

MEETING MINUTES OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL

February 7, 2019

CALL TO ORDER – FEBRUARY 7, 2019 BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

At 7:04 p.m. President A. Correnti called the February 7, 2019 meeting of the Kenhorst Borough Council to order with a pledge to the flag and roll-call. Also 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 Lt. L. Lillis, Borough Manager Brian Cole, Borough Solicitor Jill Nagy, Esquire, and Jeremy Brumbach from McCarthy Engineering. Taking minutes was J. Frasso, Borough Secretary/Treasurer.

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- Resident Victor Castillo, 1316 Woodcrest Drive, purchased in 2011. Mr. Castillo complained about problems caused by a borough-owned pipe, that has resulted in a side of his house sinking due to holes in the pipe despite a repair in 2015. He wants to place fill at his house to correct the problem but needs FEMA's approval because the agency changed rules in 2014 making his property a flood-zone. A representative from McCarthy Engineering stated that Mr. Castillo must go through the PA DEP to use any fill. Mr. Castillo will provide a copy of the property survey and photos to Mr. Brian Cole, Borough Manager. Solicitor Jill Nagy told Mr. Castillo he needs a form from the borough after the township engineer inspects the problem.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

- Approval of Minutes – Mr. Correnti presented the minutes for approval from the January 3 Council Meeting. *Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes with Mr. Holland offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*

BOROUGH REPORTS

- Mayor – No report
- Reading Police Department Report - Lt. Lance Lillis issued crime reports and released 2018 statistics. Stated numbers were small. January 2019 stats were also released and were very small. Burglaries at several borough businesses of gaming machines has been solved and the suspect confessed.
- Kenhorst VFD Chief Report – Chief Hart reported there had been no fire alarms in the borough in January. 40 calls.
- Finance Report – *Mr. Weidenheimer presented the treasurers report/P&L for January 2019 and made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Smith provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Codes and Emergency Services – No report
- Personnel – No report
- Property & Buildings Report – Mr. Smith indicated 4 permits had been issued and several properties investigated for work without a permit.
- Sanitation – A letter previously sent has had good results.

- Streets – *Mr. DePasquale made a motion to authorize the street paving list and Mr. Grassley offered a second. Motion passed unanimously.*

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

- **Parks/Playground** – *K. Holland*
 - Mr. Holland reported that plans are being considered to enlarge the building, and a new lock would be placed on the restroom.
- **Sanitary Sewer** – *K. DePasquale*
 - Mr. DePasquale deferred to McCarthy Engineering representative.
- **Stormwater** – *K. DePasquale*
 - Mr. DePasquale indicated the 2019 inspection begins next Wednesday, Feb. 12, tentatively. McCarthy is working on comments.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- **Solicitor's Report** – Jill Nagy, Esquire, called for a resolution to appoint Brian Cole, Borough Manager, as emergency management coordinator and open records officer for the borough. *Mr. Smith made a motion to accept and Mr. Grassley provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.*
- **Borough Manager's Report** – No report

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Authorize installation of 6 Atlas lighting units with motion sensors in shop, and a new panel in garage. *Mr. Smith made a motion to accept and Mr. Holland provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Purchase a new laptop for the tax collector. *Mr. Holland made a motion to approve and Mr. DePasquale provided a second. Motion passed by a 6 to 1 vote (with Mr. Stamm voting "nay").*

NEW BUSINESS

- **Amusement Tax VS Special Events Tax** – Discussion was held regarding a 2018 Halloween event held by Branden Moyer, who rented the event space at Kenhorst Plaza and failed to clean up afterwards. Council directed Borough Manager Brian Cole to send a letter to the property owner and Mr. Moyer regarding the debris. *Mr. DePasquale made a motion to not allow the event to be held in 2019 and Mr. Grassley provided a second. Motion passed by a 6 to 1 vote (with Mr. Stamm voting "nay").*
- **Letter of Support for Berks Nature for grant/Angelica Creek Trail** – *Mr. Stamm made a motion to approve and Mr. Smith provided a second. Motion was passed unanimously.*
- **Sewer Specialty Services** – Manhole lining repairs/5 locations/Municipal Authority. *Was approved during the Municipal Authority meeting.*
- **Water Guy Water Dispenser** – Authorize renting a water dispenser for borough hall from the Water Guy, under government rate contract. *Mr. Grassley made a motion to approve and Mr. Smith provided a second. Motion passed unanimously.*

Final Remarks and Reminders

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Frasso

Secretary/Treasurer