

OFFICIAL MINUTES JULY 6, 2015

The Regular Meeting of July 6, 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 D. Lynn Sinclair
Councilmember Patrick B. Taylor
Mayor Matthew W. Fetick
Borough Manager Joseph C. Scalise
Solicitor Marc Jonas

Absent: *Vice President Danilo P. Maffei*
Councilmember Brett M. Irwin
Councilmember George P. Plumley, III
Junior Council Person Meliton Gomez

CONFERENCE

President Spencer announced that Council held a conference with the Borough's Department Heads on two (2) consecutive Saturdays, June 20, 2015, and June 27, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The conference was held in the lower level of Liberty Place, 148 West State Street. The purpose of this conference was to review the Borough's Strategic Plan.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

President Spencer announced that Council held an Informational Meeting regarding the Regional Police Study on Monday, July 6, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in Bayard Taylor Room of the Kennett Fire Company No. 1, 423 Dalmatian Street.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, stated that he disagrees with Council's decision regarding the sidewalks along West Cypress Street in front of Victory Brewing. He would like the current sidewalks to remain and have the same type installed on the opposite of the roadway. Mr. Thomas recommended that Mike Pia have a new traffic study done now that Magnolia Place is nearing completion and Mr. Pia is working on another land development project in the same area.

Russell Drumheller, Codes Enforcement Officer, addressed Mr. Thomas stating that the traffic study previously done by Mr. Pia is old. Pennoni Associates are now working on a new traffic study that involves the plans for Cannery Row.

REPORTS

CODES DEPARTMENT

Russell Drumheller, Codes Enforcement Officer, reported the following activity in the Codes Department for the month of June, 2015:

- Completed 331 inspections; 1,340 year-to-date.
- Received 288 telephone calls into the office; 1,370 year-to-date.
- Received 146 visitors at the office; 642 year-to-date.
- Processed 70 permits – Building/Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical; 268 year-to-date.
- Completed eight (8) Resale Use and Occupancy Inspections.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Russell Drumheller, Codes Enforcement Officer, reported the following activity of the Planning Commission (PC):

- The Commission is busy with two (2) proposed large development plans - the StanAb application which consists of 175 apartments in multiple five (5) story buildings with roughly 8,7000 square feet of restaurant/pub space along South Washington Street; and, the proposed Cannery Row development which consists of four (4) commercial/residential buildings – three (3) to be located in the Borough and one (1) in Kennett Township.

HISTORIC KENNETT SQUARE (HKS)

Mary Hutchins, Executive Director, reported the following:

- The selection committee has chosen Todd Poole of 4ward Planning and Mark Keener from the RBA Group as the consultants to the Economic Study for the region.
- Kennett Brewing Company, 109 South Broad Street opened last month.
- HKS is working with the following new businesses - Blown Away, 110 South Union Street, to open mid August; Houppette, 101 West State Street plans to open mid to late July; and, Red Clay Studio, 123 East State Street.
- Also working on the details of an event that HKS is co-sponsoring with Kennett Trails Alliance and the Chester County Art Association on a grand opening for the Red Clay Trails near Magnolia Place.
- Other upcoming events include Third Thursday on July 16th and the Murder Mystery Art Stroll on August 7th.

- Continue to review façade grant applications. Ms. Hutchins was able to get an extension from the State for the projects that will not be completed by June 30th.
- Tickets continue to sell for The Kennett Brewfest.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HC)

Councilmember Sinclair, Chair of the Historical Commission, reported the following for June, 2015:

- They reviewed and approved a barn renovation plan at 308 Marshall Street, accessory building and carport plans for 220 Lafayette Street, and plans to demolish utility buildings at the Creamery on Birch Street as the initial phase of renovating and repurposing the property.
- Final preparations were made for the 2015 Town Tour and Village Walk, "Freedmen, Fugitives and Friends", which was held on June 18th. The event was well attended.

KENNETT AREA PARK AUTHORITY (KAPA)

Heidi Hauptschein, Office Administrator, highlighted her quarterly report with the following:

- Anson B. Nixon Park is in full swing in 2015 Summer Concert Series although the first one had to be cancelled due to the power outage.
- The Boy Scouts had a successful week of camping in the Park.
- There is a wedding scheduled to be held on the Park on October 10th.
- KAPA has organized a memorial and ceremonial tree planting service for the family of Raziel Castaneda.
- "Rock the Park" fundraiser will be held on September 27th featuring the band, Love Seed Momma Jump. Tickets are \$10 and free for children under 10. Proceeds from this event will benefit the reforestation of the Park.
- She continued her report with updates of the grants that were awarded to KAPA to assist with the new entranceway, dog park, reforestation of old locust trees that had to be taken down, and the Summer Concert Series.

Ms. Hauptschein thanked Borough employee Ester Perez for continuing to assist with the pavilion reservation.

KENNETT AREA PARK and RECREATION BOARD (KAPRB)

This report was postponed to a later date.

