

MEETING MINUTES OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL

June 6, 2019

CALL TO ORDER – June 6, 2019 BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

At 7:03 p.m. President A. Correnti called the June 6, 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 Officer Ryan Smith, Borough Manager Brian Cole, Sean Summers, Esq., Craig Bonenberger of McCarthy Engineering, residents Terry Shuker, Stephanie Peck, Donna Lenczden, and Susan Shelly from the Reading Eagle. Taking minutes was J. Frasso, Borough Secretary/Treasurer.

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Stephanie Peck of Fayette Ave. inquired about the status of the contract with ARL. Council responded that the ARL raised the annual fee to \$7,000, plus fees for each animal drop-off. Officer Smith assured her that the police will take care of any aggressive animals. Mr. Cole stated that the Borough is contacting another organization regarding stray animals.

Donna Lenczden of Bleeker Ave. stated that a large tree is resting across electric wires in the alley behind her home. Mr. Cole said he would contact Met-Ed.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

- Approval of Minutes – Mr. Correnti presented the minutes from the May 2, 2019 Council Meeting for approval. *Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes with Mr. Weidenheimer offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*

BOROUGH REPORTS

- Mayor – Mr. Hatzas reported the fines collected in May.
- Mayor Hatzas commented about fireworks being set off by residents. Officer Smith said the state statute allows possession but not ignition. He will check on having a police fireworks detail through the July 4th holiday.
- Reading Police Department Report – Officer Smith reported 5 thefts from unlocked autos.
- Kenhorst VFD Chief Report – Chief Hart reported there had been no fire alarms in the borough in May; 40 calls for the month.
- Finance Report – Mr. Weidenheimer presented the treasurer's report/P&L for May 2019. *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to accept the report, with Mr. Holland offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Codes and Emergency Services – No report
- Personnel – Under new business
- Property & Buildings Report – The Kenhorst Municipal Authority passed a motion to accept the pavilion construction bids from Silver Hill and Shirk Pole Buildings. Council agreed to table approval of the bids for doors and sidewalks until the July meeting.

- Sanitation – Mr. Stamm plans to reach out to the Borough of Shillington regarding a joint yard waste disposal drop-off site.
- Streets –Mr. DePasquale reported that the street cleaning is complete. *He made a motion to pay the paving contractor for the extras approved previously, with Mr. Grassley offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.*

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

- **Parks/Playground** – *K. Holland*
 - Mr. Holland reported that 14 children have registered for the summer playground program.
- **Sanitary Sewer** – *K. DePasquale*
 - The control panel was replaced at the pump station.
- **Stormwater** – *K. DePasquale*
 - The precast box for the Gable property was ordered and should be delivered mid-July.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- **Solicitor's Report** – *Mr. Stamm made a motion to pass the check signing resolution, with Mr. Weidenheimer offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.*
- **Borough Manager's Report** – No report

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The Hemming/Kurtz cemetery GPR was completed, and boundary lines are clear
- Street cleaning is once per year, in May
- Still working with Met-Ed on new street lights

NEW BUSINESS

- Personnel – Jose Martinez was hired as the borough part time codes inspector at \$15.00 per hour. *Mr. Holland made a motion to approve the hiring, with Mr. Smith offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Playground leaders Alexis Grimm, Rachel Marra and Julie Wangler were hired for the summer season, and approved by the Municipal Authority.
- Alvernia has requested No Parking signs and a yellow curb at 2nd St. and Commonwealth Blvd. to accommodate bus traffic. *Mr. Grassley made a motion to have an ordinance drafted by the solicitor, with Mr. DePasquale offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.*
- A discussion was held regarding a zoning permit application that requires a conditional use application, which was not submitted by the deadline of the afternoon of June 6, 2019. A proposal to schedule a hearing for the July 2 meeting prior to receiving the application was not agreed to by council. *Mr. DePasquale made a motion to extend the application deadline to June 13, 2019, with Mr. Grassley offering a second. President Correnti dissented.*

Final Remarks and Reminders

- Next Workshop – None in July
- Next Municipal Authority Meeting– Tuesday July 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

- Next Council Meeting – Tuesday July 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Frasso, Secretary/Treasurer