

## OFFICIAL MINUTES JUNE 5, 2017

The Regular Meeting of June 5, 2017, of Council for the Borough of Kennett Square was called to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Red Clay Room of the Kennett Fire Company No. 1, 423 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*  
*Councilmember LaToya M. Myers*

*Mayor Matthew W. Fetick*  
*Manager Joseph C. Scalise*  
*Solicitor Marc D. Jonas*

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Maffei advised there is a public question and answer period later in the agenda regarding the proposed joint facility with the Kennett Library and asked the public to hold off their questions regarding the topic until that portion of the meeting.

John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, commended Council for getting the debt under control. He referred to repairs needed to infrastructure, replacement of equipment, and the need to update the sewer plant and asked Council to consider these things before taking on any more debt.

Charla Watson, 523 Magnolia Street, agreed with Mr. Thomas' comments. She asked Council to consider the citizens on fixed incomes before taking on additional debt. Ms. Watson said the overflow of parking was a mess during the event at Victory yesterday.

Ann Einstein, 119 East Linden Street, expressed her concern about the condition of the landscape at the old Borough Hall, 120 North Broad Street and asked that the property be maintained.

Kathleen Tavoni, 615 Worrall Avenue, said the tax base is not growing and residents are being forced to leave because they no longer can afford to live in the Borough. She referred to the water main break on South Street a few years ago and expressed her concern that we will not have the funds to make repairs should a similar break happen on State Street.

Tony Talamonti, 584 East Cypress Street, stated he does not understand why Council is looking at a new auditorium when this room will seat 450. He added that the Fire Company property, which was to be given to the Borough, is not in the flood plain.

Roxane Petit-Rasselle, 113 Marshall Street, stated as a college professor she supports the need for a new library, however, she questioned what is going to happen if we go with the more expensive joint facility with the Library and then something happens to the infrastructure and we don't have the reserves to make the repair. This will negatively impact retirees, elderly and low income families in the Borough.

## **CHAPLAIN – POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNALIE KORENGEL**

Chief Holdsworth introduced the new Chaplain for the Kennett Square Police Department, Reverend Annalie Korengel. Reverend Korengel serves as the pastor for Unionville Presbyterian Church and volunteers as the Chaplain for the Southern Chester County Regional Police Department.

Reverend Korengel thanked Council for the opportunity to serve those who serve the community.

Mayor Fetick advised this is a volunteer position.

## **REPORTS**

### **ADVISORY COMMISSION on LATINO AFFAIRS (ACOLA)**

Kathleen Snyder reported the following activity of ACOLA since its inception in 2016:

- They meet monthly on the second Tuesday, 7 p.m., at 312 West State Street. An interpreter is available at the meetings.
- Juan Carlos Navarro is Chair, Mayra Zavala is Vice Chair and Lindsey Sweet is Secretary.
- So far the Commission bridged the communication gap between a resident and the Borough Police which allowed the resident to receive assistance from the Police.
- ACOLA presented to Council an anti-discrimination act which was successfully adopted via an ordinance.
- After losing some of the original members, ACOLA recently hosted an open house for members of the community interested in serving on the Commission.
- They will continue to advocate for the Latino community and pursue strengthening the communication between Anglo and Latino residents.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Vice President Bosley's report from the Finance Committee's June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting included the following:

- The joint facility with the Kennett Library was a big topic as the Committee put the finishing touches on tonight's PowerPoint presentation.
- Invoices were reviewed.
- They also discussed parking rate structure.

## **HISTORIC KENNETT SQUARE (HKS)**

Mary Hutchins, Executive Director, reported the following activity and events:

- Farmers Market is in full swing.
- June 15<sup>th</sup> is the second Third Thursday.
- There is free Walking Tour on June 17<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Underground Railroad.
- The Clover Market will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- One June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Town Tour and Village Walk will be in the Borough with the tours beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- This past weekend included the First Friday Art Stroll and Food Truck Festival on Sunday.
- Penny Lane Emporium, a Children's boutique, is opening this Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 121 West State Street.
- The Kennett Brewfest was named the Best Festival in the Philadelphia area by Philly BeerScene. This year's event is Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

### **MINUTES of MAY 15, 2017**

President Maffei presented the minutes from May 15, 2017, for approval.

