

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of March 16, 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 Vice-President Richard A. Pesce in the Chair. Roll Call followed the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were:

*Vice-President 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*

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

#### **PATROLMAN MATTHEW CORDONE and PATROLMAN RYAN DOHERTY**

The Mayor stated that it is real pleasure knowing that Council supports that all Borough employees receive training in life-saving efforts. He announced that on the night of February 17, 2009 two (2) of the Borough's Police Officers, Patrolman Matthew Cordone and Patrolman Ryan Doherty, came to the aid of Mr. Steven Brown. Mr. Brown was in cardiac arrest with no pulse. Both officers assisted Mr. Brown with CPR and the AED. The Mayor presented Certificates of Merits to both Patrolmen.

Mr. Brown thanked Patrolman Cordone and Patrolman Doherty for their life-saving efforts.

### **AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBULATOR (AED)**

The Mayor advised that the Police Department's patrol vehicles are equipped with AED's. This was accomplished with the assistance Mr. David Fiorenza submitting grant applications from which the Borough was awarded the funding for the AED's.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments from the floor.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

### **BILLS**

Vice-President Pesce presented the bills to be paid March 16, 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.**

## **CLOSED-LOOP SYTEM**

On the request of Council Member Thomas, the Manager gave the public a brief description of the Closed-Loop Traffic Light System stating that the majority of this work will be paid for by PennDOT.

## **ORDINANCE NO. 875 AMENDMENTS to BOROUGH CODE, CHAPTER 11, PARKING METERS**

Vice-President Pesce presented the proposed amendments to Borough Code, Chapter 11, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Parking Meters.

The Manager advised that the parking meters are currently enforced Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except holidays, and with free three (3) hours of parking on Fridays. The amendments would change the enforcement times to Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Federal Holidays. Saturday and Sundays would be free. The average revenue generated in the past by parking meters on Saturdays ranged from \$200 to \$300. He projects that this money will now be generated on Fridays.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Vice-President Pesce opened the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m.**

Ms. Mary Hutchins, Historic Kennett Square, stated that since she has been the Main Street Manager she has not been able to clearly advertise the enforcement times of the parking meters. She added that the three (3) free hours were greatly appreciated but the merchants would forfeit the free hours of parking on Fridays for free parking on all day on Saturdays. Ms. Hutchins advised that the new enforcement times will be easier to market

and signs will be posted in the businesses. Stickers with the new times will also be placed inside each meter.

Mr. Michael Snyder, 318 Marshall Street, stated that if the changes are implemented that the meters be clearly marked.

Vice –President Pesce closed the Public Hearing at 6:54 p.m.

## **COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Council Member Thomas stated that he was glad that the merchants are working together to implement these changes. He commented that the merchants should not be parking on the streets.

Ms. Kathleen Caccamo, owner of Bed Bugzz, believes that it is not a serious problem with merchants parking on the street and that they usually only do so when they are at their business for a very short time period. She added that merchants have been working with the Manager towards solutions for parking for the merchants.

A discussion ensued.

Council Member Carozzo believes that this is good thing and there should be plenty of parking as most employees do not work on Saturdays.

Council Member Cocks expressed her support of the ordinance and that it is important to have clear signage.

It was moved by Council Member Darman and seconded by Council Member Thomas to adopt the Ordinance amending Chapter 11 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Ordinance was assigned No. 875

## **AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

### **ADDING THE KENNETT RUN and EARTH HOUR**

Vice-President Pesce presented the additions to the agenda consisting of The Kennett Run Special Event Application and Earth Hour.

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

## **THE KENNETT RUN**

Vice-President Pesce presented the Special Event Application for The Kennett Run to be held May 15, 2009.

The Manager advised that this is the 20<sup>th</sup> year for The Kennett Run. He added that PennDOT requires a letter of approval of this event from Council.

It was moved by Council Member Cocks and seconded by Council Member Thomas to approve the Special Event Application and for the Manager to generate the approval letter to PennDOT as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **EARTH HOUR**

Council Member Cocks stated Earth Hour will be taking place worldwide on March 28, 2009 at 8:30 p.m. People are being encouraged to turn their lights off for one (1) hour at this time to send a powerful global message to take action on climate change. Council Member Cocks noted that the Sidney Opera House in Australia will turn their lights during this time and that additional information is available at [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org). She asked if the Borough could participate in this hour in some capacity such as businesses and streets lights being turned off in the business district.

It was moved by Council Member Darman and seconded by Council Member Thomas that we do something symbolic to support for the Earth Hour effort and research how the Borough could do more next year.

There was discussion regarding the limited amount of time to prepare for the event, and public safety and liability issues with lights being turned off and luminaries being used.

The Manager advised that the non-essential lights could be turned off at the Borough facilities for this one (1) hour event.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **KENNETT BUSINESS PARK**

Council Member Thomas recommended that Council encourages the Planning Commission to look further into the use of Mill Road and to look for alternatives.

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Council Member Darman stated that in the news it has been reported that domestic abuse is on the rise during these tough economic times. He

questioned if the Borough is experiencing an increase and if our Police Officers are trained in this.

The Chief stated that there has not been an increase. He added that the law changes every year and that it is mandatory in Pennsylvania that each officer obtains annual training.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **FUNDRAISING CONCERT**

The Mayor announced that a concert will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Advent on April 5, at 5 p.m. to raise money for the arson victims in Coatesville. This is a combined effort of the church and Tatnall School. He encouraged the public to attend.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Michael Snyder, 318 Marshall Street, resident and owner of a bed and breakfast, expressed his concern for the 2009 one (1) mil tax increase. He stated that he would like to review the budget and would like to see the budget available on the website. He expressed concern for the water and sewer funds and how the amounts are determined. Mr. Snyder questioned what it would take for the Borough to start its own water company and what the pay back would be. He expressed his concern of illegal parking and insufficient street lighting.

The Manager told Mr. Snyder that he would provide him with a copy of the 2009 budget to review.

The Mayor instructed Mr. Snyder to report any illegal parked vehicles to the Police Department.

Mr. Donald Sloat, 304 Ridge Avenue, expressed his concern of the potholes on South Union Street.

The Manager advised that the majority of Union Street is owned by the State and that the Borough is not permitted to repair State owned roads.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vice-President Pesce announced that Council will hold an Executive Session immediately following tonight's Council meeting to discuss personnel matters.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Council Member Darman and seconded by Council Member Thomas to adjourn the meeting at time 7:27 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

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Brant Kucera  
Borough Manager