting that the patrols have focused on traffic enforcement. He indicated that there were no on-going investigations at this time.
- Kenhorst VFD Chief Report – Chief Hart presented the December 2018 Fire Chief's activity report as follows: There were 0 fires in the Borough in December. The department received 40 calls for the month, 157 firefighters responded, average number of firefighters per call was 4, and total time spent was 18 hours and 31 minutes with no loss to the Borough. Chief Hart also provided an annual summary for 2018 - There were 14 fires in the Borough in 2018. The department received 527 calls, 2272 fire fighters responded, average number of firefighters per call was 4, and total time spent was 269 hours and 31 minutes with \$1,000 loss to the Borough.
- Finance Report – *Mr. Weidenheimer noted that the finances are still being entered and made a motion to accept the draft December 2018 finance report and a summary of the bank account balances. Mr. Holland provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Codes, Safety & Emergency Services Report – *Mr. DePasquale presented the Kraft Code Services report for December 2018 and noted that the open permit list was posted on the bulletin board.*

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- Personnel Report – Mr. Correnti indicated that Personnel items would be addressed under new business.
- Property & Buildings Report – Mr. Holland indicated that these items will be addressed later in the agenda.
- Sanitation Report – Mr. Stamm reported that Eagle Disposal was now collecting according to the times required by the Borough after a letter was sent to Eagle noting that the Borough would enforce the noise ordinance. Officer Smith arranged to come in early to ensure Eagle was not collecting in the Borough prior to 7 a.m. except for along New Holland Road. Council thanked Office Smith for his assistance and hoped Eagle would continue complying into the New Year. Mrs. Diesinger asked for confirmation as to when the refuse/recycling new rate structure would come into effect since the ordinance did not reflect a schedule. Council responded that the next (January) bill should reflect the new rates. Also, a brief discussion was held regarding who should clean up debris if a trash bag breaks – determined that the contractor must clean up if bag breaks from curb to truck and the owner would clean up if the bag was ripped on the curb.
- Streets Report – Mr. DePasquale indicated that items would be addressed later in the agenda.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REPORTS –

- Parks/Playground – *K. Holland*
 - Mr. Holland reported he plans to speak the Bronco's Association president regarding the trucks and storage shed and Alvernia regarding the pavilion construction.
- Sanitary Sewer – *K. DePasquale*
 - Mr. DePasquale deferred to Mr. McCarthy who reported that the Authority approved the metering study and Corrective Action Plan (CAP) sent to the PADEP in December. He anticipates a response from the DEP within approximately 90 days. Mr. Hart indicated that he will contact Sewer Specialty Services to get pricing and a schedule to complete cleaning, inspection and any repairs in Section 4.
- Stormwater – *K. DePasquale*
 - Mr. DePasquale indicated that Barwis Construction is set a start date the stormwater project at Commonwealth at High Boulevards in March 2019. In addition, stormwater drainage work behind Sunoco will wait until the spring.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- Solicitor's Report – no report
- Borough Manager's Report – no report

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- Traffic Safety Designs on New Holland Road and Harding Avenue – New Holland Road design is tabled, Harding Avenue is addressed under New Business.
- Previously tabled:
 - Speed bumps in alley between Fern and Lancaster Avenues - *tabled*
 - Authorize repair of damaged pedestrian hand railing on NHR – *Mr. Hart reported that he is in contact with the contractor who will be scheduling repairs in the next few weeks.*
 - Authorize installation of nine Atlas lighting units with motion sensors in shop – *tabled*
 - Authorize new circuit sub panel in garage area, new wiring - *tabled*
 - Authorize purchase of new laptop for Tax Collector – *Mr. Stamm reported that he left a message for the Tax Collector regarding the laptop, but has yet to hear from Ms. Carroll.*

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New Business

- Approve Revised Final Annexation Plan for Wingate Terrace Development – *As recommended by Planning Commission, Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Revised Final Annexation Plan. Mr. Holland provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.*
- Appoint FT Secretary-Treasurer – *Mr. Smith made a motion to hire/appoint Jennifer Frasso as full-time Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Holland provided a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- Adopt Resolution #700 – 2019 Council Committees – *Mr. DePasquale made a motion to adopt Resolution #700 with a second provided by Mr. Weidenheimer. Motion passed unanimously.*
- Adopt Ordinance #590 - Amends parking regulations on Harding and within yellow curbs – *Mr. DePasquale made a motion to adopt Ordinance #590 with a second provided by Mr. Smith. Motion passed by a 5 to 1 vote – (with Mr. Weidenheimer voting “nay”).*
- Authorize solicitor to proceed with action on the zoning violation for Walker’s Mowers – *Mr. Weidenheimer made the motion which was seconded by Mr. DePasquale. Motion passed unanimously.*

Final Remarks and Reminders –

- Next Workshop – Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- Next Municipal Authority - Thurs., February 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
- Next Council Meeting – Thurs., February 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Council adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri L. Diesinger