

OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of August 3, 2009 of Kennett Square Borough Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Red Clay Room of the Kennett Fire Company No. 1, 423 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 J. Cocks
Council Member J. Darman
Council Member J. Thomas
Mayor L. Spencer, Jr.
Manager B. Kucera*

MOMENT of SILENCE for the OLLIS FAMILY

The Mayor announced the passing of Mr. Rodger Ollis' father last Thursday. A Moment of Silence was observed for the Ollis family.

NEW HIRE of a PART-TIME PATROL OFFICER MS. SARAH C. LONDON

Vice-President Pesce announced the hiring of Ms. Sarah C. London as a part-time Patrol Officer with the Kennett Square Police Department. This hire would fill the vacancy by the resignation of Mr. Rodger Ollis.

The Mayor swore in Ms. London and welcomed her to the Borough.

Ms. London thanked the Mayor and Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments from the floor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS HISTORIC KENNETT SQUARE

Ms. Mary Hutchins, Executive Director, reported the following:

- Murder Mystery Art Stroll will be held this Friday with 22 businesses and 29 KATS members participating.

- Ashley Austin opens this Friday.
- There will be musicians and additional vendors at this week's Farmers Market.
- The Kennett Flash is still doing well.
- A summer intern is helping out at the Flash.

Vice-President Pesce thanked Ms. Hutchins for her report.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Dan Maffei, Chairman, highlighted his report stating that they reviewed and had no objections to the proposed replacement windows for 230 East Linden Street.

Vice-President Pesce thanked Mr. Maffei for his report.

KENNETT AREA PARK and RECREATION BOARD (KAPRB)

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

- The Cross Country Race for Children was held on July 30 at Anson B. Nixon Park with 137 runners participating.
- She thanked the Borough staff and volunteers who assisted with this event.
- She thanked Brewster's and Walgreens for their donations.
- Summer Camp closes this Friday, August 7.
- They are gearing up for the Adult Flag Football Program.
- The Mushroom Festival 5K Race will be held on September 13.
- KAPRB continues to work on raising funds to replace the second set of lights at Pennock Park; the approximate cost is \$180,000.

Vice-President Pesce thanked Ms. Finrock for her report.

ELM STREET PROJECT

Ms. Shannon Cortigine, Executive Director, Alliance for Better Housing, stated

- The three (3) year operating and reinvestment grant came to an end on June 30, 2009.
- It is uncertain if Elm Street funding will be included in 2009-2010 State budget.
- She shared with Council a copy of façade improvements "before and after" pictures.

Vice-President Pesce thanked Ms. Cortigine for her report.

CONSENT ITEMS

MINUTES of JULY 6, 2009

MINUTES of JULY 20, 2009

BILLS

Vice-President Pesce presented the following Consent Items for approval:

- July 6, 2009 Minutes.
- July 20, 2009 Minutes.
- The bills paid since the last meeting.

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

DATE of PARKING FORUM

The Manager advised that this item was presented at the last meeting and Council needs to select the date for the forum. The dates being considered are September 14, 15, 22 or 23, 2009.

Ms. Karen Scherer, Assistant to the Borough Manager, advised that the Red Clay Room is not available on September 14 or 15.

A discussion ensued.

Council agreed that the date is tentatively set for September 22, 2009. The Manager stated that he will see if President Miller and Council Members Avello and Carozzo are available that date.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-09

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION to the PA DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP) for the PA CONSERVATION WORKS (PACW) GRANT PROGRAM

Vice-President Pesce presented a resolution authorizing the application for a grant to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the Pennsylvania Conservation Works Grant Program.

The Manager advised that the application is for energy conservation consisting of LED lighting in the municipal parking garage and storm windows and thermostat controls in Borough Hall. The total cost of these projects is \$72,000; approximately \$52,000 for the garage and \$20,000 for Borough Hall. The Borough match for this grant is 25 percent.

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

The Resolution was assigned No. 4-09

**RESOLUTION NO. 5-09
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION to the GREEN REGION
“THE PECO OPEN SPACE PROGRAM”**

Vice-President Pesce presented a resolution authorizing the application for a grant to the Green Region “The PECO Open Space Program”.

The Manager advised that PECO has put out a bonus round and we are applying for a \$10,000 grant to be used towards the Gateway Project on State Street.

