

OFFICIAL MINUTES APRIL 16, 2018

The Regular Meeting of April 16, 2018, 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 LaToya M. Myers in the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Present: *President LaToya M. Myers*
 Vice President Ethan L. Cramer
 Councilmember Wayne Braffman
 Councilmember J. Douglas Doerfler
 Councilmember James Mallon
 Councilmember Brenda Mercomes
 Councilmember Peter L. Waterkotte

Borough Manager Joseph C. Scalise

Absent: *Mayor Matthew W. Fetick*

ADOPTION of AGENDA

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

PUBLIC MEETING POSTPONED PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS of POLICE PENSION PLAN

President Myers announced that the public meeting and consideration of the proposed ordinance amending certain provisions of the pension plan applicable to the Police originally scheduled for this evening has been postponed until further notice. She advised that when a new date has been set, it will be advertised.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Myers announced that Council will hold an Executive Session immediately following tonight's Council meeting. The session will be held in the Borough Hall, 120 Marshall Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348. The purpose of this session to discuss personnel matters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, referred to the resolution establishing fees for professional services and commented that we need law firms who will work for the people and not Borough Council. He also wants a lawyer that is strong enough to stand up to Council.

Charla Watson, 523 Magnolia Street, encouraged Council to go for the grants that will directly benefit the taxpayers. She wants Council to sell the parking garage. Ms. Watson instructed Council to follow zoning and not giveaway setbacks. She questioned when the economic council meets and the name of the director.

CONSENT ITEMS

President Myers announced that the following Consent Items are deemed approved if there are no objections.

- Minutes of April 2, 2018.
- Bills that were paid since the last Council meeting.

There were no objections.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S

President Myers made the following appointment:

- Fire Control Board – Vice President Cramer.

FIRE COMPANY

On behalf of Chief Christopher Plumley, the Borough Secretary reported the following activity for the month of March 2018:

- Fire Calls – 39.
- EMS Calls – 99.

She advised that the Chief and the other volunteers are preparing the old Metz tower for a potential buyer who is arriving this weekend.

She also announced that the Fire Company is hosting the fundraiser “Go Bald for St. Baldrick’s” on Sunday, April 22nd, 2 to 6 p.m. St. Baldrick’s is a foundation that supports research for children with cancer.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief William Holdsworth submitted a written report that was included in the Council packet.

PUBLIC SAFETY and INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Mayor Fetick, Vice President Cramer advised that there has been some modifications done to the Public Safety Committee which is now known as the Public Safety and Infrastructure Committee. He and the Mayor are working on a resolution that will define the role of this committee; the resolution will be presented to Council for approval in the near future.

ALTERNATE SOLICITOR

EDWARD M. FOLEY

BRUSTCHER, FOLEY, MILLINER & LAND, LLP

It was moved by Vice President Cramer and seconded by Councilmember Braffman Borough to appoint Edward M. Foley as the Borough's Alternate Solicitor.

Vice President Cramer advised that the Alternate Solicitor will only be used when the current Solicitor, William Gallagher, has a conflict of interest on Borough matters that pertain to his other clients.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-08

ESTABLISHING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FEES for the YEAR 2018

President Myers presented for approval the resolution establishing the fees for professional services.

It was moved by Councilmember Vice President Cramer and seconded by Councilmember Doerfler to approve the resolution as presented.

PUBLIC INPUT

John Thomas questioned if we do this every year and if so, are we able to save money.

Charla Watson questioned if these fees were set in stone and why the information was not in a PowerPoint presentation.

Motion carried unanimously.

The resolution was assigned No. 2018-08.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-09
REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM (RACP)
GRANT APPLICATION
PARKING GARAGE EXPANSION PROJECT**

It was moved by Councilmember Doerfler and seconded by Councilmember Waterkotte to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of a RACP grant application in the amount of \$750,000 for the Parking Garage Expansion Project.

