

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
KENILWORTH HELD ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 11, 2013. MAYOR KATHI
FIAMINGO PRESIDED.

Mayor Fiamingo read the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

The Salute to the Flag was led by Mayor Kathi Fiamingo.

Roll Call at 8:00 P.M. showed the following Council Members present: Peter Corvelli, Anthony DeLuca, Toni Giordano, Brian Joho, Scott Klinder and Fred Pugliese.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councilwoman Giordano, seconded by Councilman Joho and carried that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 6, 2013, and the Work Session minutes of November 4, 2013 dispensed with and approved as submitted. (Copies furnished each Council Member prior to the meeting.)

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Kenilworth has been awarded a Recycling Tonnage Grant in the amount of \$17,986.87 by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
2. Letter to Police Chief Zimmerman from Michael C. Sklar, Director of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, congratulating the department for achieving Police Agency Accreditation.
3. Letter from Shirley Boyden Maxwell, President, Kenilworth Historical Society, thanking the Governing Body for allowing them to have the Community-Wide Garage Sale this year and enclosing a check for \$930.00 for permit fees.
4. A parade to honor the David Brearley High School Soccer Team upon winning the State Championship will be held along the Boulevard at 11 A.M. with a presentation by Mayor and Council of a Resolution following at Borough Hall.
5. The Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 1, 2014 at 1:00 P.M.
6. The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be on January 8, 2014.

REPORTS

1. Police Department Report for the month of November, 2013.
2. Construction Department Report for the month of November, 2013.
3. Borough Clerk's Report for the month of November, 2013.
4. Fire Department/Rescue Squad Report for the month of November, 2013.

It was moved by Councilman Pugliese seconded by Councilman Klinder and carried that the above communications be received and filed and any money amounts indicated be spread over the minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Fiamingo said David Brearley Boys Soccer Team won the State Group 1 Championship with a very strong winning season which was a wonderful achievement and we are going to celebrate with a parade on Saturday. The parade will start at the High School at 11:00 AM and come down the Boulevard and end up at Borough Hall where we will present the team with a Resolution that we will be passing this evening. She said they asked the Mayor and Council to join them in the parade, the Mayor said she was a little hesitant about marching in the parade because it is really all about the team and we had nothing to do with it, but they asked so we will march with them.

Mayor Fiamingo read a letter she received from Nordic Metals, 31st Street which said “First off I would like to applaud you for what you have done to this beautiful town. It is safe, clean and well respected and well known. I have had the pleasure of owning a sheet metal company, Nordic Metal, LLC in this town for 20 years and I must say it has been a pleasure to do so. The reason I am reaching out to you is to tell you how THANKFUL I am for your Fire Department. On November 11th, around 12:45 P.M. we had a small incident where one of our small machines caught fire and by 12:50 your Fire Department, including Chief Giordino showed up and took great care of us. Those guys are true heroes, I must say they had everything under control in a matter of minutes. They put out the fire, cleared all the smoke from our shop, and helped us remove all the burnt material. Chief Lou Giordino was the first person on site and attended all my employees like family to make sure everyone was fine. Again, Thank you for taking the time on reading my letter, keep up the good work”. The letter was signed by Bo Lennart Johansson. Mayor Fiamingo said whenever she gets something like this she likes to read it into the record.

The Mayor thanked the Beautification Committee, she hopes everyone noticed the decorations that are in the planters, they are really nice and fun to look at. She thanked the whole committee for working specifically on the Christmas decorations but they really also work all year round. She also thanked the girl scouts, the boy scouts and cub scouts for helping us kick off the holiday season with Christmas caroling at the Senior Citizen Center and caroling down the Boulevard to the Tree Lighting at Borough Hall.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Councilman Joho reported he received the Finance and Tax Report year to date, revenues are slightly ahead of last year's levels and expenses are still low and in line with the budget and that is good news as we enter the final week of the year.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman DeLuca said curbside leaf pick-up is going extremely well and kudos to Dan and the DPW for doing a great job, they only got one complaint. They are going to start the Borough Parks and properties as soon as curbside pick-up is complete. The Muffin Monster Electric Grinder is going out for re-bid for a more detailed scope of work. The cost for disposal, collection and transport of bulky waste for October was \$48,137.05 and the total amount of tonnage collected was 171.44 tons.

Councilman DeLuca reminded everyone there is a snow ordinance and in the event of snow, there is no parking on the odd numbered sides of the street, no throwing snow on the streets, no hindering any of the icing vehicles or the snow plows, no parking in Municipal lots for 24 hours after the snow. Mayor Fiamingo said you can park on the odd numbered streets but not in front of the houses on the street that have odd numbers. Councilman DeLuca said for more details you can go to www.kenilworthborough.com and you can read the ordinance.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Pugliese reported the promotions process continues, Chief Zimmerman issued the promotions exam on December 7th. The scores have been tallied and during the next phase of promotions Chief Zimmerman will meet with members of the police committee for a discussion of who will be promoted to rank of sergeant or lieutenant. This is slated to happen over the next two months.

