

OFFICIAL MINUTES JULY 17, 2017

The Regular Meeting of July 17, 2017, 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 Vice President Geoffrey R. Bosley in the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Present: *Vice President Geoffrey R. Bosley
Councilmember Wayne Braffman
Councilmember Ethan L. Cramer
Councilmember J. Douglas Doerfler
Councilmember James Mallon
Councilmember LaToya M. Myers
Mayor Matthew W. Fetick*

Absent: *President Danilo P. Maffei
Borough Manager Joseph C. Scalise*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, questioned if it possible to sell the Weinstein lot to the Kennett Library without going out to bid. He also raised questions about a few bills – recycling, KAPA, Kennett Fire Company and Keystone.

Brenda Mercomes, 639 West Mulberry Street and Kennett Library Board Member, read a letter from Tom Swett, President of the Kennett Library Board, addressed to Borough Council, Mayor Fetick, Borough Manager and all staff and advisers of the Borough of Kennett Square. The letter contained two (2) requests – for the Borough to sell the Weinstein lot to the Library for the lowest possible price and the other was for the Borough's offer by July 31st with settlement by August 31st.

Dave Teel, 620 Linden Circle, referred to the development of 312 North Washington Street and asked why the sidewalk did not have to be installed but when the house was built on Linden Circle, a sidewalk had to be installed.

AMENDMENT to AGENDA

CONSENT ITEM #1B, JULY 3, 2017, MINUTES

Vice President Bosley announced Item #1B, July 3, 2017 Minutes, need to be tabled until the next Council meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Cramer and seconded by Councilmember Doerfler to table Consent Item #1B. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HISTORIC KENNETT SQUARE

Mary Hutchins, Executive Director, highlighted her report with the following:

- The next Third Thursday is July 20th.
- This year's Farmers Market is one of the most successful seasons.
- Murder Mystery Art Stroll is August 4th.
- So far, HKS has received 18 resumes for the Economic Director position.
- Kennett Art Alliance is going through a bit of reorganization.
- She is working on filling the few vacancies in the downtown. .

Ms. Hutchins answered questions from Councilmember Braffman regarding the Economic Director position and hiring processing.

FIRE COMPANY

Fire Chief Christopher Plumley reported the following activity for the month of May, 2017:

- Fire Calls – 27 total.
- EMS Calls – 94 total; 42 in the Borough and 43 in Kennett Township.

Fire Chief Christopher Plumley reported the following activity for the month of June, 2017:

- Fire Calls – 28 total.
- EMS Calls – 97 total; 32 in the Borough and 42 in Kennett Township.

He advised the remounted ambulance will be here in a few weeks.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police William Holdsworth reported the following offenses for the month of June, 2017:

- Actual Offenses – 35.
- Criminal Arrests – 23.
- DUI Arrests – 5.
- Traffic Citations – 120.
- Traffic Warnings – 43.
- Total Calls in June, 2017 – 696, compared to 769 in 2016.

- Total Calls Year-to-date – 4,010, compared to 4,381 in 2016.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Mayor reported the following activity of the Public Safety Committee:

- Spending time discussing parking issues and how to address them; this includes Birch Street and the traffic in that area.
- Considering the installation of two (2) pedestrian crossings with activation signals and looking into grant funding for both.
- The opticons used by the Fire Company at the traffic lights on State Street have been adjusted to allow easier travel for emergency vehicles through the intersections.
- Continue to work on wayfinding for truck traffic through the Borough.

CONSENT ITEMS

MINUTES of JUNE 19, 2017

Vice President Bosley presented the minutes from June 19, 2017, for approval.

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

BILLS

Vice President Bosley presented the bills to be paid on July 17, 2017, and the bills that were paid since the last meeting for approval.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PROPERTY REQUEST – KENNETT FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

Gina Puoci, Vice President, and Bruce Mitchell, President, of Kennett Fire Company addressed Council about the possibility of having the Borough transfer a portion of land adjacent to the Fire Company. The Fire Company has maintained this piece of land for over 25 years and did not realize it was Borough property until having their property surveyed recently.

Russell Drumheller, Codes Enforcement Officer, advised the Fire Company will handle the subdivision process. He noted 99 percent of this land is in the flood plain.

After a brief discussion, there were no objections from Council for the Fire Company to proceed with the subdivision process.

WEINSTEIN LOT for KENNETT LIBRARY USE

Vice President Bosley advised the Finance Committee discussed the matter of selling the Weinstein lot to the Kennett Library. He questioned if the Finance Committee should schedule a special meeting to fast track this.

Councilmember Braffman stated that it is premature to discuss matter until we receive the appraisal and the numbers he requested from the Borough Manager.

A discussion ensued.

Council agreed that the appraisal is needed before the Finance Committee can move forward with a fair market value.

