

MEETING MINUTES OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL

February 4, 2021

CALL TO ORDER – FEBRUARY 4, 2021 BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

At 7:00 p.m. President J. Smith called the February 4, 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 Chris Hoffman, Esquire. The following members of the public were present:

Doug Bechtel, Bill Dietrich, Karyn Feick, and Carolyn Gunster

Taking minutes was J. Frasso, Secretary/Treasurer

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Karen Feick of 1363 Woodcrest Dr. complained that neighbors did not move their vehicles into their driveways during the snow storm. Asked if there was an ordinance to address the issue. Mayor Hatzas stated that there is not an ordinance and suggested neighbors work with each other and form a plan.

William Dietrich of 1230 Commonwealth Blvd. addressed council about issues with 1234 Commonwealth Blvd., such as numerous vehicles, trash and tires in yard.

Doug Bechtel, Farmers Insurance agent, asked questions about the Business Registration Fee.

Council met in Executive Session from 7:29 p.m. until 7:55 p.m.

PRESIDENT SMITH

- Approval of Minutes – Mr. Smith presented the minutes from the January 7, 2021 Council meeting for approval. *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to approve the minutes, with Mr. Stamm offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*

BOROUGH REPORTS

- Mayor – Mr. Hatzas reported the fines collected in January.
- Reading Police Department Report – Lt. Eric Suydam asked council to consider a higher fine for parking illegally in a handicapped parking space.
- Kenhorst VFD Chief Report – Chief Hart reported there were 34 calls in January.
- Finance Report – Mr. Weidenheimer presented the treasurer's report/P&L for February 2021. *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to accept the report, with Mr. Mohler offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- Codes and Emergency Services – No report.
- Personnel – No report.
- Property & Buildings Report – No report.
- Sanitation – Berks County Hazardous Waste Drop-Off event is April 17 by appointment only.
- Streets – An invoice was sent to Cumru Township for the work performed on Woodcrest Dr.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

- Parks/Playground – The fence at the basketball court has been installed.
- Sanitary Sewers – No report.
- Stormwater – The pipe at Baker Ave. which collapsed has been replaced.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

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

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A draft of an amendment to the Rental Unit Ordinance was presented to council for review.

NEW BUSINESS

- Commercial trash/recycling issues were discussed.
- *Mr. Stamm made a motion to issue payment #2 to CMS for the basketball court, with Mr. Gagliardo offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- *Mr. Grassley made a motion to solicit bids for 2021 paving projects, with Mr. Mohler offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- *Mr. Mohler made a motion to send a \$150.00 donation to the Berks County Humane Society in memory of Ed Mohn, former Kenhorst Borough councilman. Mr. Gagliardo offered a second. Motion passed unanimously.*

Final Remarks and Reminders

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Council adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Frasso, Secretary/Treasurer