

OFFICIAL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

The Regular Meeting of September 4, 2018, 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 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
Mayor Matthew W. Fetick

ADOPTION of AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, commented on developments in the surrounding townships and stated they will add to our sewer system, police calls, road maintenance, traffic jams, etc. and we have no say. He urged Council to look at the road plans for these developments and see how it will affect the Borough roads. Mr. Thomas shared his belief that the Walnut and State Streets cannot hold the additional traffic and it will hurt businesses in the Borough.

Charla Watson, 523 Magnolia Street, referred to the approval of the demolition of the Masonic Lodge on South Willow Street and stated a marker should be installed to recognize the site. With regards to sewer connections for projects outside of the Borough, she stated the Borough should consider each project one (1) at a time and not a lump sum. Ms. Watson stated our sewer capacity is enough for our Borough and any outside projects that need to connect to our sewer system should be considered one at a time and not in a lump sum. She concluded by stating we do not want to lose the power of being in command of our own sewer plant and encouraged Council to help each township equally.

Jack Melton, 501 Worrall Street, questioned why the Borough is paying more money to the Fire and EMS Commission than what it used to be paid directly to Kennett Fire Company before the Commission was started. He commented the department is receiving less money and now the Commission wants to shut down EMS.

Leon Spencer, 423 South Union Street, commented that most of the people assembled here tonight are concerned about the Fire and EMS Commission report. He suggested that in light of the number of people and the concern they have that Council establish a forum just for emergency services to talk about these concerns; the forum should consist of Council, the Fire Commission, Fire Control Board, and the members of the Fire Company.

Steve Melton, 605 Ridge Avenue, commented as a nearly 35 year member of the Fire Company, that they have been through an EMS and ambulance change a few different times. The Fire Company has supplied ambulance during his tenure except with a short sabbatical. During the sabbatical, the members of the Fire Company felt the Borough residents were not being served in a timely manner so they resumed their EMS and ambulance service. Mr. Melton conveyed to Council that if the department up the street wants to do ALS, they have no problem with that but please do not take our BLS for the sake of the community. It would be a bad mistake because we are the closest responders to anyone in the Borough of Kennett Square and time is the essence of this business.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

- Minutes of July 30, 2018.
- Minutes of August 8, 2018.
- Bills that were paid since the last Council meeting.
- Special Event Application – Meredith Street Block Party, October 27th.
- Request from Domestic Violence Center of Chester County – Placement of Ribbons, Month of October 2018.
- 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for Non-uniform Employees' Pension Plan.
- 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for Uniform Employees' Pension Plan.
- 2018/2019 Winter Services Agreement with PennDOT for Route 82.
- Approval of HARB Applications and Issue Certificates of Appropriateness –
 - 129 West Linden Street, Exterior Renovations.
 - 120 South Broad Street, Sign.

There were no objections.

REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Braffman, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that they discussed a number of the items that are on tonight's agenda during their September 4th meeting. He also noted Borough Manager Scalise and Finance Director Lisa Ionata continue to research the possibility of consolidating our different insurance coverages with one provider and the potential savings. This is pretty complex and they are doing an amazing job and hope to be completed in the next couple of months.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Doerfler reported the following activity of the Municipal Relations Committee at their August meeting:

- They continue to work on the process for development projects and will probably vote on the process at their September meeting and bring to Council in October.
- It was suggested that a Dropbox file be established for the individual development projects that can be accessed by Council and respective committees. Councilmember Doerfler will work with administration to move forward with this.
- Tony Stancato brought forth a project that is 100 percent residential for West State Street between Washington and Mill. The Committee provided Mr. Stancato with comments and considerations and recommended Council have a discussion on this matter.
- Looked at the Committee's involvement with the Zoning Hearing process by bringing certain issues to Council more on the front end so Council can be better informed.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Mercomes reported the following activity during the Personnel Committee's meeting on August 16th:

- The Police Department Solicitor was present to clarify some changes to the language in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- They will hold an Executive Session on September 12th to discuss these changes with the Police Officers.
- The deadline for the submittal of Borough Solicitor RFP's was 4 p.m. today. A total of five (5) RFP's were submitted. The Committee will review them during their September 20th with the Borough Manager included.