Councilman Pugliese said attached to the Consent Agenda is a resolution ratifying the contract with the PBA and the Borough of Kenilworth. He said having participated in two other contract negotiations prior to this one, he can say this one is certainly the longest in duration. He said Patrolman Devlin was part of it and at times it was somewhat contentious but at the end of the day both sides gave in and we were able to not go through arbitration, saving the taxpayers money and also saving the PBA money. We were able to shake hands and walk away, happy and unhappy at the same time. He said whenever there is a good settlement, both sides walk away happy and both sides walk away unhappy so at the end of the day he believes it was a win win situation and we were able to keep it out of arbitration. He said kudos to members of the negotiation committee, Councilwoman Giordano and Councilman Joho and also members of the PBA negotiating committee to keep this out of arbitration.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, ZONING & ORDINANCES

Councilwoman Giordano reported she is in the final stages of implementing the computer program for the Building Department, Planning Department. The training manuals have been distributed and a training schedule is scheduled in January for the Building Department. She said she is trying to get it done early in January so hopefully by the end of the month we will be

up and running on line inclusive of the new forms that are also being worked on so that residents can go on line, view the forms and fill them out prior to coming into the Building Department. They should at the very least be able to view the material and have some questions answered prior to coming into the Building Department. It is moving along and hopefully we should be done by the end of January.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND FIRE

Councilman Corvelli had nothing to report for the Fire Department. He said dodge ball was a hit for the Recreation Department but unfortunately gym time is at a premium so dodge ball has been cut short and the kids are back for basketball. Councilman Corvelli said he spoke to Pat Boyle today and he said he put his budget in and would like to increase it by \$2,000.00 for mats. He said he gave in the paperwork and you guys could decide.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE

Councilman Klinder reported the Salvation Army is ringing the bell this Saturday and next Saturday and they are still looking for volunteers. You can contact Paulette Drogan, it is a very rewarding thing to do and is only for an hour. Mayor Fiamingo said she noticed today that the gentleman ringing the bell was inside the door to keep warm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions No. 1 thru 17 are listed on Consent Agenda and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. All items will be recorded individually in full in the minutes.

Councilman Joho moved that all items under Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Klinder. Upon roll call the vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That all bills be paid when properly audited and funds are available.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Chief Finance Officer be authorized to make payments for necessary obligations prior to the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting on January 8, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the attached list of Retirees be reimbursed for their payments for Medicare coverage from July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 inclusive, in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1970 State of New Jersey.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

**Resolution Supporting the
“*Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*”
2013 Year End Holiday Statewide Crackdown**

Whereas, impaired drivers on our nation’s roads kill someone every 30 minutes, 50 people per day, and almost 18,000 people each year; and

Whereas, 19% of motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2012 were alcohol-related; and

Whereas, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

Whereas, the season at the end of the year is traditionally a time of social gatherings which often include alcohol; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the state to participate in the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Statewide Crackdown*; and

Whereas, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from December 6, 2013 through January 2, 2014; and

Whereas, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;

Therefore, be is resolved that **the Borough of Kenilworth** declares it’s support for the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2013 Year End Holiday Statewide Crackdown* from December 6, 2013 through January 2, 2014 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, Corelogic Tax Services paid the property taxes for the 4th quarter of 2013 for the property located at 66 Pembroke Drive, Kenilworth, NJ, and;

WHEREAS, this resulted in the overpayment of taxes for the 4th quarter of 2013 in the amount of \$1,819.15, and;

WHEREAS, Corelogic Tax Services has requested that the overpayment be refunded to them.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer, after proper notation on the tax account records by the Collector of Taxes, be and is hereby authorized to issue a warrant for a refund as stated below.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Payable To:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
63	15	Corelogic Tax Services Tax Refunds 1 Corelogic Drive Westlake, TX 76262	\$ 1,819.15
TOTAL\$ 1,819.15			

RESOLUTION NO. 6

WHEREAS, Corelogic Tax Services paid the property taxes for the 4th quarter of 2013 for the property located at 47 Arbor Street, Kenilworth, NJ, and;

WHEREAS, this resulted in the overpayment of taxes for the 4th quarter of 2013 in the amount of \$16.43, and;

WHEREAS, Corelogic Tax Services has requested that the overpayment be refunded to them.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer, after proper notation on the tax account records by the Collector of Taxes, be and is hereby authorized to issue a warrant for a refund as stated below.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Payable To:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100	7	Corelogic Tax Services Tax Refunds 1 Corelogic Drive Westlake, TX 76262	\$ 16.43
TOTAL\$ 16.43			

RESOLUTION NO. 7

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Borough Clerk be authorized to issue the following Raffle Licenses:

#2020 New Jersey Youth Golf Foundation, Inc., for an Off-Premise Merchandise Raffle on January 14, 2014 at 1 Golf Drive, Kenilworth, NJ.

#2021 New Jersey Festival Orchestra, for an Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle on April 5, 2014 at 3 Golf Drive, Kenilworth, N.J.

