

MEETING MINUTES OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL

July 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER – JULY 1, 2021 BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

At 7:00 p.m. President J. Smith called the July 1, 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, K. Grassley, V. Gagliardo, and T. Mohler. P. O'Brien was absent. Also in attendance, Fire Chief/Public Works Superintendent D. Hart, Officer Ryan Smith, Borough Manager Brian Cole, Jim McCarthy, Engineer and Jill Nagy, Solicitor. The following members of the public were present:

Nelsi Reyes, 1211 Brooke Blvd., Kenhorst

Taking minutes was J. Frasso, Secretary/Treasurer

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Ms. Reyes addressed Council regarding her wish to be more involved with the Borough. Council thanked her for her interest and will advise her of opportunities.

PRESIDENT SMITH

- Approval of Minutes – Mr. Smith presented the minutes from the June 3, 2021 Council meeting for approval. *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to approve the minutes, with Mr. Mohler offering a second. Motion passed.*
- *Mr. Stamm made a motion to excuse Mr. O'Brien's absence, with Mr. Gagliardo offering a second. Motion passed.*

BOROUGH REPORTS

- Mayor – Mr. Hatzas reported the fines collected in June. He also shared that Amazon drivers are violating all traffic laws in the Borough. Officer Smith stated the police will investigate.
- Reading Police Department Report – Police will provide traffic coverage during Community Days, and overtime has been approved to monitor fireworks during the holiday weekend.
- Kenhorst VFD Chief Report – Chief Hart reported there were 47 calls in June.
- Finance Report – Mr. Weidenheimer presented the treasurer's report/P&L for July 2021. *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to accept the report, with Mr. Grassley offering a second. Motion passed.*
- 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. Stamm made a motion to accept the bid from Joseph Tumminello Stonemason for the community center chimney repair. Mr. Mohler offered a second. Motion passed.
- Sanitary Sewers – No report.
- Stormwater – No report.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- Solicitor's Report – Ms. Nagy alerted council to legislation that was recently passed regarding monthly borough meeting agendas. She will be obtaining more information.
- Borough Manager's Report – The personnel committee is to meet soon.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mr. Grassley made a motion to approve final payment to Wexcon for the work completed at Woodcrest, with Mr. Mohler offering a second. Motion passed.
- Mr. Gagliardo made a motion to award the Apple/Walker Alley contract to CMS, with Mr. Weidenheimer offering a second. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to sign a resolution for the Berks County Commissioners/United States semi-quincentennial (AM250PA), with Mr. Gagliardo offering a second. Mr. Grassley voted no. Motion passed.
- Mr. Gagliardo made a motion to have Mr. Cole and Ms. Nagy solicit bids for the 2022 trash hauling contract. Mr. Grassley offered a second. Motion passed.
- Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to have Mr. Cole and Ms. Nagy solicit bids for the 2022 police contract. Mr. Gagliardo offered a second. Motion passed.
- Mr. Gagliardo made a motion to hire Peter Ferrante as the part-time codes person, with Mr. Weidenheimer offering a second. Motion passed.
- Mr. Grassley made a motion to hire Ethan Engelman and Kaydence Guistwite as part-time playground leaders, with Mr. Mohler offering a second. Motion passed.

Final Remarks and Reminders

- Next Workshop Meeting – Tuesday August 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Next Council Meeting – Thursday August 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Frasso, Secretary/Treasurer