

OFFICIAL MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2015

The Regular Meeting of January 20, 2015, of Council for the Borough of Kennett Square was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Red Clay Room of the Kennett Fire Company No. 1, 423 Dalmatian Street, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania with President Leon R. Spencer, Jr. in the Chair.

Present: *President Leon R. Spencer, Jr.*
Vice President Danilo P. Maffei
Councilmember Geoffrey R. Bosley
Councilmember Brett M. Irwin
Councilmember George P. Plumley, III
Councilmember D. Lynn Sinclair
Councilmember Patrick B. Taylor
Mayor Matthew W. Fetick
Interim Borough Manager Joseph C. Scalise

Absent: *Junior Council Person Meliton Gomez*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, stated that he is seeing activity at the Cannery and it looks like this is a done deal. He questioned the condition of the soil noting that it is logical that we determine this. Mr. Thomas reported that lights at Magnolia Place are a problem and the lighting needs to be diverted away from Washington and Magnolia Streets. He asked Council to please immediately address this matter with the developer. Mr Thomas would like to see an agreement between the Borough and a nonprofit, such as the YMCA where the Borough would receive one (1) dollar annually for each member. This could produce a \$12,000 income annually to the Borough and the time to look and talk about it is now. He also recommended that the Borough implement a license fee for all vendors participating in special events in the Borough.

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Edward Zunino announced that the Police Department received a donation from the Italian American Club. He continued with his report of the following statistics for the month of December, 2014:

- Traffic Citations – 79.
- Written Traffic Warnings – 55.
- Criminal Arrests – 26.
- DUI Arrests – 4.
- Total Calls – 588, compared to 594 in December, 2014.
- Totals Calls for 2014 – 7,493 compared to 7,757 in 2013.

He also gave a comparison report for incidents in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

FIRE COMPANY

Assistant Fire Chief Bruce Mitchell reported the following statistics for the year 2014:

- Total EMS Calls – 1, 097.
- Fire Calls – 443.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Mayor advised that the Public Safety Committee opened their meeting to the public last week. He highlighted some of the items the Public Safety Committee is working on which included the following:

- North Union Street Gateway.
- Regulating parking in the 100 block of Center Street.
- Crosswalk on West State Street at Maiden Lane.
- Snow Emergency/Winter Advisory Signage.

President Spencer advised that a resident expressed concern regarding electric meters emitting electronic signals. President Spencer noted that he discussed this matter with a representative of PECO and that PECO will be contacting the resident.

CONSENT ITEMS

MINUTES of NOVEMBER 17, 2014

President Spencer presented minutes from November 17, 2014.

It was moved by Vice President Maffei and seconded by Councilmember Bosley to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS

President Spencer presented the bills to be paid on January 20, 2015, and the bills that were paid since the last meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Bosley and seconded by Councilmember Sinclair approve the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL PARKING GARAGE EXPANSION

President Spencer stated that a possible expansion of the parking garage is something the Borough has been looking into for some time. He advised that District Court is no longer occupying the old Borough Hall building at 120 North Broad Street.

The Manager stated that the biggest item that contributes to the desire to expand is due to the fact that Genesis will be purchasing a couple of companies in California within the

next few months. The purchase of these companies will result in Genesis bringing in approximately 80 new employees to their Kennett Square offices. In addition to their permitted spaces in the parking garage, Genesis also has 150 parking spaces in surface lots.

At this time, EDiS, the current lease holder of 120 North Broad Street, has not been marketing the building for rent and he has been able to hold them off due to the potential of demolishing the building in order to expand the parking garage.

Vice President Maffei stated that the analysis generated by the Manager and President Spencer was done to a high standard and very detailed. Vice President Maffei shared his belief that the Borough does not need to expand the parking garage but our neighbor, Genesis HealthCare, does and questioned where they stand on the matter..

President Spencer stated that Genesis is very committed to the Borough and advised that they are here for the long haul.

Vice President Maffei stated that the garage is currently operating at a loss but the Parking Fund overall is operating in the black. He questioned if Genesis is committed to the projected continual parking permit increases on an annual basis.

The Manager reported that Genesis is currently shuttling employees.

John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, recommended that if the Borough receives a grant to expand the parking garage, then Genesis should pay the match. He also suggested that the Borough give Genesis a reduction in the permit parking rate for a period of about 10 years.

The Manager noted that the parking permit rate affects approximately 60 other people who are not Genesis employees.

Councilmember Sinclair stated that she does not want any additional surface parking lots.

The Manager advised that if the Borough does not want a surface lot at Willow and State Streets then this property could be sold for development.

Vice President Maffei noted that with the expansion of the parking garage, then we would be able to free up the surface lots for the metered parking. The expansion project would require grant funding and/or funding from Genesis.

Councilmember Taylor questioned what type of grant funding is available.

The Manager advised that there is RACP funding earmarked through Senator Pileggi's office. RACP is funding associated with job creation.

The Manager advised that this project could qualify for grant funding from the County. The County grant is a 25% match and he believes that the Borough's match for either grant could contribute to the match for the other grant.

Councilmember Bosley said what he is hearing is that it would be great if the parking garage expansion could be done without impacting the residents.

The Manager advised that the RACP grant application is pretty involved and we would have to get started on the application tomorrow. He recommended that we use Rettew Associates to assist with the application process. This grant is 50% match and the approximate cost for Rettew's services is \$9,500. The Manager noted that Rettew assisted with the grant the Borough was awarded for the Yeatman Well Project.

Vice President Maffei stated that if we cannot do without financial support from Genesis then grant funding must be involved. He supported consulting Rettew Engineers on the application process.