CONSENT ITEMS

MINUTES of MAY 18, 2015 and MINUTES of JUNE 1, 2015

President Spencer presented the minutes from May 18, 2015, and June 1, 2015.

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

BILLS

President Spencer presented the bills to be paid on July 6, 2015, and the bills that were paid since the last meeting.

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

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS

MARSHALL STREET BLOCK PARTY, JULY 18th

President Spencer presented the special event application for the Marshall Street Block Party to be held on Saturday, July 18th, from noon to 9:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the residents of Marshall Street and will involve the closing of the 300 block of Marshall Street.

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

2015 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, AUGUST 4th

President Spencer presented the special event application for the 2015 National Night Out to be held on Tuesday, August 4th, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Carter Community Development Corporation and will involve the closing of the 200 and 300 blocks of East Linden Street.

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

2015 COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY, AUGUST 22nd

President Spencer presented the special event application for the 2015 Community Block Party to be held on Saturday, August 22nd, from noon to 4:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Carter Community Development Corporation and will involve the closing of the 200 and 300 blocks of East Linden Street.

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

**2015 MUSHROOM FESTIVAL PARADE, and
DINING and DANCING on STATE, SEPTEMBER 11th**

President Spencer presented the special event application for the 2015 Mushroom Festival Parade, and Dining and Dancing on State to be held on Friday, September 11th, from 4:45 to 10:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by The Mushroom Festival, Inc., and will involve closing portions of State, Race, Willow, Elm, Broad, Union, Meredith, Lincoln, Lafayette and Garfield Streets, and portions of the Church Alley and Maiden Lane.

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

2015 MUSHROOM FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 11th, 12th and 13th

President Spencer presented the special event application for the 2015 Mushroom Festival to be held on Friday, September 11th through Sunday, September 13th. The event is sponsored by The Mushroom Festival, Inc., and will involve closing the roadways throughout the downtown.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4-15

50 YEAR EXTENSION COMMITMENT

SOUTHEASTERN CHESTER COUNTY REFUSE AUTHORITY (SECCRA)

President Spencer presented the resolution to consent to an extension of a 50 year term to the current existence of Joint Municipal Authority with SECCRA.

The Manager advised that SECCRA's legal term of existence will soon expire and as a result it requires a commitment from the 24 communities for an additional 50 years and approve amending SECCRA's Articles of Incorporation by adding the following sentence:

"The authority shall exist for a term of fifty years (unless sooner dissolved according to law) from the date of approval by the Secretary of the Commonwealth of this amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the authority."

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

The resolution was assigned No. 4-15.

**CHARGE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION to GENERATE
CERTIFIED LIST to HIRE ONE (1) ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER**

President Spencer presented the request from Police Chief Edward Zunino for Council to charge the Civil Service Commission to update the Certified List for the hiring of one (1) full time Police Officer.

The Mayor advised that technically, the Police Department has a full time position that has not been filled. At this time, the Commission does not need to retest; they only need to update the Certified List from the available candidates from the Eligible List. He noted that several of the candidates have found employment elsewhere.

It was moved by Councilmember Bosley and seconded by Councilmember Sinclair to approve charging the Civil Service Commission to generate a revised Certified List for the hiring of one (1) Entry Level Police Officer as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Spencer announced that Junior Councilmember Gomez will not be attending Council meetings this summer. Before he enters his senior year at Kennett High School, there are projects he needs to complete such as a leadership conference he recently attended in Boston. Junior Councilmember Gomez will resume attending Council meetings after the start of the new school year.

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

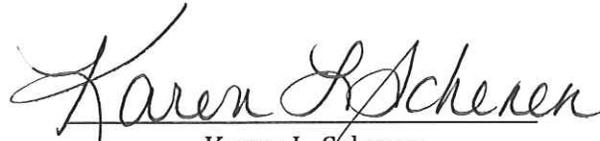
The Mayor announced that he has presented a letter to President Spencer and the other Councilmembers regarding recent changes that have caused significant concern among our residents in regards to the Bayard Taylor Memorial Library. The Mayor noted that he has received more complaints about the Library over the last few months than any other matters combined during his six (6) years in office. The Library is a valuable resource for our community and that needs to be protected. In his letter, the Mayor requested that Borough Council withhold any future donations to the Library until Council can appoint a Borough representative to the Library Board. He also recommended that we participate in a task force with concerned residents and other municipalities to evaluate the Library's ongoing ability to meet the needs of our residents.

President Spencer advised that no action will be taken this evening and this item be placed on next Council agenda for discussion.

The Manager advised that we have been experiencing technical difficulties with the water meter readers communicating with our billing software system. The third quarter utility bills should be mailed within the coming week and consumers will still have 30 days to pay from the date of their bill without incurring penalties.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Sinclair and seconded by Councilmember Bosley to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.



Karen L. Scherer
Secretary