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

## **BILLS**

President Maffei presented the bills to be paid June 5, 2017, and the bills paid since the last meeting for approval.

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

**EMERGENCY SERVICES STUDY**

Scudder Stevens, Kennett Township Supervisor and member of the EMS Work Group, gave a report on the activity of the group and the wellbeing of all three (3) fire companies, Kennett, Longwood and Po-Mar-Lin. These companies serve Kennett, East Marlborough, Pocopson, Newlin and Pennsbury Townships, and Kennett Square Borough. He asked Council to review the documents he sent them regarding the establishment of the EMS Regional Commission and consider joining the Commission.

Mr. Stevens entertained questions from Council.

President Maffei thanked Councilmember Cramer, Carol Krawczyk and the Borough Manager for their work on the EMS study.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS****JOINT FACILITY with KENNETT LIBRARY****FINANCES**

Councilmember Braffman gave a PowerPoint presentation which was unanimously approved by the Finance Committee on the Borough's finances with regards to funding the joint facility with the Kennett Library. Councilmembers Braffman and Myers, and Vice President Bosley serve on the Finance Committee. The presentation showed and compared the three (3) options – "All-in", "Minimal", or "Out".

**MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

The Borough Manager reviewed proposed MOU between the Borough and Kennett Library regarding the joint facility and referred to the highlights.

The Borough Solicitor advised he had no comments.

A discussion ensued.

President Maffei reported the consensus of the Council includes working out the language of the exit clause, inserting an "up to" percentage in paragraph 4, Project Committee, and add 4.b to include monthly reports.

**QUESTION and ANSWER SESSION****JOINT FACILITY with the KENNETT LIBRARY**

President Maffei opened the Question and Answer Session for Borough citizens.

The following Borough residents presented questions that were answered by Council, the Borough Manager, the Mayor, the Borough Solicitor and the Library Board:

- John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street.

- Charla Watson, 523 Magnolia Street.
- Tom Hammer, 312 North Washington Street.
- Ken Edwards, 412 Meredith Street.
- Clara Saxton, 120 West Linden Street.
- Jenifer MacFarland, 303 Hessian Drive.
- Pandora Young, 419 South Broad Street.
- Tony D'Ottavio, 516 East South Street.
- Kathy Tavoni, 615 Worrall Avenue.
- Diana Lomas, 335 North Broad Street.

## **RECESS**

President Maffei called for a recess at 9:51 p.m.

President Maffei reconvened the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS - JOINT FACILITY with KENNETT LIBRARY**

Charla Watson, 523 Magnolia Street, stated it would have been a good idea to send a mailing to every Borough household advising them about tonight's meeting. She referred to the condominium aspect of the joint facility and said it will be different for a municipality. Ms. Watson feels we will be in trouble if we have an unexpected big expenditure plus she thinks the joint facility is the wrong place. Ms. Watson sees the joint facility as an overburden to the taxpayers when the Borough can use the auditoriums at the schools.

John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, thinks the discussion tonight got off kilter; he feels the Library is a done deal and will be built on the Weinstein lot. He does not want the Borough to expand the parking garage at the citizens' expense. Mr. Thomas feels we all want the Library but the Borough is gambling with the soft costs which are not in the final figures.

Ken Edward, 412 Meredith Street, said the joint facility is a grand idea but it is too big for that lot.

Pandora Young, 419 South Broad Street, thinks the joint facility is a great for the town and the memorandum needs to be approved in order to move forward with the Library. She suggested another way to get information out to residents is with the utility bills.

Tony Talamonti, 584 East Cypress Street, questioned where expansion could take place with such a large facility. He feels there is not enough parking for the police vehicles and too much is being crammed into that lot.

