

# OFFICIAL MINUTES

## MAY 4, 2015

The Regular Meeting of May 4, 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*  
*Borough Manager Joseph C. Scalise*  
*Solicitor Julie Von Spreckelsen*

Absent: *Mayor Matthew W. Fetick*  
*Junior Council Person Meliton Gomez*

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments from the floor.

### REPORTS

#### HISTORIC KENNETT SQUARE (HKS)

Mary Hutchins, Executive Director, reported the following:

- The Vision Partnership Program Grant from the Chester County Planning Commission was approved. They are preparing the RFP to hire a consultant. The deadline for submitting proposals is June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Several businesses slated to open within in the next few months include Houppette at 101 West State Street, Blown Away at 110 South Union Street, Red Clay Design, 123 East State Street, and Sweet Magnolia Bakery at Liberty Place.
- Kennett Square is hosting a two-day regional meeting for the PA Downtown Centers on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The events HKS is currently working on include the regular Framers Market which opened May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Memorial Day Parade on May 25<sup>th</sup>, the first Third Thursday of 2015 on May 21<sup>st</sup> and the Art Stroll on June 5<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be a launch party for the Summer Issue of Fig on May 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. It will be held at The Woodlands at Phillips and all are invited to attend.

Ms. Hutchins introduced Arturo Gomez Rubio, representative for the Cinco de Mayo Festival.

Mr. Rubio thanked Council for allowing Casa Guanajuato to host the festival in the Borough. He also thanked the Public Works Department and Police Department for their assistance with the festival. Mr. Rubio advised that it was another successful event with approximately 10,000 people in attendance with people coming from Lancaster, Philadelphia and other outside areas.

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HC)**

Councilmember Sinclair, Chair of the Historical Commission, reported the following for their April meeting:

- Hugh Lofting gave an informal presentation of the conversion of the carriage house into an apartment at the Froning Property, 308 Marshall Street. The carriage house is located along Church Alley.
- They reviewed and approved a building permit application for replacement windows at 603 South Broad Street.
- The Commission ordered light pole banners to direct people to the Historic Commission's website.
- The 2015 Historic Preservation Awards will be presented during the June 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting.

## **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION – 2014 ANNUAL REPORT**

Mitchell Brison, Chair of the Civil Service Commission, reported the following activity for the year 2014:

- The Commission finalized the Eligibility List and generated the Certified List on March 3, 2014. In early March 2015, the list was extended for an additional year.
- From the Certified List, Police Officer Jeremiah Boyer was hired as a full time officer.
- Unfortunately due to the passing of Earl "Rusty" Jones, the Commission has a vacancy for one (1) alternate member.

## **BAYARD TAYLOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY now operating as the KENNETT PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Donna Murray, Executive Director of the Bayard Taylor Memorial Library, now operating as the Kennett Public Library, reported the following:

- The recent building renovations are nearly complete and they will hold a Grand Reopening this Thursday.
- The Library recently approved their Strategic Plan, "Vision 2020".
- A rebranding project was initiated in 2014 and resulted in a name change of the Library to the Kennett Public Library.

Ms. Murray concluded her report with the activities, programs and statistics of the Library.

Vice President Maffei questioned how the Library will proceed with the recent turnover of board members.

Susan Mackey-Kallis, President of the Library Board, reported that she is pleased to work with Ms. Murray and thanked her for her amazing work. Ms. Mackey-Kallis advised that four (4) board members have recently resigned. Currently they have seven (7) members and their by-laws require a minimum of nine (9). She noted that they are having discussions with Pocopson Township in regards to having them represented on the Board. They are also meeting with Kennett Township.

Councilmember Bosley asked if the Library is looking for a member from the Borough.

Ms. Mackey-Kallis replied yes.

President Spencer complimented Ms. Murray for her professionalism and stated that her demeanor did not waver during the recent "storm" regarding the name change of the Library.

Vice President congratulated Ms. Murray stating that the diversity and quantity of the programs offered by the Library is remarkable.

## **CONSENT ITEMS BILLS**

President Spencer presented the bills to be paid on May 4, 2015, and the bills that were paid since the last meeting.

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

## **BOARDS and COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENT**

President Spencer presented the appointment of Borough resident James Moore, 300 Meredith Street, to fill a current vacancy on the Planning Commission which will expire on January 1, 2017.

**It was moved by Councilmember Taylor and seconded by Councilmember Bosley to approve the appointment as presented.**

Mr. Moore thanked Council for considering his appointment and stated that he looks forward to working with the Planning Commission.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## **SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS**

### **STRAWBERRY SOCIAL, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>**

President Spencer presented the special event application for the Strawberry Social to be held on Friday, June 5th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Presbyterian Church and will involve the closing of the 200 block of South Broad Street.

Janet Johnson advised that the purpose of the event this year is to raise funds for a mission trip to Mexico.

*It was moved by Vice President Maffei and seconded by Councilmember Sinclair to approve the application as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **2015 BREWFEST, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

President Spencer presented the special event application for the Brewfest to be held on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, from noon until 6:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by Historic Kennett Square and is held in the parking lot of the Genesis HealthCare property located at 600 South Broad Street. Street closings include South Broad Street, from Birch to South Street, and Church Alley from Birch to South Street.

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

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Spencer had nothing to report.

The Secretary noted that during the recent weeks, the number of residents signing up for Swift Reach 911 has increased.

President Spencer advised that some of the students from Kennett High School may participate in a Swift Reach 911 campaign throughout the Borough.

## **COUNCIL, MANAGER and MAYOR COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Manager advised that the Public Works Department will be flushing the fire hydrants the week of May 17<sup>th</sup>. This item was published in the 2015 Spring Newsletter.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*It was moved by Vice President Maffei and seconded by Councilmember Plumley to adjourn the meeting at 7:35p.m.*

*Karen L. Scherer*

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Secretary