PUBLIC SAFETY and INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Mayor Fetick reported the following activity of the Public Safety and Infrastructure Committee:

- Both the engineer and solicitor have confirmed we can establish different water rate districts with different tapping fees.
- Still waiting on a response from PennDOT for approval of the North Union Street Gateway Project.
- Soon, the first light actuated crosswalk will be installed on West State Street in the vicinity of Liberty Place and the Friends Home.
- Looking into the possibility of installing video cameras for the intersection of State and Union Streets.
- Continue to work on putting together an RFP for a parking study.

HISTORIC KENNETT SQUARE (HKS)

This was a written report only which was included in the Council packet however Mary Hutchins, Executive Director of HKS, announced the Economic Development Community Workshop and Open House to be held on Thursday, September 13th, in the American Legion building and encouraged the community to attend. Please RSVP to Nate Echeverria at nate@historickennettsquare.com. Translators will be available throughout the day.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

This was a written report included in the Council packet.

KENNETT REGIONAL FIRE and EMS COMMISSION

Vice President Cramer gave a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the activity of the Kennett Fire and EMS Regional since its inception in August 2017.

He then answered questions presented by Borough Council.

Mayor Fetick commended Vice President Cramer on his summary. He commented the process we started had to be a collaborative approach however he feels uncomfortable because Commission has set one (1) of the fire companies to win and one (1) to lose with regards to providing ambulance service. Mayor Fetick feels there are a lot of alternatives and does not think this is a crisis issue that needs to be addressed immediately. He noted that neither company asked to get out of the ambulance service and neither asked for more money. In addition, Mayor Fetick stated both departments have good quality people in leadership and there is a way to get a collaboration.

Vice President Cramer asked the Mayor Fetick to present his points to the Commission during their next meeting on September 11th.

RECESS

President Myers called for a five (5) minute recess at 9:06 p.m.

AMENDMENT to the AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Braffman and seconded by Councilmember Waterkotte to amend the agenda by postponing the Finance Presentation until the September 17th Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE PRESENTATION

The presentation was postponed until September 17th.

REAPPOINTMENT to AD HOC STREETSCAPES COMMITTEE

President Myers advised she spoke with Danilo Maffei and he is interested in serving on the Ad Hoc Streetscapes Committee.

It was moved by Vice President Cramer and seconded by Councilmember Doerfler to approve the reappointment of Mr. Maffei as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IN LIEU of TAPPING FES – UPGRADE to SOUTH STREET PUMP STATION SMITH PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

Borough Manager Scalise advised that he, along with Kennett Township, met with a developer regarding the proposed development of the Smith Property in the Township, just east of the Borough on Rosedale Road. The project consists of 76 single family homes and the developer has proposed to upgrade the Borough and Township Pump Stations in exchange for receiving a credit towards tapping fees. The upgrade of the Borough's Pump Station is in the CIP at a cost of \$650,000. He noted this was discussed by the Finance Committee and they support the proposal.

It was moved by Councilmember Braffman and seconded by Councilmember Waterkotte to accept this proposal contingent upon Kennett Township accepting it as well.

Vice President Cramer asked if the gallons per day of wastewater discharge pertaining to this development will fit into the current gallons per day.

Borough Manager Scalise replied yes.

PUBLIC INPUT

Clara Saxton, 120 East Linden Street, questioned if the developer is Bentley.

Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL, MANAGER and MAYOR COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

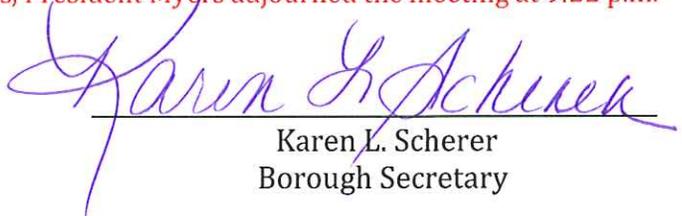
Councilmember Mallon stated he would love to hear progress of The Creamery.

Councilmember Waterkotte commented the one (1) thing we can do as citizens is to reach further into our pockets when comes to fundraising by emergency services providers.

Councilmember Mallon announced the Mushroom Festival will take place this weekend and hopes to see everyone there.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Myers adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.



Karen L. Scherer
Borough Secretary