

OFFICIAL MINUTES OCTOBER 1, 2018

The Regular Meeting of October 1, 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
Mayor Matthew W. Fetick

ADOPTION of AGENDA

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

PROCLAMATION

OCTOBER 2018 - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

The Mayor presented a proclamation to Amelia Rayburn, Director of Education Programs, and Clara Vasquez, Legal Advocate, of the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County. The proclamation declared October 2018 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Borough of Kennett Square.

Ms. Vasquez advised their main office in West Chester and they have satellite offices in Kennett Square and Oxford, and soon in Jennersville.

Ms. Rayburn thanked the Mayor and advised the center is in operation 24/7; their toll free hotline is 888-711-6270.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, commented by saying domestic violence also happens to men.

Anita O'Connor, Executive Director of the Kennett Area Senior Center, 427 South Walnut Street, commented the Senior Center benefits the whole community and noted the services they offer. They provide support to seniors who are an underserved group and are striving to help them stay independent and "age in place". She asked Council for their financial consideration to partner with the Senior Center to serve our community and make it an even better place to live.

Judy Peterson, 405 Walnut Court Way, commented that she is a member of the Senior Center and is very active and involved in many of the programs. She said the Center is a safe place for seniors to come for activities, enjoy lunch together, and chat with one another. It keeps their minds and bodies active.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

- Bills that were paid since the last Council meeting.

There were no objections.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Braffman, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported the following activity from their meeting this morning:

- Lisa Ionata, Finance Director, discovered approximately \$36,000 in checks that were believed to be outstanding had actually been cashed. He commended Ms. Ionata on this discovery.
- The Committee discussed the Sewer Agreement with Kennett Township. They support the agreement at the current capacity of 318,500 gallons with no capacity increase.
- They saw the first draft of the proposed 2019 Budget and he noted it is going to be hard to get through 2019 without a tax increase.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Doerfler reported the following activity of the Municipal Relations Committee (MRC) from their September meeting:

- They are in the process of creating a Dropbox file to consolidate the development plans, both conceptual and active.
- The Committee is still working on a proposed development process. He noted that the MRC is not a binding committee however they would like to include five (5) priorities of the Borough in the process.

Councilmember Doerfler then asked for priorities from Council and the Mayor. Each responded accordingly.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

This was a written report included in the Council packet.

2018 YEAR-IN-REVIEW REPORTS

President Myers advised three (3) of the five (5) organizations the Borough supports financially had reached out to her. To be fair, she invited each of the following organizations to give a 2018 Year-in-Review Report:

- **Kennett Area Park and Recreation Board (KAPRB)** (Also included a video) – Report given by Suzanne Geouque, Business Manager.
- **Kennett Area Park Authority (KAPA)** – Report given by Richard Lyon, Chair.
- **Kennett Library** – Report given by Megan Walters, Executive Director.
- **Historic Kennett Square (HKS)** (Also included their monthly report) – Reports given by Mary Hutchins, Executive Director.

Each presenter then entertained questions from Council.

The reports were also in written form and included in the Council Packet.

ANNUAL REPORT from SOUTHEASTERN CHESTER COUNTY REFUSE AUTHORITY (SECCRA)

Liam Warren, 217 South Broad Street and member of the SECCRA Board, highlighted his report with the following:

- The current site will serve as landfill space until 2030 and beyond.
- It serves 105,000 residents from 24 municipalities in southern Chester County.
- Several of unique features – the liner system which keeps the waste completely separated from the rest of the natural environment; a full-service recycling program; out-of-region or out-of-state waste is not accepted; the landfill facility is entirely self-sustaining on electricity; and the environmental monitoring system.
- SECCRA has over \$20 million in assets in London Grove Township.

- They promote beneficial environmental activities by grants through the Dockstader Foundation and also offer education outreach.
- During their 50th Anniversary in 2018, SECCRA held the grand opening of the new on-site Recycling Transfer Center.
- They are working in cooperation with Chester County and Chester County Solid Waste Authority on strategic planning.

At the permission of President Myers, Richard Cairns, 215 North Garfield Street, advised that he was the previous Borough representative on the SECCRA Board and commended Mr. Warren for his diligent service to the Borough.

The written report was included in the Council Packet.

HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (HARB) APPLICATIONS CERTIFICATES of APPROPRIATENESS

305 and 307 EAST STATE STREET, REPLACE ROOF at NEW HEIGHT and REPLACE FRONT WINDOWS

President Myers presented for approval the following HARB application:

- 305 and 307 East State Street – Replace Roof at New Height and Replace Front Windows.

Clara Saxton, HARB Secretary, gave a description of the application and advised the HARB, by a unanimous vote, recommended the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) be issued.

It was moved by Councilmember Braffman and seconded by Councilmember Waterkotte to approve the application and issue the COA as presented.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no input from the public.

Motion carried unanimously.

225 BIRCH STREET, EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS

President Myers presented for approval the following HARB application:

- 225 Birch Street – Exterior Renovations.

Clara Saxton, HARB Secretary, gave a description of the application and advised the HARB, by a unanimous vote, recommended the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) be issued.

It was moved by Vice President Cramer and seconded by Councilmember Doerfler to approve the application and issue the COA as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

John Thomas questioned if any old signs can be saved and suggested the new sign be larger because of the setback of the building from the road.

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS

TROOP 24 MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR, OCTOBER 20TH – 21ST

President Myers presented for approval the following special event application:

- Troop 24 Magical Mystery Tour, October 20th, 7 p.m. to October 21st, 8 a.m.

Borough Manager Scalise advised the Boy Scouts will spend the night camping on the top floor of the parking garage.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Sally Warren, 217 South Broad Street, noted that in addition to camping, the Boy Scouts are given hints on architectural items in the Borough and work in teams to find them.

Motion carried unanimously.

KSQ HARVEST FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 27TH

President Myers presented for approval the following special event application:

- KSQ Harvest Festival to be held on Saturday, October 27th.

Borough Manager Scalise advised the event is sponsored by KARMA in cooperation with Historic Kennett Square and will run from 3 to 7 p.m. It will not involve any road closures and takes place on both walkways in the downtown – adjacent to both the Genesis building and La Verona.

It was also noted during a discussion that per a Borough's ordinance, animals are not permitted at special events, with exception of service animals. The application did not include "pets" or "animals".

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Charla Watson, 523 Magnolia Street, commented that an ordinance is a law and the ordinance prohibits animals from special events.

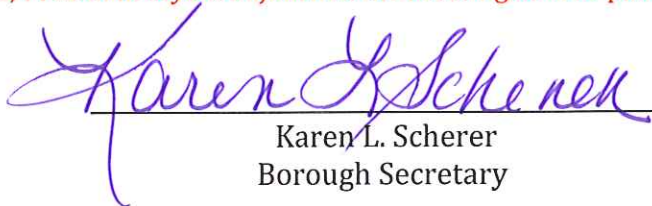
Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL, MANAGER and MAYOR COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Cramer stated the other entity the Borough contributes to annually is the Kennett Fire and EMS Regional Commission however he had presented that report a few weeks ago.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Myers adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.


Karen L. Scherer
Borough Secretary