

OFFICIAL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 17, 2015

The Regular Meeting of February 17, 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.*
Councilmember Geoffrey R. Bosley
Councilmember Brett M. Irwin
Councilmember D. Lynn Sinclair
Councilmember Patrick B. Taylor
Mayor Matthew W. Fetick
Solicitor Julie Von Spreckelsen
Junior Council Person Meliton Gomez

Absent: *Vice President Danilo P. Maffei*
Councilmember George P. Plumley, III
Interim Borough Manager Joseph C. Scalise

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Spencer announced that Council held an Executive Session on Monday, February 17, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in Bayard Taylor Room of the Kennett Fire Company, 423 Dalmatian Street. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss personnel and legal matters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments from the floor.

CONDITONAL USE HEARING CANNERY ROW PROPERTIES, LP

The Solicitor opened the Conditional Use Hearing for Cannery Row Properties, LLC at 7:04 p.m.

The hearing was conducted with Court Reporter Mark Haggerty. A transcript of this public hearing is available from the Chester County Court Reporters office for a period of seven (7) years.

Solicitor closed tonight's session at 7:54 p.m. but the record will remain open and the Conditional Use Hearing will be continued on March 2, 2015, 7 p.m.

The Solicitor advised that because the hearing is being continued to a date certain the application does not have to be re-advertised.

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

On behalf of Chief Edward Zunino, Mayor Fetick reported the following statistics for the month of January, 2015:

- Traffic Citations – 70.
- Written Traffic Warnings – 40.
- Criminal Arrests – 15.
- DUI Arrests – 1.
- Total Calls – 627, compared to 599 in January, 2014.

FIRE COMPANY

On behalf of Fire Chief Steven Melton, Deputy Chief Christopher Plumley reported the following calls of the month of January, 2015:

- Total EMS Calls – 94. This is a little higher number of calls than usual.
- Fire Calls – 31 with four (4) being buildings.

President Spencer asked if there was a reason that the EMS calls have been high.

Deputy Chief Plumley replied that the flu and viruses are contributing factors this time of year.

President Spencer questioned if the smoke detectors were working in the recent building fires.

Deputy Chief Plumley replied yes. All of them were functioning appropriately and did what they are made to do. He also noted that the Fire Company has smoke detectors available and the members can help install them if necessary.

Councilmember Taylor asked how the search was progressing for the new fire truck.

Deputy Chief Plumley replied that it is going well. They are meeting with a truck representative this Sunday and have also hired an expert to assist with the search.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Mayor advised that the Committee did not meet in February so there are neither updates nor changes to report.

CONSENT ITEMS

MINUTES of JANUARY 20, 2015

President Spencer presented minutes from January 20, 2015.

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

BILLS

President Spencer presented the bills to be paid on February 17, 2015.

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

BOARDS and COMMISSIONS

RE-APPOINTMENT

President Spencer presented the re-appointment of Borough resident John Thomas as follows:

Architectural Review Board - three (3) year term; expires January, 2018
John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street

It was moved by Councilmember Taylor and seconded by Councilmember Irwin to approve the re-appointment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB) APPLICATION

132 WEST STATE STREET

President Spencer presented the ARB application from Nomadic Pies for new signage for the building located at 132 West State Street. This property is owned by T. Robert Woodward.

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

BID AWARDS

PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES and EQUIPMENT AUCTION

President Spencer presented the final bids for the 2015 Vehicles and Equipment Auction.

Karen Scherer, Borough Secretary, advised that the auction closed on February 6, 2015. The total amount of the bids is \$41,201. The highest bids are as follows:

- 2001 Dodge Dakota Ext. Cab 4x4 Pickup Truck – Highest bid was \$2,701 from Gregory Pellathy.
- Badger 12” Brush Chipper with Auto Feed – Highest bid was \$5,200 from Joseph Smith.
- 2001 Ford F350 4x4 Utility Truck - Highest bid was \$9,200 from Josiah Zahn.
- 2002 GMC 8500 Dump Truck – Highest bid was \$24,100 from Bobby Gerhart.

It was moved by Councilmember Irwin and seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve the bid awards as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MEMBER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT PENN PRIME WORKERS' COMPENSATION TRUST

President Spencer presented the Member Participation Agreement with Penn PRIME Workers' Compensation Trust.

Kathy Holliday, Finance Director, advised that the Borough has been a participant of Penn PRIME's Workers' Compensation Trust since February 1, 2005. They are updating their files and requesting members to sign an updated Member Participation Agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1-15 SAFETY and RISK MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

President Spencer presented the resolution for the Borough's Safety and Risk Management Statement.

Kathy Holiday advised that this resolution recognizes the Borough's responsibility to the safety of its employees and continual commitment to support the Borough's Safety Committee to enforce the Safety and Risk Management Statement.

It was moved by Councilmember Bosley and seconded by Councilmember Irwin to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The resolution was assigned No. 1-15.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-15 SCHEDULE DISPOSITION of MUNICIPAL RECORDS

President Spencer presented the resolution containing the list of records scheduled for disposition in 2015.

Karen Scherer, Borough Secretary, advised that the disposition is in accordance with the Municipal Records Manual published by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

It was moved by Councilmember Sinclair and seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The resolution was assigned No. 2-15.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Spencer announced that delivery of the new 65 gallon Recycle Toters will begin tomorrow. They will be delivered Thursday as well and Friday, if needed.

President Spencer announced the upcoming events:

- Empty Bowls to benefit Kennett Area Community Service, there are two (2) separate seatings on Thursday, February 26th; lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and dinner from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- Annual Spring Clean Up is scheduled for April 18th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- The Library is coordinating the Free Shred Event for the same day as the Clean Up.

President Spencer recognized the following people for their assistance with the water main leak last Thursday and Friday, February 12th and 13th:

- Kennett School District Personnel – Rob Moran, Steve Miller and Rob Tonge.
- Kennett Township Personnel – Roger Lyle, Andrew Earle, Jeff Lawrence and Mark Vitanza.
- New Garden Township Personnel – Connery Clemens.
- The Kennett Square Police Department.
- And of course, the Borough's entire Public Works Department.

Again, President Spencer urged the public to sign up for Swift Reach; this water main leak is another perfect example to sign up for Swift Reach.

President Spencer referred to a banner across State Street that contains a small letter "K" with light blue background. This banner is advertising the library changing their name from the Bayard Taylor Memorial Library to the Kennett Public Library. As a Borough official, President Spencer stated that he is disappointed it was announced this way and especially disappointed that the elected officials, including the Mayor, were not consulted prior to the name change.

COUNCIL, MANAGER and MAYOR COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Bosley questioned when the old red recycle bins will be collected.

The Secretary advised that they will be collected by A. J. Blosenski on Tuesday, February 24th.

Junior Council Person Gomez reported that the High School Ski Club just returned from their trip to Vermont. The SAT Testing is scheduled to take place next month.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Sinclair and seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Karen L. Scherer

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Secretary