President Spencer stated that it is Council's intention not to impact the taxpayers of the Borough to expand the parking garage.

Councilmember Taylor agreed.

Councilmember Bosley stated that we do have money in our Parking Fund.

The Mayor stated that if he recalls correctly, that no other municipalities are applying for the RACP funding.

Council agreed to move forward with the application for the RACP grant with the assistance of Rettew Associates.

VICE PRESIDENT MAFFEI EXCUSED from MEETING

At 7:39 p.m., Vice President Maffei was excused to attend the KAPA Board Meeting.

CENTER STREET PARKING – 100 BLOCK

The Manager advised that extra parking spaces were generated from making this block a one way. The extra spaces are not permitted or metered at this time. He recommended that we eliminate one (1) of the parking spaces - the space closest to the north side of Scarlett Avenue which would leave 17 total spaces.

The Mayor advised that this has been discussed in the Public Safety Committee meeting. He suggested making the first two (2) spaces nearest West State Street 15 minute metered spaces.

Councilmember Taylor he likes the idea of the 15 minute metered spaces and would like all of the extra spaces be metered.

The Manager advised there would be a cost associated with the new signage and parking meters, and the man hours to install.

The Mayor stated that he would also like to see all of the spaces metered.

The Manager stated that a portion of West State Street used to be permitted parking. Another option would be to move the permitted spaces to West State Street and make Center Street all metered.

Councilmember Bosley thinks that we should put some permitted spaces on Cypress Street in front of Susquehanna Bank and move those current meters to Center Street.

Councilmember Sinclair asked if there are any public parking spaces in the lot next to Liberty Place.

The Manager replied no; that particular parking lot is leased by Liberty Place.

Councilmember Irwin would like the two (2) spaces nearest to West State Street and the two (2) spaces immediately south of Scarlett Alley have 15 minute parking meters.

Councilmember Plumley stated that he would like the complete 100 block of Center Street be metered.

Councilmember Taylor concurred with Councilmember Plumley.

The Manager will generate two (2) parking scenarios for this area and report back to Council.

PROPOSED MOU POLICE AGREEMENT with KENNETT TOWNSHIP ANSON B. NIXON PARK and WEST STATE STREET BRIDGE

The Mayor advised that an MOU Agreement with Kennett Township would allow the Kennett Square Police Department to have jurisdiction over Anson B. Nixon Park as a whole, and monitor and enforce the weight limit on West State Street bridge located in Kennett Township. The cost to prepare the MOU Agreement will be shared equally between the Borough and Kennett Township. The reason that the Borough is sharing in the cost is because the Borough approached the Township to initialize the agreement.

Councilmember Sinclair questioned who would receive the money from the fines.

The Mayor advised that 100% of the monies from overweight trucks will go to the Township, however if a regional Police Department is formed down the road then the monies would be distributed among the individual municipalities involved.

Chief Zunino noted that the courts agree that the monies would be equally distributed if we become regionalized.

The Mayor stated that for now, even though the revenue from the fines will go to the Township, we will be eliminating the overweight truck traffic from the Borough; it's a win/win situation for both municipalities.

It was moved by Councilmember Sinclair and seconded by Councilmember Taylor to authorize the generation of the MOU with Kennett Township. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASE of RECYCLE TOTERS

President Spencer presented the request to purchase 1,500 – 65 gallon Recycle Toters from Otto Environmental Services/T. M. Fitzgerald Associates.

The Manager advised that the approximate total cost is \$67,288.00 for the purchase of the toters, and assembly and distribution. The PA DEP 902 Grant awarded to the Borough will fund 90% of the cost.

Karen Scherer, Borough Secretary, advised that the toters are scheduled to be delivered before the end of February.

It was moved by Councilmember Bosley and seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve the purchase as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARDS and COMMISSIONS RE-APPOINTMENTS

President Spencer presented the following Borough residents for re-appointment to their respective Boards and Commissions as follows:

UCC Appeals Board - five (5) year term; expires January, 2019
Jeffrey Norman, Architect, 120 South Broad Street

It was moved by Councilmember Irwin and seconded by Councilmember Sinclair to approve the application as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Spencer advised that yesterday was quite a day for our community with the Martin Luther King, Jr. CommUNITY breakfast. The whole day was a plus with over 12,000 pounds of non-perishable food being donated to the Kennett Food Cupboard. In addition, over \$5,000 was raised to go towards the purchase of fresh food. This shows how kind and caring our community is.

President Spencer expressed kudos to the Fire Company. As soon as the Kennett Old Timers Banquet had ended, 20 plus members of the Fire Company worked on rearranging the room to set up for the Martin Luther King, Jr. CommUNITY Breakfast.

President Spencer also thanked the Public Works Department for bringing a truck to spread salt the morning of the Breakfast. The Fire Company members tried to salt by hand but were unable to cover the entire area. Someone from Pubic Works came down immediately and took care of the situation.

President Spencer noted that there has been a major bridge building between the students of Unionville High School and Kennett High School. These students that are rivals on the athletic field became united yesterday by participating in the CommUNITY Choir, the Food Drive, and volunteering for the Day of Sharing.

President reviewed the current vacancies on the Boards and Commissions.

Again, President Spencer urged the public to sign up for Swift Reach.

COUNCIL, MANAGER and MAYOR COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Manager advised that he received an email Friday night from a concerned resident reporting that a company is contacting residents in the Borough trying to solicit insurance for water and sewer service lines. The Manager made it clear that the Borough is not a partner of, nor does it endorse, any such company.

Councilmember Bosley advised John Thomas that the lighting at Magnolia Place is being addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Plumley and seconded by Councilmember Sinclair to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Karen L. Scherer

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Secretary