

OFFICIAL MINUTES DECEMBER 1, 2014

The Regular Meeting of December 1, 2014 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. Roll Call followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

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
 Junior Council Person Meliton Gomez
 Solicitor Marc D. Jonas

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – CARTER COMMUNITY YOUTH KEYANNA TONYA PHIPPS and AALANA LOUSIE VASQUEZ

President Spencer and the Mayor presented a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation to Keyanna Tonya Phipps and Aalana Louise Vasquez.

As part of the 4th Annual National Night Out hosted by the Joseph and Sarah Carter Community Development Organization on August 5th, the youth were encouraged to get to know each of the Borough's Police Officers and obtain their autographs. Both of these young ladies obtained every officer's autograph.

The Mayor advised that in addition to the certificates, these young ladies were rewarded with a ride to tonight's meeting in a police cruiser.

SWEARING IN of PART TIME POLICE OFFICER DONALD MATTHEW CREIGHTON

Edward Zunino, Chief of Police, advised that Donald Matthew Creighton has been hired as a part time Police Officer with the Kennett Square Police Department. He gave a brief summary of Mr. Creighton's education, military and employment history.

The Mayor swore in Donald Matthew Creighton as a part time Kennett Square Police Officer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, questioned why the Borough would purchase a new ladder truck out right instead of taking out a 20 year loan. He is against raising utility rates when the Water Fund has an excess of \$460,000 dollars if keeps funding the General Fund; the same thing happens to the Sewer and Parking Funds. Mr. Thomas suggested that we sell our parking garage to a private owner which could save us a lot of money and also place the property back on the tax role. Mr. Thomas is against raising taxes especially when there are at least 701 people in the Borough living at the poverty level.

Ethan Cramer, 714 South Garfield Street, stated that there is a certain culture within our police force and he does not know if it would be in our best interest to have a regional police force. He asked Council to consider that when making decisions about a regional police force.

REPORTS

HISTORIC KENNETT SQUARE (HKS)

Ms. Mary Hutchins, Executive Director, reported the following:

- Working on the following events - Holiday Art Stroll this Friday; the Longwood Shuttle on December 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th; Horse Drawn Carriage Rides on Sunday, December 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th; and other holiday activities.
- She thank to the Kennett Square Police and Public Works Departments for their cooperation with the Holiday Parade and Longwood Shuttle.
- Shopping on Black Friday and Small Business Saturday was brisk and the restaurants and coffee shops were very busy.
- Winterfest Tickets went on sale on Black Friday. The 50 VIP tickets sold out in 45 seconds. Tickets to the regular fest are selling at a quick pace.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HC)

Councilmember Sinclair advised that the Commission did not meet so there is no report.

CONSENT ITEMS

BILLS to be PAID DECEMBER 1, 2014

President Spencer presented the bills to be paid December 1, 2014, and the bills that were paid since the meeting on November 17, 2014.

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

**2015 to 2019 MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE and
RECYCLING COLLECTION BID AWARD
A. J. BLOSENSKI**

President Spencer presented the Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Bid Award the years 2015 through 2019.

The Manager advised that the bid opening was held on Tuesday, November 25, 2014, at 10 a.m. Three (3) contractors submitted bids with A. J. Blosenski Trash and Recycling Service, P O Box 392, Elverson, PA 19520 being the lowest responsible bidder. The Manager advised that this is a five (5) year bid with two (2) – one (1) year options. The cost of collection under Blosenski’s bid is as follows:

	<u>SOLID WASTE</u>	<u>RECYCLING</u>	<u>BULK ITEMS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Year 2015	\$109,757.00	\$71,040.00	Included	\$180,797.00
Year 2016	\$113,050.00	\$73,171.00	Included	\$186,221.00
Year 2017	\$116,441.00	\$75,366.00	Included	\$191,807.00
Year 2018	\$119,935.00	\$77,627.00	Included	\$197,562.00
Year 2019	<u>\$123,532.00</u>	<u>\$79,956.00</u>	<u>Included</u>	<u>\$203,488.00</u>
Grand Totals	\$582,715.00	\$377,160.00	\$0.00	\$959,875.00

