

# OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of February 2, 2009 of Kennett Square Borough Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Monroe Nute Room of the Kennett Fire Company No. 1, 301 Dalmatian Street, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania with President David B. Miller in the Chair. Roll Call followed the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were:

*President D. Miller*  
*Council Member R. Pesce*  
*Council Member E. Avello, Jr.*  
*Council Member W. Carozzo*  
*Council Member J. Cocks*  
*Council Member J. Darman*  
*Council Member J. Thomas*  
*Mayor L. Spencer, Jr.*  
*Manager B. Kucera*

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments from the floor.

## NEW HIRE of a PART-TIME PATROL OFFICER MR. ROGER OLLIS, JR.

President Miller presented a request from Chief of Police, Edward Zunino, to hire Mr. Roger Ollis, Jr. as a part-time Patrol Officer with the Kennett Square Police Department.

The Mayor advised that this appointment was approved by the Public Safety Committee.

**It was moved by Council Member Cocks and seconded by Council Member Thomas to hire Mr. Ollis as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**SWEARING IN of NEW HIRE of NEW PART-TIME PATROL OFFICER  
MR. ROGER OLLIS, JR.**

The Mayor swore in Mr. Roger Ollis, Jr. as a part-time Patrol Officer with the Kennett Square Police Department.

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Ollis to the Borough.

Mr. Ollis thanked the Mayor and Council.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Mr. Dan Maffei, Chairman, stated that he had nothing to add to his written report. Mr. Maffei expressed his concern regarding incidents of unacceptable residential refuse containers being used. He questioned if the Borough's requirement for the proper containers could be enforced.

President Miller thanked Mr. Maffei for his comments.

**KENNETT AREA PARK and  
RECREATION BOARD (KAPRB)**

Ms. Claire Finrock, Program Director, highlighted her report with the following:

- Preparation is underway for the spring programs which include Girls Lacrosse, Flag Football, and High School Volleyball and Basketball,
- 2009 Summer Camp has been scheduled. The cost is \$565 per child for eight (8) weeks. Scholarships are available.

President Miller thanked Ms. Finrock for her report.

**ELM STREET PROJECT**

Ms. Shannon Cortigine, Executive Director, Alliance for Better Housing, stated that she has nothing to add to her written report.

A discussion ensued regarding the historical plaques.

President Miller thanked Ms. Cortigine for her report.

## **KENNETT SQUARE POLICE DEPARTMENT (KSPD)**

The Mayor reminded Borough citizens to clear their sidewalks of ice and snow.

He advised that Detective Jack Trevisan has completed specialized training in Crime Scene Investigation and Forensics.

The Mayor added to his report the following incidents for January 2009:

- 104 Traffic Citations were issued.
- 69 Written Traffic Warnings.
- 23 Criminal Arrests.
- 4 DUI Arrests.
- Total number of calls was 596.
- Total number of calls in January 2008 was 600.

It was moved by Council Member Thomas and seconded by Council Member Cocks to present a commendation to Detective Trevisan for completing the specialized training. Motion carried unanimously.

President Miller thanked the Mayor for his report.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

### **MINUTES of JANUARY 20, 2009**

President Miller presented the January 20, 2009 minutes for approval.

It was moved by Council Member Thomas and seconded by Council Member Cocks to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **BILLS**

President Miller presented the bills to be paid February 2, 2009 and the bills that were paid since the last meeting for approval.

It was moved by Council Member Thomas and seconded by Council Member Carozzo to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS to RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING**

President Miller presented the proposed amendments to Residential Parking.

The Manager gave a brief summary of the proposed amendments and noted that they will only affect the R-2 District. He advised that the Codes Department will hold a meeting in March for the residents of Stenning Hills. The Manager stated that Mr. Russell Drumheller, the Codes Enforcement Officer, recommends that the Public Hearing be held at the second Council Meeting in April.

Council Member Carozzo stated that he previously resided on Marshall Street for 14 years and expressed his concern of people parking their vehicles on that street during working hours. He commented that mail carrier vehicles are also parked on Marshall Street and recommended that Residential Parking Permits be implemented for Marshall Street.

