

MEETING MINUTES OF KENHORST BOROUGH COUNCIL

October 3, 2019

CALL TO ORDER – October 3, 2019 BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

At 7:00 p.m. Vice President K. DePasquale called the October 3, 2019 meeting of the Kenhorst Borough Council to order with a pledge to the flag and roll-call. Present: Mayor N. Hatzas, K. Grassley, K. Holland, J. Smith, S. Stamm and R. Weidenheimer. Also in attendance, Fire Chief/Public Works Superintendent D. Hart, Reading Police Lt. Lance Lillis, Borough Manager Brian Cole, Sean Summers, Esquire, and Jim McCarthy of McCarthy Engineering. President A. Correnti was absent. The following residents were present:

T. Shuker, J. Sielski, Mr. & Mrs. Pacharis & F. Denbowski

Taking minutes was J. Frasso, Secretary/Treasurer

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

John Sielski inquired about starting a neighborhood crime watch group. The group will not be sponsored by the borough but Mr. Sielski may work with residents to watch for suspicious activity in the borough and report it to the police. Mr. Sielski would also like to see the borough codes officer inspect the alleys and fire lanes for trash and debris obstructing passage.

Sue Pacharis requested the borough include information in the newsletter regarding thefts from vehicles in the borough. (This information has been posted on the website for some time). She also reported their home was burglarized when they left the garage door open. Lt. Lillis reported that the thefts have decreased as two suspects have moved back to Hamburg, and another person was arrested in a stolen vehicle.

Frank Denbowski, special assistant to Rep. Caltagirone, offered assistance from his office for residents to obtain information on a variety of subjects and programs. Caltagirone's Mobile Office will be at the borough November 19, 2019 from 12 Noon to 4:00 p.m. Residents are invited to visit.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

- Approval of Minutes – Mr. DePasquale presented the minutes from the September 5, 2019 Council Meeting for approval. *Mr. Stamm made a motion to approve the minutes, with Mr. Weidenheimer offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*
- A motion was made to excuse President Correnti due to health reasons. *Mr. Stamm offered to approve the motion, with Mr. Grassley offering a second. Motion passed unanimously.*

BOROUGH REPORTS

- Mayor – Mr. Hatzas reported the fines collected in September.
- Reading Police Department Report – Lt. Lillis reported the vehicle theft suspects have relocated to Hamburg. The number of thefts has subsequently dropped.
- Kenhorst VFD Chief Report – Chief Hart reported there were 52 calls in September and no fires. The firehouse will be open October 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for trick or treat night.

- Finance Report – Mr. Weidenheimer presented the treasurer’s report/P&L for September 2019. *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to accept the report, with Mr. Smith offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Codes and Emergency Services – No report
- Personnel – No report.
- Property & Buildings Report – No report
- Sanitation – The annual bulk trash pickup date is October 7.
- Streets – No report

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

There was no Authority meeting this month

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- Solicitor’s Report – No report
- Borough Manager’s Report – No report

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Sean Summers presented a street and sidewalk opening ordinance. *Mr. Weidenheimer made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Mr. Holland offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

- The PA DEP requested a resolution regarding the borough’s acceptance of the CAP. *Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the plan, with Mr. Grassley offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.*
- The PennDOT 625/724 Plan has been reviewed. *Mr. Stamm made a motion to accept the plan, with Mr. Smith offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.*
- The Finance Committee will meet Monday October 28, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Final Remarks and Reminders

- Next Workshop will not be held due to the election on November 5
- Next Municipal Authority Meeting– Thursday November 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
- Next Council Meeting – Thursday November 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Frasso, Secretary/Treasurer