

## MEETING MINUTES OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL

December 5, 2019

At 7:00 p.m. council went into executive session until 7:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

### **CALL TO ORDER – December 5, 2019 BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING**

At 7:24 p.m. President Pro Tem K. Holland called the December 5, 2019 meeting of the Kenhorst Borough Council to order with a pledge to the flag and roll-call. Present: Mayor N. Hatzas, 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, and Chris Hoffman, Esq. The following members of the public were present:

Terry Shuker, Janice Johnston, Vince Gagliardo, Judith Buck, Pete O'Brien and Keith Smoker of the Reading Eagle

Taking minutes was J. Frasso, Secretary/Treasurer

### **PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

Judith Buck & Janice Johnston expressed their concerns about the sewer and refuse rates. They asked if discounts could be given to retired residents and suggested the Borough consider revising how the refuse charges are calculated.

### **PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF COUNCIL**

- Approval of Minutes – Mr. Holland presented the minutes from the November 7, 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 November.
- Reading Police Department Report – Lt. Lillis presented 2 awards each to Officer Ryan Smith and Officer Ray Carter. He also stated that the police are investigating the recent vandalism in the Borough.
- Kenhorst VFD Chief Report – Chief Hart reported there were 55 calls in November and no fires. The Christmas parade is Dec. 14.
- Finance Report – Mr. Weidenheimer presented the treasurer's report/P&L for November 2019. *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to accept the report, with Mr. Grassley offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- Codes and Emergency Services – No report.
- Personnel – No report.
- Property & Buildings Report – No report.
- Sanitation – No report.
- Streets – *Mr. Grassley made a motion to apply for dirt and gravel road grants in 2020, with Mr. Stamm offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**

- Parks/Playground – K. Holland stated the Authority passed a motion to increase the playground fees in 2020.
- Sanitary Sewers – D. Hart reported that there was a block in the main lateral at John Glenn Ave. A temporary repair was made, and a permanent repair will be made in March 2020. The joint interceptor project will be advertised for bid after Cumru Township submits comments on the plan.
- Stormwater – The water main break on Brooke Blvd. has been repaired. RAWA plans to do work in the area in 2020.

### **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

- Solicitor's Report – No report
- Borough Manager's Report – The Humane Society microchip and vaccination event held at the Community Center was a success, with 46 dogs receiving the free services. A cat event will be scheduled in 2020.

### **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to adopt the 2020 budget, with Mr. Grassley offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- *Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the resignation of council president Alfred Correnti effective November 15, 2019. Mr. Grassley offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.*
- *Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the resignation of council vice president Kevin DePasquale effective November 15, 2019. Mr. Stamm offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.*
- *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to appoint Vince Gagliardo to borough council, with Mr. Smith offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- *Mr. Smith made a motion to appoint Peter O'Brien to borough council, with Mr. Stamm offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- *The 2020 meeting schedule was presented. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the schedule, with Mr. Weidenheimer offering a second. Motion approved unanimously.*

### **Final Remarks and Reminders**

- Next Workshop Meeting – No meeting in January 2020
- Next Municipal Authority Meeting– Monday January 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- Next Council Meeting – Monday January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Frasso, Secretary/Treasurer