Mr. David Fiorenza, Economic Development, advised that we have already received \$10,000 from the Chester County Visitor’s Bureau towards this project and noted that the Borough has also applied for a Chester County DCED Block Grant. The total cost of this project is approximately \$80,000.

The Manager advised that the project plans have been completed and are available for review at Borough Hall.

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

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**SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS -
HISTORIC EAST LINDEN PROJECT (H.E.L.P.)
BLOCK PARTY and GALA,
KENNETT HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE and
BREWFEEST**

Vice-President Pesce presented the following special event applications for approval:

- H.E.L.P. Block Party, noon to 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2009.
- H.E.L.P. Gala, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on September 26, 2009.
- Kennett High School Homecoming Parade, 12:00 p.m. on October 3, 2009.
- Brewfest, 12:00 p.m. on October 10, 2009.

It was moved by Council Member Thomas and seconded by Council Member Darman to approve the four (4) special event applications as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

GENERATOR for BOROUGH HALL

Council Member Thomas stated that it is very important for Mr. Fiorenza to look for grant funding for a generator for Borough Hall.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR COMMUNITY ADVOCATES

Council Member Cocks announced the following events being hosted by the Martin Luther King, Jr. CommUNITY Advocates:

- Kennett Square: Colors of a Nation, Exploring Race Relations on August 8, 2009 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm
- A workshop on August 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

She advised that the events are free of charge and will be held at the Kennett Area Senior Center, 427 South Walnut Street.

CROSS COUNTRY RACE for CHILDREN

The Mayor commended Ms. Finrock and the KAPRB for hosting the Cross Country Race for Children and he urged the entire community to become actively involved with this event.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dan Maffei, 202 North Garfield Street and Chairman of the Historical Commission, expressed his support of the installation of storm windows at Borough Hall. This is a wise move financially and from a conservation standpoint.

Vice-President Pesce thanked Mr. Maffei for his comments.

Ms. Charla Watson, 523 Magnolia Street, questioned what H.E.L.P. stands for and the dates of the special events.

The Manager advised that H.E.L.P. is the abbreviation for Historic East Linden Project and noted the dates, times and locations of the special events.

Ms. Watson stated that Anson B. Nixon Park was previously known as the back field which was basically used by Linden Street residents. She said that there needs to be activities such as basketball which is interesting to the citizens of the community. Ms. Watson stated that she would like to see the basketball courts reinstated at the park and encouraged Council to support this.

Vice-President Pesce thanked Ms. Watson for her comments.

The Mayor stated that there is a lot of merit to Ms. Watson's comments. He advised that the starting point for diverse representation would be for citizens to join one of the Borough's boards and commissions.

LETTER to KENNETT AREA PARK AUTHORITY (KAPA)

It was moved by Council Member Thomas and seconded by Council Member Cocks to draft a letter to the KAPA stating that the citizens' desire to see basketball courts at the park. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (continued)

Mr. Marc Pevar, 606 Ridge Avenue, questioned what the pay-back time would be after the LED lights are installed in the parking garage.

Mr. Fiorenza invited Mr. Pevar to Borough Hall so he can provide more details of the savings to Mr. Pevar.

Mr. Pevar stated that it was his understanding that if the electric goes out then the siren will not sound.

Vice-President Pesce stated that he was told that it would require a generator the size of a flatbed truck to operate the siren, currently located in the center of town, should there be a power outage. He added that the Public Safety Committee held a siren demonstration in June 2008 and noted that the cost for a new siren is approximately \$60,000.

Mr. Pevar suggested that a generator to operate the siren could be implemented at the Franklin Center.

Vice-President Pesce thanked Mr. Pevar for his comments.

Ms. Theresa Bass, 331 East Linden Street, stated that the H.E.L.P. stands for Historic East Linden Project. The project started in 2003 and they are now a 501c3 organization. She noted that the block party has been held for the last five (5) years. Ms. Bass advised that the gala helps fund the Study Buddies Program and the computer program. Ms. Bass thanked Council and the Borough for their assistance with the project. She invited everyone to the Ties that Bind Gala on September 23, 2009.

Vice-President Pesce thanked Ms. Bass for her comments.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Council Member Thomas and seconded by Council Member Cocks to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Brant Kucera
Borough Manager