Councilmember Braffman questioned if there is a timetable for the project.

The Borough Manager advised that grant application has to be submitted within six (6) of the notice. The application is not ready to be submitted however this resolution is part of the application process. Should everything run smoothly with this project, the groundbreaking could take up to a year from now.

PUBLIC INPUT

John Thomas commented that Council is concerned about the lead time for the library to break ground. He feels that is a poor excuse to build a parking garage. He wants the businesses to pay for any shortfall of funds based on how much they will benefit from the project.

Charla Watson commented that libraries may become a thing of the past and we do not need to build the parking garage based on the need of the library. She added that Council is not doing the residents any favors by expanding the garage and the taxpayers should not have to pay for it.

Motion carried unanimously.

The resolution was assigned No. 2018-09.

**AWARD PROPOSAL to BUCHART HORN ARCHITECTS
FEASIBILITY STUDY, JOINT FACILITY**

The Borough Manager advised we received nine (9) responses to the Request for Proposals (RFP's) of a feasibility study for the joint facility. An internal committee consisting of the Director of Public Works, Chief of Police, Finance Director and the Borough Manager, reviewed the submittals. The committee unanimously recommended the award go to Buchart Horn Architects; with the site evaluation the award is up to \$7,400 and without \$4,850.

It was moved by Councilmember Doerfler and seconded by Councilmember Mallon to approve the award as presented.

Per Councilmember Braffman's request, the Borough Manager went over the aspects of the feasibility study.

PUBLIC INPUT

John Thomas commented that he does not support joint facility being part of the parking garage. He wants the new building to be LED Certified plus we need to set and adhere to a budget.

Charla Watson commented that a feasibility study is only as good as what we put in it. She said the joint facility should have everything in it and added that other locations should be looked into as well.

Ken Edwards, 412 Meredith Street, questioned if this is the only site being considered for the feasibility study.

Clara Saxton, 120 West Linden Street, questioned if only Borough-owned properties can be considered for the feasibility study.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION - FUNDING for HOUSING IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

It was moved by Vice President Cramer and seconded by Councilmember Braffman to ask staff to investigate the CDBG grant applications.

Vice President Cramer advised that some investigation has been done and it turns out that there is no grant funding nor matching grant funding for individual homeowners. Funding was available in the past but that is no longer the case.

The Borough Manager advised the next grant application process opens tomorrow, April 17th. The only portion of the Borough eligible is all of the area west of Union Street or north of Cypress Street.

He noted that funds for individual rehab projects are available through Housing Partnership of Chester County however they are not by grants but through low or zero percent interest loans. He suggested that we post a link to this information on our website.

PUBLIC INPUT

Charla Watson commented that she disagrees and the monies are available to individuals, nonprofit organizations and municipalities.

Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL, MANAGER and MAYOR COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

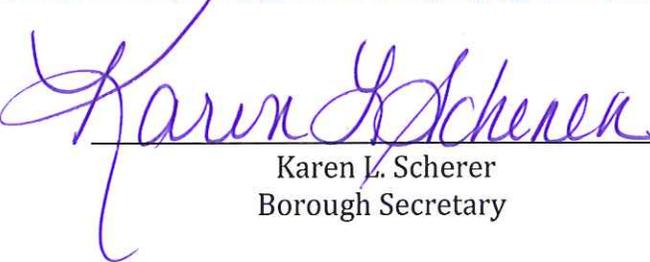
The Borough Manager replied to Ms. Saxton stating that only Borough-owned parcels would be considered for the feasibility study.

The Borough Manager replied to Ms. Watson and clarified that the taxpayers do not pay for the garage. Although the parking garage does not support itself, monies are used from the Parking Fund, not the taxpayers.

The Borough Manager replied to Mr. Edwards and advised there are two (2) sites being considered in the feasibility study; the parking garage and any one (1) of the other Borough-owned properties.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Myers adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.



Karen L. Scherer
Borough Secretary