

MEETING MINUTES OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL

January 7, 2021

CALL TO ORDER – JANUARY 7, 2021 BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

At 7:00 p.m. President J. Smith called the January 7, 2021 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, Borough Manager Brian Cole, Jim McCarthy, Engineer and Jill Nagy, Solicitor. The following members of the public were present:

Larry McFadden

Taking minutes was J. Frasso, Secretary/Treasurer

The 2020 Holiday Spirit Awards were presented to seven residents

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Larry McFadden stated the following concerns:

1. The annual rental unit registration fee should be waived when the owner has relatives living in the house rent-free.
2. The handicap ramp at his house gathers water when it rains. Concerned the water will freeze and someone will get hurt.
3. Complained that he does not see police patrolling often enough. Another resident stated he sees the officer patrolling twice per day in different areas.

PRESIDENT SMITH

- Approval of Minutes – Mr. Smith presented the minutes from the December 3, 2020 Council meeting for approval. *Mr. Stamm made a motion to approve the minutes, with Mr. Grassley offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*

BOROUGH REPORTS

- Mayor – Mr. Hatzas reported the fines collected in December.
- Reading Police Department Report – Lt. Eric Suydam reported there were several thefts from unlocked vehicles in December.
- Kenhorst VFD Chief Report – Chief Hart reported there were 48 calls in December.
- Finance Report – Mr. Weidenheimer presented the treasurer's report/P&L for January 2021. *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

- The sewer authority members voted to renew the slate of officers for 2021.
- Parks/Playground – No report.
- Sanitary Sewers – The Wexcon punch list has been completed but Cumru Twp. has issues to address.
- Stormwater – The pipe at Baker Ave. which collapsed will be patched by Sewer Specialties.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- Solicitor's Report – No report.
- Borough Manager's Report – No report.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A settlement has been reached with H&K d.b.a. Landis Deck.
- *Mr. Stamm made a motion to issue payment #1 to CMS for the basketball court, with Mr. Grassley offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

- *Mr. O'Brien made a motion to appoint Mr. Weidenheimer as the Tower Health liaison, with Mr. Gagliardo offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- *Mr. Grassley made a motion to approve the resolution regarding document destruction, with Mr. O'Brien offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- The 2021 Rental Registration Fee penalty will be waived if necessary due to the current pandemic situation.

Final Remarks and Reminders

- Next Workshop Meeting – Tuesday February 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Next Council Meeting – Thursday February 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Frasso, Secretary/Treasurer