	<u>SOLID WASTE</u>	<u>RECYCLING</u>	<u>BULK ITEMS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Option Year 1, 2020	\$130,944.00	\$84,754.00	Included	\$215,698.00
Option Year 2, 2021	<u>\$138,800.00</u>	<u>\$89,839.00</u>	<u>Included</u>	<u>\$228,639.00</u>
Grand Totals	\$269,744.00	\$174,593.00	\$0.00	\$444,337.00

The Manager advised that this time Council is only to consider the five (5) year portion of the bid at this time. The Option Years will be presented to Council immediately prior to each Option Year.

It was moved by Councilmember Bosley and seconded by Councilmember Sinclair to award the five (5) year bid as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 915
ESTABLISHING the 2015 BOROUGH TAX RATE and
ADOPTION of the 2015 BUDGET**

President Spencer presented the ordinance setting the Borough Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2015 at 6.35 mills and adopting the 2015 Budget. The 2015 Balanced Budget is as follows:

General Fund	\$4,553,100
Water Fund	\$1,327,200
Sewer Fund	\$2,655,500
Parking Fund	\$3,859,700
Solid Waste Fund	\$379,800

Liquid Fuels Fund	\$297,000
Emergency Management Fund	\$665,400
General Capital Improvement Fund	<u>\$2,637,400</u>
Total of all Funds with Transfers	\$16,375,100
Less Interfund Transfers	<u>-\$1,331,300</u>
Total of all Funds less Transfers	\$15,043,800

It was moved by Councilmember Maffei and seconded by Councilmember Bosley to approve the ordinance establishing the 2015 Borough Tax Ordinance and, adopt the 2015 Budget as presented.

Vice President Maffei thanked the public, members of the Fire Company and administration for their input. This budget process was done in a very open and positive manner.

President Spencer thanked Finance Director Kathy Holliday for her hard work on the budget, especially the detailed budget books.

Councilmember Bosley stated that 15% of the one (1) mill tax increase is dedicated to the purchase of the new ladder truck and 85% is dedicated to the streets; improving our roadways is something Council has talked about for years.

Vice President pointed out that the Borough is equally sharing the cost of the purchase of the new ladder truck with Kennett Township.

Councilmember Bosley advised that the entire \$600,000 may not be needed; the total cost of the new ladder truck could be lower than \$1,200,000.

The motion carried with a voted of 6 to 1 with Councilmember Plumley voting no.

The ordinance was assigned No. 915.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8-14
2015 FEE SCHEDULE**

President Spencer presented the resolution setting the 2015 Fee Schedule.

It was moved by Councilmember Maffei and seconded by Councilmember Sinclair to approve the resolution as presented.

The Manager highlighted the changes to the 2015 Fee Schedule compared to 2014.

The motion carried with a voted of 6 to 1 with Councilmember Plumley voting no.

The resolution was assigned No. 8-14.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Spencer announced that due to Council adopting the 2015 Tax Ordinance and the 2015 Budget this evening, the Council meeting on December 8, 2014 has been canceled. The next Council meeting will be Monday, January 5, 2015.

President Spencer announced that the Public Safety Committee will hold a Public Forum on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the lower level of the Michael R. Walker Building, 101 East State Street.

President Spencer announced that the new Family Promise of Southern Chester County, in cooperation with the United Way of Southern Chester County (UW-SCC) will hold "Giving Tuesday" on December 2nd. The UW-SCC has graciously committed that all donations received on "Giving Tuesday" will go towards the new Family Promise of Southern Chester County. The mission of the new Family Promise is to create a self-sustainable livelihood for all children and families experiencing homelessness in Southern Chester County.

Regarding Swift Reach, President Spencer stated that if you have not signed up yet, please do.

COUNCIL, MANAGER and MAYOR COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Junior Council Person Gomez congratulated the two (2) young ladies from the Carter Community that were recognized this evening awarded tonight. He added that he has been a resident of this community since he was a small child.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Vice President Maffei and seconded by Councilmember Sinclair to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Karen L. Scherer

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Secretary