

OFFICIAL MINUTES FEBRUARY 1, 2016

The Regular Meeting of February 1, 2016 of Council for the Borough of Kennett Square was called to at 7:00 p.m. in the Monroe Nute Room of the Kennett Fire Company No. 1, 301 Dalmatian Street, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania with President Danilo P. Maffei in the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Present: *President Danilo P. Maffei*
Vice President Geoffrey R. Bosley
Councilmember Wayne Braffman
Councilmember Ethan Cramer
Councilmember Douglas Doerfler
Councilmember James Mallon - arrived at 7:19 p.m.
Councilmember LaToya M. Myers
Mayor Matthew W. Fetick
Manager Joseph C. Scalise
Solicitor Marc Jonas

Absent: *Jr. Council Person Meliton Gomez*

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

President Maffei announced that several members of Borough Council, Councilmembers Braffman, Cramer, Doerfler and Myers attended an Informational Meeting regarding the EMS Study. The meeting was held in Borough Hall on Friday, January 28, 2016, at 12:30 p.m.

PSABS CONFERENCE

President Maffei announced that four (4) members of Borough Council, Councilmembers Braffman, Cramer, Mallon and Myers, will be attending the Newly Elected Council Training this Friday and Saturday, February 5th and 6th, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The training is conducted by PSABS (Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments from the floor.

PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENT to KENNETT SQUARE BOROUGH CODE, CHAPTER 23
ZONING, HOUSECLEANING MEASURES

A public hearing was held for the proposed ordinance amending the Kennett Square Municipal Code, Chapter 23, Zoning for housecleaning measures

The Solicitor opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

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

The Solicitor closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 926
AMENDMENT to KENNETT SQUARE BOROUGH CODE, CHAPTER 23
ZONING, HOUSECLEANING MEASURES

President Maffei presented the ordinance amending the Kennett Square Municipal Code, Chapter 23, Zoning for housecleaning measures

It was moved by Councilmember Doerfler and seconded by Vice President Bosley to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 6 to 0.

Councilmember Mallon was not present for the vote.

The ordinance was assigned No. 926

COMMITTEE REPORTS
CODES DEPARTMENT

Russell Drumheller, Code Enforcement Officer, reported the following activity for the January, 2016:

- Completed 81 inspections.
- Received 135 telephone calls into the office.
- Received 43 visitors at the office.
- Completed four (4) Resale Use and Occupancy Permits.
- Working on several proposed ordinance amendments.
- Ester Perez is processing, recording and permitting all residential and commercial rental units – total of 1,273.

HISTORIC KENNETT SQUARE (HKS)

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

- Last week's Annual Meeting was successful with about 100 people in attendance.
- Nicole Grebloskie is the new HKS president, Tom Sausen the new vice President and Dan Gannon is treasurer. David B. Myers will serve as past president and Chadd Fenstermacher was elected as a new board member.
- The first public meeting for the Economic Study will be held on February 11, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Genesis HealthCare building.
- HKS Directors are working with Bill Fontana from the PA Downtown Center to lead an organizational development series of workshops in early 2016.
- She is working with the owners of the old fire hall to find tenants for the back of the building. Also working with someone who has a contract to purchase 120 East State Street.
- Other items she is working on include an online/cloud based parking system, creating a Kennett Area Heritage Tourism program and tourism signage.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police, Edward Zunino, presented the 2015 Police Activity/Incident Report as follows:

- Total Mile Patrolled - 53,541.
- Criminal Arrests - 253.
- DUI Arrests - 40.
- Traffic Citations Issued - 816.
- Violation Warnings Issued - 524.
- Parking Tickets Issued - 2,547.
- Total Reports Filed - 7,367.

PUBIC SAFETY REPORT

The Mayor gave a summary of the activity for the Public Safety Committee in 2015 as follows:

- Repair of the Fire Pump on East Linden Street remains on the Action List. Currently the pump is working safely but needs to be upgraded. Grant funding is needed to upgrade the system.
- Traffic details in specific areas continue.
- Installation of the North Union Street Gateway is budgeted for 2016.
- Installation of sidewalks along North Walnut Street between State Street and the Park is also budgeted for 2016.

- The Committee added a "Winter Warning" Route for inclement winter weather. This is separate classification from the Snow Emergency Route that restricts parking on certain streets.
- There are approximately 20 fire hydrants that need to be replaced.

The Mayor advised that he plans to hold an Annual Public Safety Committee Meeting in the second quarter of 2016.

CONSENT ITEM

BILLS

President Maffei presented the bills to be paid February 1, 2016, and the bills that were paid since the last meeting.

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

HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (HARB) APPLICATION 341 SOUTH UNION STREET

Andy Froning stated that the HARB reviewed the application at their January 24, 2016 meeting. The HARB recommends that Council approve the application as follows:

- 341 South Union Street - Renovation to roofs and replacement of doors, windows and fencing.

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

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS

VICTORY/HISTORIC KENNETT SQUARE (HKS) BLOCK PARTY and FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL, MAY 22nd

President Maffei presented the special event application for the Victory/HKS Block Party and Food Truck Festival to be held on Sunday, May 22nd from noon until 4 p.m. with road closures beginning at 11 a.m.

The Manager advised that this is new event to benefit HKS. It will be held in the 600 block of West Cypress Street.

It was moved by Vice President Bosley and seconded by Councilmember Mallon to approve the application as presented.

Councilmember Cramer asked if there are shuttles plan for drunk drivers.

Mary Hutchins replied no but stated that there will be marshals throughout the event and Kennett Square Police Officers will also be there. She also advised that this is a family friendly event and much different than the Brewfest and Winterfest; it is similar to HKS's Third Thursday Events.

The Manager advised that traffic will be detoured and that no trucks will be allowed on D Street.

Ms. Hutchins stated that the projected amount that will be raised for HKS is \$10,000.

The Manager advised that the Borough will be reimbursed for their expenses incurred for this event.

President Maffei stated that we have a great track record for events like this in the Borough.

Motion carried with a vote of 6 to 1 with Councilmember Cramer voting no.

KSQ MUSHROOM CAP HALF MARATHON

President Maffei presented the special event application for the KSQ Mushroom Cap Half Marathon sponsored by Run2Shine, Inc. The event will be held on Saturday, October 15th from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with road closures beginning at 7 a.m.

The Manager advised that the applicant has been working with the Borough, Kennett Township and East Marlborough Township on this event.

It was moved by Councilmember Cramer and seconded by Councilmember Myers to approve the application as presented.

David Berger, Race Director, stated that the race committee knows that the Borough and this part of Chester County is beautiful and it is a great place to hold a half marathon.

The Manager advised that the applicant is a non-profit entity and the proceeds will benefit Family Promise and the Youth Garage.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT REPORT

President Maffei referred to the recent snowfall of approximately 26 inches and thanked the Mayor, Police Officers, Public Works and members of the administration for their services. There were no reports of damages or injuries. Both social media and Swift Reach were very helpful in keeping people up to date. President Maffei encouraged people to sign up for Swift Reach stating it is the best way to be notified.

COUNCIL, MANAGER and MAYOR COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Doerfler referenced the presentation made by George Beer at the last Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Beer is looking at a total residential development of the old NVF site but Councilmember Doerfler noted that the proposed development is still in a very early stage. He also noted that whatever is developed on this site will have a tremendous impact on this town.

The Mayor noted that the Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24th, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the lower level of the Genesis HealthCare building, 101 East State Street.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Mallon and seconded by Vice President Bosley to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.


Karen L. Scherer
Borough Secretary