

OFFICIAL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

The regular meeting of September 19, 2011 of Council for the Borough of Kennett Square 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 David B. Miller
Councilmember Enrico H. Avello, Jr.
Councilmember Geoffrey R. Bosley
Councilmember Jessie Cocks
Councilmember F. Sean Walker
Manager Brant Kucera
Mayor Matthew W. Fetick
Solicitor Marc Jonas

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, asked Council to consider establishing a resident task force to assist with the preparation of 2012 budget. He also urged Council to be cautious when borrowing money.

Ms. Charla Watson, 523 Magnolia Street, stated that the Borough needs to reconsider the type of streets that will be going into the Pia property. She referred to her copy of the 1979 Borough of Kennett Square Code of Laws stating that everything we need to know about our streets is in that book. Ms. Watson also stated that Washington Street will have to be widened when the Pia and NVF properties are developed.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Bosley advised that the 2012 Budget schedule has been finalized. The committee spot checked the bills, finalized the proposed 2011 – 2015 CIP and reviewed the Borough's policies and procedures. He added that information on the County's CDBG applications will be made available to the residents in the next few weeks.

CONSENT ITEMS

MINUTES of SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

President Miller presented the September 6, 2011 minutes for approval.

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

BILLS

President Miller presented the bills to be paid September 19, 2011 and the bills that were paid since the last meeting for approval.

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

ACTIVATE PRESENTATION

Ms. Joan Holliday and Mr. Tom Gallagher gave a PowerPoint presentation of Activate Chester County. Activate is a volunteer committee that was established in 2005. Ms. Holliday and Mr. Gallagher are also directly involved with Activate Kennett, a sub-committee for our area. Activate's initiative is to promote healthier residents through appropriate diet and exercise.

Ms. Emily Smith, a student at West Chester University and participant in Activate Kennett, gave a summary of a walkable community study she conducted as part of her academic requirements. Ms. Smith noted a few problem areas for pedestrian traffic within the Borough.

PLANNER PRESENTATION- MR. STUART SIROTA

Mr. Stuart Sirota, President of TND Planning Group., gave a PowerPoint presentation of walkable community studies his company has to offer. Mr. Sirota noted that he also met with the Intergen Coalition regarding studies of integrating senior residents into the community.

PROPOSED 2011 - 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)

The Manager gave a brief summary of the key components to the proposed 2011 - 2015 CIP of the following:

- Closed Loop System.
- West Cypress Street.
- South Walnut Street Neighborhood Improvements.
- Birch Street.
- Public Works Garage.
- Water Meter Replacement Program.
- Yeatman Well.
- South Street Pump Station.
- UV System Replacement.
- Parking Garage Expansion.

The Manager asked Council to review the plan and contact him if they have any questions. He advised that the plan will be on the October 3, 2011 agenda for Council's consideration.

President Miller asked that a few slides on the CIP be presented at the October 3rd meeting.

Councilmember Bosley asked that the proposed CIP be posted on the Borough website.

The Manager agreed to the requests and noted that a hard copy of the plan is available for review at Borough Hall.

PROPOSED TRAIL and TRAIL EASEMENT REQUEST

Ms. Stephanie Almanza, of The Land Conservancy of Southern Chester County (TLC), gave a presentation of the trail they are proposing which would connect Kennett Township with the Borough. As part of this trail, the TLC is requesting a trail easement area on the Borough-owned property located at the southeast corner of the Scarlett Road and West South Street intersection.

Several councilmembers questioned who the responsible party would be for maintaining the trail. Ms. Margo Taylor, Project Manager of the trail project, advised that maintenance of the trail will be more detailed as partnerships are formed.

The Manager advised that the Borough currently maintains the portion of Red Clay Trail that's in the Borough at an annual expense of approximately \$1,000.

TRAIL EASEMENT AGREEMENT THE LAND CONSERVANCY for SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY SOUTHEAST CORNER of SCARLETT ROAD and WEST SOUTH STREET PARCEL 62-3-100

President Miller presented the Trail Easement Agreement between the Borough of Kennett Square and The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County, as revised by the Borough Solicitor on September 19, 2011, for approval.

It was moved by Councilmember Cocks and seconded by Councilmember Walker to approve the agreement as presented contingent upon the Borough being named as an additional insured party and the Solicitor's final approval. Motion carried unanimously.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB) APPLICATIONS 201 MARSHALL STREET 110 SOUTH UNION STREET

President Miller presented the following two (2) ARB applications for approval:

- 201 Marshall Street, MJC Realty (Dr. Cari) – Signage.
- 110 South Union Street, Liz Marden Bakery – Façade Change.

It was moved by Councilmember Bosley and seconded by Councilmember Cocks to approve the two (2) ARB applications as presented.

2012 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION (MMO) for NON-UNIFORM EMPLOYEES

President Miller presented the MMO for the Pension Plan of the non-uniform employees for the year 2012 for approval.

The Manager advised that the Borough's contribution for 2012 is \$99, 349.

It was moved by Councilmember Walker and seconded by Councilmember Cocks to approve the MMO for non-uniform employees as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2012 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION (MMO) for UNIFORM EMPLOYEES

President Miller presented the MMO for the Pension Plan of the uniform employees for the year 2012 for approval.

The Manager advised that the Borough's contribution for 2012 is \$118,845.

It was moved by Councilmember Walker and seconded by Councilmember Cocks to approve the MMO for uniform employees as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMENDMENT #1 to 2011 BUDGET – SOLID WASTE FUND

President Miller presented Amendment #1 to the 2011 Budget for approval.

The Manager advised that the monies currently being collected for solid waste go into the General Fund and then transferred the Solid Waste Fund. The amendment will eliminate the transfer and allow the monies to go directly into the Solid Waste Fund.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, stated that there were problems when the Red Clay Trail was constructed and urged Council to be careful when granting the easement for the new trail. He thanked Mr. Sirota for answering his questions. Mr. Thomas stated that it is important that the public knows what is going on.

Ms. Charla Watson, 523 Magnolia Street, stated that it is very important that the CDBG information gets out to the public. She questioned the grant timeline.

The Manager advised that the CDB grant funding will not be available until 2013.

Ms. Watson expressed her concern that there are is no sidewalk along East State Street between Blittersdorf's and the property previously owned by Ms. Mabel Thompson. In addition, she suggested that the Borough's parking garage be sold to a private entity.

COUNCIL and MANAGER COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments from the Council or the Manager

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Bosley and seconded by Councilmember Walker to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Karen L. Scherer
Secretary