

MEETING MINUTES OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL

December 2, 2021

CALL TO ORDER – DECEMBER 2, 2021 BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

At 7:00 p.m. President J. Smith called the December 2, 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, P. O'Brien and T. Mohler. Also in attendance, Fire Chief/Public Works Superintendent D. Hart, Borough Manager Brian Cole, Officer Ryan Smith, Jill Nagy, Solicitor and Shawn Schwartz, McCarthy Engineering.

The following members of the public were present:

Terry Shuker 57 Wesleyan Dr., Kenhorst, PA

Patrick Manning, 711 High Blvd., Kenhorst, PA

Carolyn Gunster, 1548 Cortland Ave., Kenhorst, PA

Judith Buck, 1837 Liberty Ave., Kenhorst, PA

Albert Jackson & Katherine Lopez, 1418 Crowder Ave., Kenhorst, PA

Taking minutes was J. Frasso, Secretary/Treasurer

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Judith Buck, 1837 Liberty Ave., complained about the cost of sewer treatment and trash/recycling. She also stated she has problems with her neighbors regarding vines and trees from their properties encroaching onto her property. Mr. Cole, borough manager, will meet with her at her home December 3, 2021.

VICE PRESIDENT WEIDENHEIMER

- Approval of Minutes – President Smith presented the minutes from the November 4, 2021 Council meeting for approval. *Mr. Gagliardo 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 November.
- Reading Police Department Report – Officer Smith announced Lt. Suydam is being replaced as of January 3, 2022, by Lt. Joseph Cadwallader.
- Kenhorst VFD Chief Report – Chief Hart reported there were 41 calls in November. The Christmas Parade is December 18 at 1:00 p.m.
- Finance Report – Mr. Weidenheimer presented the treasurer's report/P&L for December 2021. *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 – No report.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

- Parks/Playground – No report.
- Sanitary Sewers – No report.
- Stormwater – No report.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

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

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Mr. Grassley made a motion to approve the second 90-day extension requested by Lis Construction, with Mr. Mohler offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- *A 2022 police contract with the City of Reading was finalized, with no increase for the new term. Mr. Grassley made a motion to approve the police contract, with Mr. Mohler offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

- *Mr. Gagliardo made a motion to approve the 2022 Borough Manager contract, with Mr. Weidenheimer offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to approve the Act 44 resolution (pertaining to the borough pension plan), with Mr. Gagliardo offering a second. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Grassley questioned whether Mr. Mohler should abstain from voting as he is a borough employee. Jill Nagy, solicitor, replied the resolution is not related to plan benefits.*
- *Mr. Stamm made a motion to re-advertise the 2022 budget and council meeting schedule, with Mr. Weidenheimer offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to approve the 2022 budget and employee raises, with Mr. Gagliardo offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- *The 2022 sewer treatment flat rate (12,500 gallons) will be \$160.00 per quarter, due to increased treatment fees and the joint interceptor project. Mr. Mohler made a motion to approve the increase, with Mr. Grassley offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- *The 2022 trash and recycling fee will be \$49.00 per unit plus \$10.00 per adult resident due to increased costs. Mr. Gagliardo made a motion to approve the increase, with Mr. Stamm offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- *Council members will award donated gift cards from the Brickhouse Pub and Divots Restaurant for winners of the Holiday Décor contest.*

Final Remarks and Reminders

- Next Workshop Meeting – February 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- Next Council Meeting – January 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. – reorganization meeting

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Council adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Frasso, Secretary/Treasurer