

OFFICIAL MINUTES JUNE 20, 2016

The Regular Meeting of June 20, 2016, of Council for the Borough of Kennett Square was called to order 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 L. Cramer
Councilmember J. Douglas Doerfler
Councilmember LaToya M. Myers
Mayor Matthew W. Fetick
Solicitor Marc D. Jonas

Absent: *Councilmember James Mallon*
Manager Joseph C. Scalise

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Maffei announced that Borough Council held an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. this evening. The session was held in the Monroe Nute Room of the Kennett Fire Company No. 1, 301 Dalmatian Street, Kennett Square, PA. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss personnel matters.

PUBLIC HEARING CANCELLED

AMENDMENTS to KENNETT SQUARE BOROUGH CODE

CHAPTER 23, ZONING

ADD MIXED USE DEVELOPEMNT to C-2 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

President Maffei announced that the public hearing scheduled for July 5, 2016, 7 p.m., to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 23, Zoning, adding Mixed Use Development to the C-2 Secondary Commercial District and amending the definition of a "mixed use building" has been cancelled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, thanked Council for making the bills available to the public online. He referred to the different providers we have for phones, internet and cable and suggested that Council looks into combining all of these services under one(1) provider to see if we can receive a discount. .

Jeannie Jims, 548 Richards Road, stated that the Public Dropbox is great. She questioned why the real estate taxes for 2016 is less than the amount for 2015. Ms. Jims expressed her disappointment of the Mayor's comments comparing the Latino Commission to the resources available for senior citizens. She would love to see a Senior Citizen Affairs Commission established in the near future.

REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Corporal William Holdsworth reported the following offenses for the month of May, 2016:

- Actual Offenses – 72.
- Criminal Arrests –42.
- DUI Arrests – 6.
- Traffic Citations –66.
- Traffic Warnings – 41.
- Total Calls in May, 2016 – 827, compared to 611 in 2015.
- Total Calls Year-to-date – 3,612, compared to 3,041 in 2015.

FIRE COMPANY

Chief Christopher Plumley reported the following calls for the month of April, 2016:

- Fire Calls – 17 total.
- EMS Calls – 95 total, with being 44 in the Borough and 37 in Kennett Township.

The Chief advised that they expect delivery of the new ladder truck around July 1st - 7th. The housing is planned for August 27th.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Mayor advised that the Public Safety Committee receives and reviews ongoing complaints and concerns regarding handicap parking spaces, traffic, snow removal, etc. The Committee is currently addressing the following:

- Generating a list of contractors available to assist those who need assistance with snow removal.
- Pedestrian crossing on West Cypress Street near the Y.

- Installation of "Children Playing" signage on Sycamore Alley.

KENNETT AREA PARK and RECREATION BOARD (KAPRB)

Claire Finfrock, Recreation Coordinator, advised that renovations continue at Herb Pennock Park with the installation of two (2) new kiosks through an Eagle Scout Project. The new playground equipment has been installed and ready for use. Other activities include:

- Spring leagues have come to a close.
- Summer Golf is underway.
- Summer Camp up and running.
- Kids Cross Country Race, July 14th.
- Mushroom 5K Run and Walk, September 11th.
- Working with New Garden Township on a new event, "Run the Runway" to be held on August 21st at New Garden Airport.

STREETSCAPE AD HOC COMMITTEE

President Maffei recognized the members of the Streetscape Ad Hoc Committee - Carol Krawczyk, Andy Munter, Steve Melton, Pandora Young, Tom Schreier, Tara Tracy and Penny D'Ottavio. To date they have conducted three (3) meetings and several of the members participated in a community forestry online short course. They have completed a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) Analysis and invited planners from the Chester County Planning Commission to discuss the Committee's mission and findings. As a result, the Committee recommends that they perform the following work:

- Conduct street tree and sidewalk inventory.
- Conduct origin and destination study.
- Prepare Streetscape Plan, including community stakeholder focus groups.

The Committee believes all of the work can be done by the members and volunteers without incurring outside professional fees.

There were no objections from Council to move forward with the work.

CONSENT ITEMS

BILLS

President Maffei presented the bills to be paid June 20 2016.

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

BOARDS and COMMISSIONS
APPOINTMENT to CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

President Maffei presented the following appointment to the Boards and Commissions:

- Civil Service Commission – Regular Member
Anthony J. DeFazio, 820 South Walnut Street

Borough Secretary Karen Scherer advised that the Commission consists of a total of six (6) members – three regular members (3) and three (3) alternates. On June 10, 2016, William Smith resigned as a regular member from the Commission and Council needs to fill that vacancy. Mr. DeFazio is currently the first and only alternate and is willing to serve as a regular member. He will fulfill the remainder of the regular member term which expires January 1, 2019. With this appointment, that leaves three (3) vacancies, all alternate members.

It was moved by Councilmember Cramer and seconded by Councilmember Doerfler to appoint Mr. DeFazio as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SWEARING IN ANTHONY J. DeFAZIO as a
REGULAR MEMBER of the CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

The Mayor swore in Anthony J. DeFazio as a regular member of the Civil Service Commission.

BOARDS and COMMISSIONS
ADVISORY COMMISSION on LATINO AFFAIRS

President Maffei presented to the following people to be appointed to the Advisory Commissions on Latino Affairs for 2-year terms:

- Ma Eugenia Daza de Zavala, 712 South Washington
- Margarita Garay Zarco.
- Juan Carlos Navarro.
- Daniella Silva.
- Lindsey Sweet.
- Atenogenes Zurita.

