

MEETING MINUTES OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL

August 1, 2019

CALL TO ORDER – August 1, 2019 BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

At 7:00 p.m. President A. Correnti called the August 1, 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 Lt. Lance Lillis, Borough Manager Brian Cole, Jill Nagy, Solicitor., and Jim McCarthy of McCarthy Engineering. Resident Terry Shuker, property owner Iwona Pielechaty and Reading Eagle reporter Susan Shelly were also present. Taking minutes was J. Frasso, Borough Secretary/Treasurer.

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Iwona Pielechaty addressed borough council regarding the water collection system near her rental property. The recent heavy rains have flooded her unit due to the storm sewer overflowing. She was advised to contact PennDOT as the collection system belongs to them, not the borough.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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

BOROUGH REPORTS

- Mayor – Mr. Hatzas reported the fines collected in July.
- Reading Police Department Report – Lt. Lillis reported several thefts from unlocked vehicles during overnight hours. A notice will be posted to the borough website. Lt. Lillis also stated a new temporary night officer has been assigned to the borough.
- Kenhorst VFD Chief Report – Chief Hart reported there had been two fires in the borough in July; 69 calls for the month.
- Finance Report – Mr. Weidenheimer presented the treasurer's report/P&L for July 2019. *Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the report, with Mr. Weidenheimer offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Codes and Emergency Services – No report
- Personnel – Jorge Gonzalez has been hired as the part-time codes officer. *Mr. Grassley made a motion to approve the hiring with Mr. Stamm offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Property & Buildings Report – Mr. Smith discussed the Conestoga Construction bid for the salt shed. Mr. Hart will look into exterior material options.
- Sanitation – Mr. Stamm requested ideas for spending the recycling grant funds.
- Streets – Mr. DePasquale noted that the UGI subcontractor left two piles of stone screenings in the road. Jim McCarthy spoke to Jim at UGI.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

- **Parks/Playground** – *K. Holland*
 - Playground ends August 9. Bimbo Bread has committed to an \$8,000 donation to the playground fund.
- **Sanitary Sewer** – *K. DePasquale*
 - No report
- **Stormwater** – *K. DePasquale*
 - Waiting for the final grant funds from Berks County Conservation District to be dispersed.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- **Solicitor's Report** – No report
- **Borough Manager's Report** – RAWA responded to the issues on Daniel's Street and there should be a favorable outcome.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The curb at 2nd and Commonwealth has been painted yellow per a request from Alvernia. *Mr. Grassley made a motion to pass the ordinance for the Alvernia no parking area with Mr. Smith offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

- *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to have the solicitor draft a road opening ordinance amendment with Mr. DePasquale offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Residents have requested a Watch Children sign on Columbia Ave. The borough will purchase and install a new sign.

Final Remarks and Reminders

- Next Workshop – Tuesday September 3, 2019 at 7 p.m.
- Next Municipal Authority Meeting– Thursday September 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
- Next Council Meeting – Thursday September 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Council held an executive session to discuss personnel matters from 7:30 p.m. until 8:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Frasso, Secretary/Treasurer