### **ALL-IN PROPOSAL for JOINT FACILITY with the KENNETT LIBRARY**

It was moved Councilmember Braffman and seconded by Councilmember Doerfler to approve the "All-in" proposal as presented in the Finance Presentation. Motion carried unanimously.

### **MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING (MOU) for JOINT FACILITY with the KENNETT LIBRARY**

President Maffei presented the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Joint Facility with Kennett Library.

It was moved by Councilmember Mallon and seconded Councilmember Doerfler to approve the MOU with the modifications to "4. Project Committee", by adding "up to" 10% of value for either the Library or the Borough; adding 4.b, "Monthly Reports"; and completion of exit clause language. Motion carried unanimously.

### **HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (HARB) APPLICATIONS 515 SOUTH BROAD STREET 113 MARSHALL STREET 425 WEST SICKLE STREET**

President Maffei presented three (3) HARB applications for approval as follows:

- 515 South Broad Street, Construct Addition.
- 113 Marshall Street, Construct Addition.
- 425 West Sickle Street, Fence.

Clara Saxton, HARB Secretary, gave a brief description of the applications and advised the HARB supports granting a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to each applicant.

It was moved by Councilmember Cramer and seconded by Vice President Bosley to approve the COA's as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS**

#### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>**

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY, AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>**

President Maffei presented the following to (2) special event applications for approval:

- National Night Out, August 1<sup>st</sup>, from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Carter Community Block Party, August 26<sup>th</sup>, from 12 to 3 p.m.

Councilmember Cramer stated that he is abstaining due to the fact he serves on the board of the Carter Community.

Councilmember Myers stated that she is abstaining due to the fact she serves on the board of the Carter Community.

It was moved by Councilmember Doerfler and seconded by Councilmember Mallon to approve the applications as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0 with Councilmembers Cramer and Myers abstaining.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-08**  
**URGING SUPPORT for the REBUILDING of the INTERSECTION between**  
**OLD BALTIMORE PIKE and NEWARK ROAD**

President Maffei presented the resolution Urging Support for the Rebuilding of the Intersection between Old Baltimore Pike and Newark Road in Neighboring New Garden Township for approval.

Councilmember Cramer advised this resolution commends the efforts of New Garden Township to rebuild this intersection and urgently requests strong support and active efforts of all concerned parties, including elected officials and agencies at all levels of government to timely implement and complete this project.

It was moved by Councilmember Braffman and seconded by Councilmember Doerfler to approve the resolution as presented and a copy be sent to the appropriate elected officials. Motion carried unanimously.

The resolution was assigned No. 2017-08.

**ACCEPTANCE of COMPLETION of the**  
**KENNETT LIBRARY VISIONING STUDY**

President Maffei presented the Kennett Library Visioning Study for acceptance.

The Borough Manager advised the Visioning Study has been completed for the joint facility and is required to be officially declared complete by the municipality(ies) prior to seeking reimbursement from the County.

It was moved by Councilmember Mallon and seconded by Vice President Bosley to accept the study as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public

**PRESIDENT REPORT**

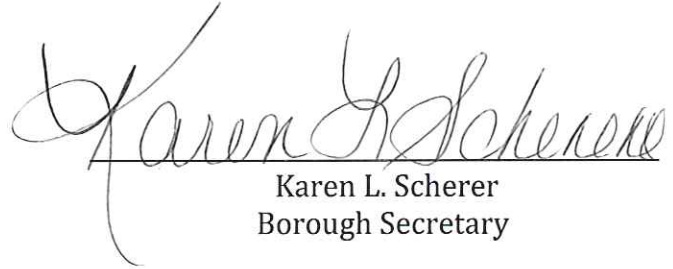
No report.

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

The Mayor referred to a meeting regarding 100 percent renewable energy that he and the Councilmember Braffman attended. They would like to have a representative give a presentation on this topic at a Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Vice President Bosley and seconded by Councilmember Mallon to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 p.m.



Karen L. Scherer  
Borough Secretary