

# OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of January 19, 2010 of Kennett Square Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 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 D. Maffei*  
*Council Member E. Avello, Jr.*  
*Council Member G. Bosley*  
*Council Member W. Carozzo*  
*Council Member J. Cocks*  
*Council Member F. Walker*  
*Mayor M. Fetick*  
*Manager B. Kucera*

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, stated that over the past several months there have been articles in the newspapers quoting elected officials and expressing negativity towards the citizens. He referred to an article in the Borough News and spoke on the topic of civility. Mr. Thomas stated that he was guilty as anyone in regards to being civil and stated that with the new Council this is a time for everyone to treat others with civility. He stated that the Borough News contains a lot of useful information and encouraged Council to thoroughly read the magazine.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Mayor reported that identity thefts are on the rise and cautioned residents to diligently protect their identity.

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

- 88 Traffic Citations were issued.
- 53 Written Traffic Warnings.
- 19 Criminal Arrests.
- 5 DUI Arrests.
- Total of 576 calls.

He added that his future monthly reports will be Public Safety Reports and include information from the Fire Company and the Public Safety Committee. He will also include crime trends on a quarterly basis.

The Mayor stated that within his first two (2) weeks in service he is very impressed with the amount of time Chief Zunino spends in the community.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

### **BILLS**

President Miller presented the bills to be paid January 19, 2010 and the bills that were paid since the last meeting for approval.

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

The Manager referred to the bills presented for payment at the January 4, 2010 Council meeting and advised that the \$53,190.15 payment to the YMCA was an escrow reimbursement for the construction of the skate park.

## **REVOLVING LOAN AGREEMENT**

### **120 EAST STATE STREET**

#### **JOHN and YVONNE MCFADDEN**

President Miller presented the revolving loan agreement between the Borough and John and Yvonne McFadden for 120 East State Street.

The Manager advised that the Borough received a \$500,000 reinvestment grant from the State with the first project being the renovation of 120 East State Street. The loan term is 15 years at an interest rate of two percent (2%) with no payments the first year.

Mr. McFadden stated that the proposed plans will be done in two (2) stages and include a restaurant on the street and lower levels with either apartments or office space on the second level.

*It was moved by Council Member Walker and seconded by Council Member Cocks to approve the agreement as presented with the following revisions:*

- On Page 3, Project Advances - change monthly basis to a bi-weekly basis.*
- Page 5, Commitment Expiration - change January 20, 2010 to January 30, 2010.*

*The motion carried unanimously with Council Member Walker abstaining from the vote.*

**SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION  
HEALTHY KIDS DAY  
APRIL 17, 2010**

President Miller presented the special event application for Healthy Kids Day.

The Manager advised that this is an annual event and will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 17, 2010 on South Broad Street between Cypress and Mulberry Streets.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Mary Hutchins, Executive Director of Historic Kennett Square, reported that she attended a meeting with the State and noted that the Mainstreet Line Item was slashed by ten percent (10%) in the State's budget. She added that the Borough was very blessed to receive the revolving loan funding and it will be a long time before this type of funding will be available again.

Mr. John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, referred to the revolving loan agreement and questioned if a lien will be filed against the McFadden property in the event they should default on the loan.

**COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENTS**

**120 EAST STATE STREET**

The Manager advised that the Borough is the second lien holder of the 120 East State Street property.

**INTERGEN COALITION**

Council Member Cocks read the Mission Statement of the InterGen Coalition. As a member of their board, she advised that the Coalition would like to schedule a "Meet and Greet" with the local municipal officials. She questioned if Borough Council would consider hosting this event.

The Manager advised that the InterGen Coalition has been a part of the Borough and has been involved with the Planning Commission.

A discussion ensued.

Council Member Maffei recommended that the InterGen Coalition host the event with the invitation coming from them. Council agreed.

## **ROAD SALT and WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

It was moved by Council Member Bosley and seconded by Council Member Cocks for the Manager to research the possibility of entering into a consortium to purchase road salt and workers compensation insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

## **RESERVE FUND**

It was moved by Council Member Carozzo and seconded by Council Member Avello to establish a reserve fund from the proceeds of the sale of the NVF property that cannot be spent without the approval of Council.

A discussion ensued with Council Members requesting research and additional information from the Manager.

Council Member Carozzo agreed to table this item.

## **NVF PROPERTY**

It was moved by Council Member Carozzo to cut and cap the water and sewer lines on the NVF property.

A discussion ensued with Council Members requesting research and additional information from the Manager.

Council Member Carozzo withdrew his motion.

## **BOARDS, COMMISSIONS and COMMITTEES**

President Miller announced that there is an opening on the Planning Commission and that any interested residents should submit a letter of interest to the Borough Manager prior to the next meeting.

President Miller made appointments to the following committees:

- Finance Committee – Council Members Bosley, Maffei and Walker; and the Borough Manager and Finance Director.
- Public Works Committee – Council Members Avello, Carozzo and Cocks; and the Borough Manager and Public Works Director.
- Reorganization Ad Hoc Committee – President Miller, Council Members Avello and Maffei; and the Borough Manager.

The purpose of the Reorganization Ad Hoc Committee is to research ways to restructure the Council meetings to be more productive. President Miller advised that the Reorganization Ad Hoc Committee will provide Council with a written report of their recommendations by February 10. Council will act on this item at the February 16 Council meeting with any changes to the format being implemented in March 2010.

## **CIVILITY**

President Miller thanked Mr. Thomas for his comments on civility and reiterated to Council that he also finds the Borough News magazine a good informational resource.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Council Member Walker and seconded by Council Member Bosley to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

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Brant Kucera  
Borough Manager