The following for 1-year terms:

- Cornelio Guillen.
- Edgar Larrea.
- Luis Tovar.
- Mayra Zavala Zavala.
- Kathleen Snyder.

Councilmember Cramer advised that many people were interested in serving on the Commission including a high school student. Out of all of the applications submitted, the Public Communication Ad Hoc Committee recommends that these individuals be appointed to the Commission.

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

HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (HARB) APPLICATION 112 SOUTH BROAD STREET

Andrew Froning, Chair of the HARB, presented the following HARB application to Council for approval:

- 112 South Broad Street, Richardson Broad Street One, LLC – Exterior Renovations as recommended by the HARB in their report dated June 14, 2016.

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

REQUEST for PARKING RELIEF 416/418 WEST STATE STREET

President Maffei presented the request for parking relief from Christopher Sotiropoulos.

The Solicitor advised that the owner is planning to construct a new 3-story office building at 416 West State Street. The Borough's Zoning Ordinance requires 14 parking spaces. The plans include four (4) onsite parking spaces so Mr. Sotiropoulos is requesting relief for 10 parking spaces. If approved, Mr. Sotiropoulos would pay the Borough a one-time In-lieu of Providing Parking Fee of \$470.00 per space for a total of \$4,700.00.

Dennis Melton, architect representing Mr. Sotiropoulos and Crescent Construction, displayed the proposed plans. He noted that the Parking Site Plan, dated April 27, 2016, demonstrates at least 80 parallel parking spaces that are seldom used on State Street in the vicinity of the proposed office building. Also, at least another 180 parallel parking spaces that are seldom used on North Garfield, Lincoln and West Linden Streets. His client believes the parking requirements can be satisfied with these ample parallel parking spaces in the vicinity of the proposed office building.

Vice President Bosley stated that he is abstaining from this item due to the fact that his employer owns the adjacent property.

It was moved by Councilmember Braffman and seconded by Councilmember Doerfler to grant the relief as requested.

Councilmember Braffman stated that he will support this request because we should not penalize the developer who is doing a great job. We haven't thought this through and the last time we discussed this matter, a number of questions were raised about what we are doing with regards to a parking policy. He resubmitted his recommendation to develop an ad hoc committee to address a parking relief policy.

Councilmember Cramer advised that this matter has been discussed during Public Safety Committee meetings and we are taking some preliminary steps. He agreed with Councilmember Braffman that we should not penalize the developer and is supporting this request.

Motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0 with Vice President Bosley abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

John Thomas referred to Item #5 and stated by granting relief for parking, he believes this hurts the town. In reference to the Public Safety Committee Report, there was no talk about the lack of parking on Birch Street. Mr. Thomas referred to Item # 3 stating he thinks this is bias and wants a committee for Italian residents.

Tony D'Ottavio, 516 East South Street, referred to Items #5 stating that the audience was unable to see the plans; all they could see was the back of the boards. He added that granting parking relief infringes on the residents and it's happening all over town

Carol Krawczyk, 521 West State Street, referred to Item #5 and noted that there are a number of tractor trailers that park at Denny Electric which is in the vicinity of that property.

Ken Edwards, 410 Meredith Street, referred to Item #5 and stated that the public would like to see what is going on. When the plans were displayed for Council the public was unable to see them.

Tracy Martin, 512 East South Street, agreed with Mr. Thomas with regards to Item #3. She thinks that is bias and she would also like a committee for the Italian residents.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

COUNCIL, MANAGER and MAYOR COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Braffman advised that application process to serve on the Latino Commission was open to everyone, Latino and non-Latino. It was advertised in both English and Spanish and everyone was invited to attend Open House meeting. Out of all of the applications received, the Public Communication Ad Hoc Committee recommended the appointment of the 11 applicants they considered to the most suitable to serve on the Commission.

Councilmember Braffman referred to the Suggestion Form on the back of the agenda and encouraged the public to use it when they have ideas or suggests.

Councilmember Braffman advised that the Public Communication Ad Hoc Committee has been looking at ways to improve presentations during meetings.

Vice President Bosley addressed Mr. Thomas stating that periodically we get proposals for communication services and did so earlier this year.

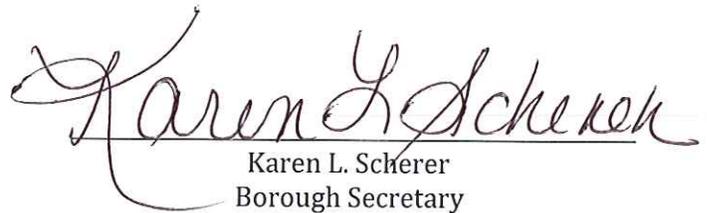
Vice President Bosley addressed Ms. Jims stating that our budget is down a little 2016 versus 2015 with regards to our taxes. Just to be safe, we do budget conservatively, however it is his prediction that taxes will come in higher by the end of December.

The Mayor stated that the Public Safety Committee is in the process of arranging a meeting with the County Regional Planning that specializes in parking to discuss ways to deal with parking. The initial meeting should be within 30 - 60 days. .

The Mayor addressed Ms. Jims stating that he made a poor comparison with regards to the Latino Commission. It was a bad example however, he supports the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Cramer and seconded by Councilmember Doerfler to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.



Karen L. Scherer
Borough Secretary