

OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of October 19, 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 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Miller advised that Council will hold an Executive Session immediately following tonight's meeting to discuss legal matters in the case of Pflumm Contractors v. the Borough of Kennett Square, Chester County C.C.P. No. 08-08419.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments from the floor.

KENNETT SQUARE POLICE DEPARTMENT (KSPD)

The Chief reported that the KSPD continues in the fight against drunk driving by having all of the Officers trained and certified in impaired driver recognition. In the early part of October, two (2) Officers received training and were certified in the use of the Department's Data Master, a Breath Testing Device. Although thefts from vehicles are down, he reminded the public to keep their vehicles locked at all times and keep valuables out of plain sight.

The Chief added to his report the following incidents for September 2009:

- 96 Traffic Citations were issued.
- 76 Written Traffic Warnings.
- 24 Criminal Arrests.
- 3 DUI Arrests.
- Total number of calls was 609.

President Miller thanked the Chief for his report.

CONSENT ITEMS

MINUTES of OCTOBER 5, 2009

President Miller presented the October 5, 2009 minutes for approval.

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

BILLS

President Miller presented the bills to be paid October 19, 2009 and the bills that were paid since the last meeting for approval.

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

KENNETT RUN

President Miller introduced Mr. Albert Iacocca, Race Director of the Kennett Run.

Mr. Iacocca stated that they have been blessed with the increasing number of participants in the race but with that being said, it is necessary for the course to be rearranged for future races. He gave a brief summary of the new proposed route which will now begin on North Union Street, travel north on Route 82, through Cedarcroft, continue north on Route 82, East Locust Lane, Walnut Road and end in Anson B. Nixon Park. Mr. Iacocca noted that the majority of this route will be in East Marlborough Township. With this proposed route, North Union Street/Route 82 will only need to be closed for approximately one (1) hour.

Council Member Darman suggested that portable toilets be placed at the new starting point in addition to the ones at the YMCA and Anson B. Nixon Park.

The Chief stated that he believes the new route is an improvement for the Borough.

President Miller thanked Mr. Iacocca for his presentation.

PROMOTIONAL TESTING

President Miller presented a request from Chief Zunino to administer Promotional Testing for the ranks of Sergeant and Corporal in the Police Department.

The Manager advised that approval of this request would require Council to charge the Civil Service Commission to conduct the Promotional Tests.

It was moved by Council Member Carozzo and seconded by Council Member Thomas to approve charging the Civil Service Commission to conduct Promotional Tests for the rank of Sergeant and Corporal in the Police Department. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS HOLIDAY PARADE and TREE LIGHTING CARRIAGE RIDES

President Miller presented two (2) special event applications as follows:

- Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting, November 27, 2009.
- Carriage Rides, December 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2009.

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

HOLIDAY PARKING

President Miller presented the request from Ms. Mary Hutchins, Executive Director of Historic Kennett Square, for three (3) free hours of metered parking during the 2009 holiday season from Friday, November 27, 2009 through Thursday, December 24, 2009.

It was moved by Council Member Cocks and seconded by Council Member Carozzo to approve holiday parking as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SET PUBLIC HEARINGS C-2 AMENDMENTS and UPDATE to the PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

President Miller presented November 16, 2009 as the date to hold the Public Hearing for the proposed C-2 Amendments and the Public Hearing for the update of the Property Maintenance Code.

It was moved by Council Member Cocks and seconded by Council Member Carozzo to approve date for the Public Hearings as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

GIS CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

President Miller presented the GIS Consortium Agreement between the Borough of Kennett Square and the County of Chester for approval.

The Manager advised that this agreement is for a 12-month period with an annual cost of \$5,000. The GIS Department will perform 160 hours of mapping and other GIS related functions. If we go beyond the 160 hours, then the hourly cost is \$45.

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

OLD BUSINESS

PECO ENERGY FORUM

Council Member Cocks advised that she has packets of useful material from the PECO Energy Forum that she will distribute to the Council Members after the meeting. She advised the public to contact her if they would like the material as well.

PSABS FALL CONFERENCE

The Manager advised that during the PSAB's Fall Conference he was able to attend a seminar regarding the uncapping of electric rates. PECO's residential increase in the first year will be around five percent (5%), the lowest of all the increases.

NEW BUSINESS

MR. DOUG MERRILL

The Mayor advised that Mr. Doug Merrill, a coach at Bowling Green High School, Ohio is currently running from Boston, Massachusetts to Key West Florida, a total of 2,040 miles, to raise money and awareness for suicide prevention. Mr. Merrill will be coming through Kennett Square on November 4 and will speak to the students at Kennett High School.

Council Member Thomas suggested that the Mayor present a certificate to Mr. Merrill on behalf of the Borough.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Leslie Whiteside, 802 Wayne, stated that she and other residents of Stenning Hills were unable to exit their neighborhood for approximately 45 minutes during the Mushroom Festival Race and questioned if something was different this

year. She expressed her concern that employees of Kaolin or Sylvan were not granted access to South Street.

The Mayor stated that he understood what Ms. Whiteside was saying, noting that he also heard the similar concerns at his church.

President Miller stated that this is something that can be addressed when considering this event in 2010. He thanked Ms. Whiteside for her comments.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Council Member Thomas and seconded by Council Member Cocks to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Brant Kucera
Borough Manager