

MEETING MINUTES OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL

November 5, 2020

CALL TO ORDER – NOVEMBER 5, 2020 BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

At 7:00 p.m. President J. Smith called the November 5, 2020 meeting of the Kenhorst Borough Council to order with a pledge to the flag and roll-call. Present: Mayor N. Hatzas, S. Stamm, R. Weidenheimer, P. O'Brien, V. Gagliardo, K. Grassley and T. Mohler. Also in attendance, Fire Chief/Public Works Superintendent D. Hart, Lt. Eric Suydam, Officer Ryan Smith, Borough Manager Brian Cole, Jim McCarthy, Engineer and Jill Nagy, Solicitor. The following members of the public were present:

Terry Shuker, Carolyn Gunster, Christy Hylton and Stan Rugis

Taking minutes was J. Frasso, Secretary/Treasurer

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

None

PRESIDENT SMITH

- Approval of Minutes – Mr. Smith presented the minutes from the October 1, 2020 Council meeting for approval. *Mr. Stamm made a motion to approve the minutes, with Mr. Mohler offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*

BOROUGH REPORTS

- Mayor – Mr. Hatzas reported the fines collected in October.
- Reading Police Department Report – Lt. Eric Suydam presented the crime report for October.
- Kenhorst VFD Chief Report – Chief Hart reported there were 47 calls in October.
- Finance Report – Mr. Weidenheimer presented the treasurer's report/P&L for November 2020. *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to accept the report, with Mr. Gagliardo offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- Codes and Emergency Services – No report.
- Personnel – No report.
- Property & Buildings Report – No report.
- Sanitation – No report.
- Streets – No report.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

- Parks/Playground – *Mr. Grassley made a motion to approve the change order for resurfacing the basketball court, with Mr. Mohler offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.* The basketball court will be resurfaced in November 2020.
- Sanitary Sewers – *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to approve increasing the base sewer rate \$30.00 per quarter in 2021, with Mr. Mohler offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.* *Mr. Grassley made a motion to approve the City of Reading draft resolution regarding sewer system pollutant levels, with Mr. Stamm offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*

- Stormwater – Wexcon repaired the joint sewer on Woodcrest. A final inspection will be November 12.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- Solicitor's Report – No report.
- Borough Manager's Report – The 2021 budget is almost ready for approval. The Borough employee health coverage rates will decrease 3% in 2021.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to advertise an ordinance adopting an annual Business License/Registry fee for Borough business owners, with Mr. Stamm offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- *Mr. Grassley made a motion to authorize the legal review of landfill bids received, with Mr. Mohler offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

- *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to accept the Tower Health ambulance services agreement for 2021, with Mr. Gagliardo offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- *A discussion was held regarding a settlement agreement between the City of Reading and the Borough for a withheld payment in July 2019 due to insufficient services provided. Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the settlement agreement, with Mr. Stamm offering a second. Mr. Smith, Mr. Mohler, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Stamm and Mr. Weidenheimer voted yes, and Mr. Gagliardo and Mr. Grassley voted no. Motion passed.*

Final Remarks and Reminders

- Next Workshop Meeting – Tuesday December 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- Next Council Meeting – Thursday December 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Frasso, Secretary/Treasurer