Council Member Darman expressed his concern of the restriction of the number of vehicles. He added that he is sympathetic to the problem but is concerned if the parking restrictions are legal. Council Member Darman requested that legal due diligence be done and that answers to all questions be found as well as clearly analyzing what the exact problem is.

Council Member Thomas suggested that the standard vehicle code regarding parking be published in the newspaper for a couple of weeks. During that time the Police Department could issue warnings and after the two (2) week period, parking violations should be issued.

The Mayor recommended that a translator attend the neighborhood meetings.

A discussion ensued.

The Manager stated he will research Council's concerns.

President Miller stated that this item can be discussed again at the next Borough Council meeting.

## **APPOINTMENT to HISTORICAL COMMISSIONS**

President Miller presented a letter from Ms. Roberta Castner Coyle requesting that Council consider her appointment to the Historical Commission. This is a five (5) year term that expires January 1, 2014.

Mr. Dan Maffei stated that he supports this appointment.

**It was moved by Council Member Cocks and seconded by Council Member Thomas to approve the appointment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **FIELD GROOMING EQUIPMENT PURCHASE KENNETT AREA PARK and RECREATION BOARD (KAPRB)**

President Miller presented a request from KAPRB regarding a revision for the purchase of the Field Grooming Equipment.

The Manager advised that on November 3, 2008 Council approved to contribute \$5,966 towards the purchase of the equipment. He stated that between then and now, KAPRB was able to locate the exact same equipment at a substantially lower price.

The Manager recommended two (2) options:

1. Council contributes the \$5,966 amount as approved on November 3, 2008.
2. Council contributes the same percentage of the new total purchase price.

Council Member Cocks stated that she supports the Borough contributing \$5,966.

Council Member Thomas recommended that the Borough only contributes \$1,670.40 and the difference be escrowed to pay for portable toilets at Pennock Park.

**It was moved by Council Member Darman and seconded by Council Member Cocks to approve that the Borough contributes \$5,966 towards the purchase of the Field Grooming Equipment.**

A discussion ensued.

Council Member Carozzo, Pesce and Avello expressed their support of contributing \$5,966 and noted that KAPRB has always been financially responsible.

Ms. Finrock stated that Mr. Kevin Garris, KAPRB Board Member, did the majority of work researching the purchase of this equipment. She thanked Council for their support and noted that the money saved by KAPRB will be directly applied to the payment due on the new fence at Pennock Park.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB) APPLICATIONS**

President Miller presented the following ARB applications for approval:

- 128 West State Street, Rigler and D'Amico – Signage.
- 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Flash – Signage.

It was moved by Council Member Darman and seconded by Council Member Cocks to approve ARB applications as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **FIRE CONTROL BOARD**

President Miller advised that there are two (2) slots for Council Members to serve on the Fire Control Board. Currently only one (1) of these slots is filled by Council Member Darman. He stated that the Board is involved with the appointment of the Fire Chief which will take place in April 2009.

Council Member Thomas stated that he was willing to serve on the Board.

President Miller appointed Council Member Thomas to the Fire Control Board.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Shannon Cortigine stated that Alliance for Better Housing would be willing to assist with the process of implementing the Residential Parking Amendments. She advised the Chester County Department of Community Development will be holding a fair housing workshop on February 19, 2009 and encouraged the public to attend.

Mr. Dan Maffei commended Ms. Shannon Cortigine and the Alliance for Better Housing for applying for grants to purchase historical markers. He commented that the markers add pride to the ownership of the property and that pride in ownership has been known to deter crime in neighborhoods.

Mr. Ron Bowman, 111 South Walnut Street, questioned if parking permit holders are assigned specific spaces.

The Manager advised that permit holders are assigned to particular lots but not a specific spot.

Mr. Bowman noted that he has only seen one (1) to four (4) cars parked in the Weinstein Lot and asked that the Parking Committee take this under advisement.

The Manager advised that the Borough is working with the businesses and property owners regarding parking in the Downtown District and noted that progress is being made.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Council Member Thomas and seconded by Council Member Carozzo to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Brant Kucera  
Borough Manager