

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

The Regular Meeting of September 6, 2011 of Council for the Borough of Kennett Square was called to order at 7:00 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 David B. Miller
Councilmember Enrico H. Avello, Jr.
Councilmember Geoffrey R. Bosley
Councilmember William A. Carozzo
Councilmember Jessie Cocks
Councilmember F. Sean Walker
Manager Brant Kucera
Solicitor Marc Jonas

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, shared his concern that it took four (4) years to find out about Magnolia Street. He stated that he is not against Magnolia Place but is against giving things away. Mr. Thomas is concerned that the Borough is doing away with the Courthouse without the public being informed. He has concern about the qualifications of the Zoning Hearing Board members and solicitor.

PRESIDENTIAL COMMENT

President Miller thanked the members of the Public Works, Police and Fire Departments for their hard work in preparing for Hurricane Irene. He was very impressed with their service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

KENNETT AREA PARK and RECREATION BOARD (KAPRB)

Ms. Claire Finrock, Program Director, reported the following:

- She thanked Chop Tank Construction and the volunteer hours of Councilmember Carozzo and Mr. Keith Biddle in the major renovations to the parking lot at Pennock Park.
- The Mushroom Festival 5K Race is this Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
- Registration is underway for the Junior Basketball League. Bancroft Elementary School will be utilized for this league.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

On behalf of the Historical Commission, Councilmember Cocks reported the following:

- Ms. Kathy Hahn, Borough resident, attended the last Historical Commission meeting to inform the commission of the reason why she, along with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Causey, filed an appeal against the Zoning Hearing Board's decision to approve the High School's application to install stadium lights.
- The Holiday Home Tour Committee is having difficulty finding homes for this year's tour.
- There are four (4) vacancies on the commission.

CONSENT ITEMS

MINUTES of AUGUST 1, 2011

President Miller presented minutes from August 1, 2011 for approval.

It was moved by Councilmember Bosley and seconded by Councilmember Walker to approve the minutes as presented.

Vice President Maffei stated that he will abstain from voting on this consent item because he was absent from the August 1st Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously with Vice President Maffei abstaining.

BILLS

President Miller presented the bills to be paid on September 6, 2011 and the bills that were paid since the last meeting for approval.

It was moved by Councilmember Cocks and seconded by Councilmember Bosley to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT to

MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE of SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY AGREEMENT

President Miller presented the amendment to the Municipal Cooperative of Southern Chester County Agreement for approval. The amendment allows for the appointed secretary of the Cooperative to execute contracts on the Cooperative's behalf.

It was moved by Councilmember Walker and seconded by Vice Precedent Maffei to approve the amendment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION A WALK THOROUGH TIME, HISTORIC EAST LINDEN PROJECT (H.E.L.P.) SEPTEMBER 24, 2011

President Miller presented the special event application for "A Walk Through Time", H.E.L.P.'s annual fundraising event, for approval. The event will run from 4 – 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 24th in the 200 and 300 blocks of East Linden Street.

It was moved by Vice President Maffei and seconded by Councilmember Carozzo to approve the application as presented.

Ms. Karen Scherer advised that the Manager, Chief of Police, Director of Public Works and Fire Chief approved the application.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, referred to a picture of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Causey which shows the proposed stadium lights. He noted that the lights will look like large antenna and added that he is not against the lights but would like them to be telescopic so they could be lowered when they are not in use. Mr. Thomas stated that he is looking forward to the Mushroom Festival this weekend but has concerns of vehicles parking too close to intersections. He advised that vehicles are currently parking too close to the intersection of South Garfield and Magnolia Streets which reduces the site distance.

COUNCIL and MANAGER COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Maffei announced that Mr. Kevin Myers of the Chester County Planning Commission will be attending the next meeting of the Historical Commission on September 12th and the Architectural Review Board on September 14th. The intentions are to reorganize these two (2) boards, which currently have duplicating duties, into one (1).

Councilmember Bosley stated that he appreciated having the Planning Commission minutes in the Council packet and would like this practice continued on a regular basis.

The Manager advised that members of the Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County will be conducting a walk of the Borough owned land known as the Parrish Property on September 14th at 2:30 p.m. The Conservancy is requesting an easement for a trail through the property. The easement will be on the September 19th agenda for Council's approval.

Councilmember Cocks announced that Casa Guanajuato will be hosting Mexico's Independence Celebration on September 16th, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Kennett Friends Meeting, 125 West Sickle Street.

The Mayor advised that the next public meeting for the Old Baltimore Corridor Study will be held at the New Garden Township building on Wednesday, September 28th at 7 p.m. Plans will be on display of the proposed changes to the intersections along Baltimore Pike from Route 82 in the Borough to Route 41 in Avondale Borough.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Vice President Maffei and seconded by Councilmember Avello to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Karen L. Scherer
Secretary