Jeff Yetter, member of the Library Board, thanked Council for their consideration and advised that the Library Board is at a stopping point until the Borough comes up with a proposal.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION

AFTER-THE-BELL BLOCK PARTY, SEPTEMBER 21st

Vice President Bosley presented the special event application for the After-The-Bell Block Party to be held on Thursday, September 21st for approval.

The Borough Secretary advised this is a first time event which will run from 6 to 9 p.m. during September's Third Thursday. It will be held on Apple Alley between Church Alley and South Broad Street.

Kathleen Do, Executive Director of the After-The-Bell Program, gave some background on the program and stated all of their funding comes from corporations and private donors. They are using this event to bring awareness to the program and what it has to offer.

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

BOARDS and COMMISSIONS

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON LATINO AFFAIRS (ACOLA)

Vice President Bosley presented the following appointments to ACOLA:

- Rosendo Mata, term will expire January 1, 2018.

The Borough Secretary advised this appointment fills the last vacancy on ACOLA.

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

**AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT
PUBLIC MEETING – ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING the
KENNETT FIRE and EMS REGIONAL COMMISSION**

Vice President Bosley presented the advertisement to hold a public meeting to consider an ordinance to establish the Kennett Fire and EMS Regional Commission. The public meeting will be held on August 7th at 7 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Mallon and seconded by Councilmember Doerfler to authorize the advertisement as presented.

Councilmember Braffman requested the Fire and EMS Study be placed in the Public Dropbox.

The Borough Secretary advised she would do so.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT
PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23, ZONING,
OI-1 DISTRICT, USES**

Vice President Bosley presented the advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 23, Zoning, OI-1 District, Uses. The public hearing will be held on August 7th at 7 p.m.

Russell Drumheller advised the proposed ordinance is the same as what he presented to Council a couple of months ago. The uses encompass the entire OI-1 District and not just Birch Street.

It was moved by Councilmember Cramer and seconded by Councilmember Myers to authorize the advertisement as presented.

Councilmember Braffman questioned the reservations expressed by the Chester County Planning Commission.

Mr. Drumheller replied that the County recommended the word “wine” be included in the uses but doing so would set the process back 45 days. At this time, we are moving forward without word “wine” which can be added as an amendment at a later date.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-11

JOINT MULTIMODAL GRANT APPLICATION, BIRCH STREET

Vice President Bosley presented a resolution authorizing the submission of a multimodal grant application for Birch Street.

Randy Behmke, Public Works Director, advised this is through the Commonwealth Finance Authority (CFA). We have coordinated with the Kennett and their grant writer to do a joint application. Our portion of the project includes the curb, sidewalk, roadway, and street lighting for Birch Street and totals just under \$1,000,000 with a 30 percent match.

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

The resolution was assigned No. 2017-11.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, referred to Item #7, Joint Multimodal Grant Application, and expressed his concern that we are putting all of our focus on Birch Street to benefit the developers. He suggested the developers contribute towards the expenses.

Kathleen Tavoni, 615 Worrall Avenue, referred to Item #5, Kennett Fire and EMS Regional Commission, and questioned if the study is available to the public. She has used the EMS services for her family in the past and expressed concern if EMS equipment would have to come from 10 miles away. Ms. Tavoni urged Council to consider the feelings of our local emergency services personnel about the Regional Commission.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

In response to Mr. Teel's comments regarding sidewalks not being installed on South Washington Street, Vice President Bosley advised the owner paid of an "In-lieu of Installing Sidewalk Fee" into the Borough's Sidewalk Fund. This idea was brought to Council by the owner; the monies in the fund will be used for much needed sidewalks in other portions of the Borough.

In response to Mr. Thomas's comments regarding the Multimodal Grant Application and the uses in the OI-1 District, Vice President Bosley advised these matters have been on the Council's list of things to do for a while.

Vice President Bosley announced the following vacancies on Boards and Commissions:

- Civil Service Commission – 2 vacancies for Alternate Member.
- Historical Architectural Review Board – 1 vacancy.
- Kennett Square Human Relations Commission – 3 to 5 vacancies.
- Property Maintenance Appeals Board – 1 vacancy.

He also announced the Unity Day Picnic on Sunday, July 30th at Anson B. Nixon Park.

In response to Ms. Tavoni's comments regarding the Regional Commission, Vice President Bosley stated that we have a very good relationship with the Fire Company and the reward of forming the commission must outweigh the risk.

COUNCIL, MANAGER and MAYOR COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Cramer announced the "Ed Zunino National Night Out" will be held on East Linden Street on Tuesday, August 1st. He encouraged everyone to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Braffman and Councilmember Mallon to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Karen L. Scherer
Borough Secretary