#2022 Kenilworth Silver Card Association, Inc. for an Off-Premise Merchandise Raffle on February 27, 2014 at 50 Lafayette Ave., Kenilworth, NJ.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

WHEREAS, Borough Clerk Hedy Lipke has notified the Borough of Kenilworth of her intention to retire effective December 31, 2013, and;

WHEREAS, Borough Clerk Hedy Lipke is entitled to Terminal Leave pay as per Kenilworth's Personnel Policy, and;

WHEREAS, Borough Clerk Hedy Lipke is entitled to 58.83 days of Terminal Leave pay based on her 29 years, 5 months service to the Borough of Kenilworth, and;

WHEREAS, Borough Clerk Hedy Lipke has elected to receive this payment in January of 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Kenilworth that the Payroll Department is authorized to make payments as indicated above based on a final calculation upon her retirement.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

WHEREAS, it shall become necessary to over expend for some of the purposes specified in the budget appropriation of the respective sums appropriated, and

WHEREAS, there is an excess in one or more appropriations over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-58 provides for the transfer of such amounts deemed in excess to appropriation for the amount of which are deemed to be insufficient to fulfill purposes of such appropriation, and

WHEREAS, the transfers about to be authorized do not affect any appropriations to which transfers are prohibited under statute,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the attached transfers be approved and the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make the transfers in the 2013 Municipal Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to make such additional transfers prior to the end of the fiscal year as he deems necessary and to report to the Mayor and Council said additional transfers.

FROM

Salaries & Wages

Police – Salaries & Wages	5,000.00
Total	5,000.00

Expenses

Total	0.00
Grand Total	\$5,000.00

TO

Salaries & Wages

Planning Board – Salaries & Wages	4,000.00
Emergency Management – Salaries & Wages	1,000.00
Total	5,000.00

Other Expenses

Total	0.00
Grand Total	\$5,000.00

RESOLUTION NO. 10

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the contracts between the borough of Kenilworth and the New Jersey State Policemen’s Benevolent Association, Kenilworth Local Number 135 and the Superior Officers Salary Committee, Kenilworth Local 135 for the period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016 be ratified and that the mayor be authorized to execute said contracts.

RESOLUTION NO. 11.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the attached list of non-contractual Borough Employees receive a salary increase of 2% retroactive to January 1, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That **VINCENT RUSSOMANNO** be employed as a Driver/Laborer in the Kenilworth Department of Public Works as of January 1, 2014 at a rate of \$16.00 per hour contingent upon obtaining his Commercial Driver's license.

RESOLUTION NO. 13

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Borough of Kenilworth enter into Shared Service Agreement with the County of Union to provide Emergency Medical Basic Life Support Dispatch Services at an annual cost of \$6,500.00 for 2014; \$6,630.00 for 2015 and \$6,762 for 2016 with an option to extend the Agreement for two additional years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Mayor be authorized to sign said Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 14

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That **ROBERT ORDWAY** receive a \$3,500.00 yearly stipend retroactive to January 1, 2013 as Qualified Purchasing Agent (Q.P.A.).

RESOLUTION NO.15

CONFIRMING THE DEVELOPERS AGREEMENT FOR HELIPORT AT MERCK

WHEREAS, Merck filed an application with the Kenilworth Planning Board for a Helistop, within the Borough of Kenilworth; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board approved the development application for the Helistop, subject to a developers agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, ON THIS 11th DAY OF DECEMBER 2013

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Kenilworth by a majority of vote confirm and ratify that the Borough of Kenilworth enter the attached developers agreement with Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp., for the development of a Heliport; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Borough Clerk, are authorized to enter into said developer's agreement, as drafted by the Borough's Attorney.

Approved _____
KATHI FIAMINGO, MAYOR
Dated: 12-11-2013

HEDY LIPKE, BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 16

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Governing Body does hereby adopt the Rules and Regulations for Police Dispatchers as attached.

RESOLUTION NO. 17

WHEREAS, the David Brearley High School Varsity Boys Soccer Team has been named as the Union County Conference Champions, North 11 Group I State Sectional Champions, North Jersey Group I State Champions and Group 1 State Champions of the 2013 season; and

WHEREAS, the David Brearley High School Boys Soccer Team has shown a winning attitude, exceptional skill and performance as well as usual tenacity in achieving an outstanding record of 20-2 during 2013; and

WHEREAS, the David Brearley High School Boys Soccer Team, through the efforts of its Head Coach, Vincent McGowan and his dedicated assistants, Christopher Moreno and LeAnne Clausen have brought to the school, faculty, student body and community a coveted honor and sense of pride; and

WHEREAS, Coach McGowan, Coach Moreno and Coach Clausen have unstintingly provided their time, energy counseling, enthusiasm and leadership which has made possible this significant accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, the athletes; Elijah Allen, Francisco Calero, Walter Centeno, Julian Chacon, Phillip Costa, Marc Cunha, Matheus Dias, Christian Estremera, Justin Estremera, Darion Ferreira, Kevin Filipe, Dylan Jorge, Denis Llagami, Igor Lyebyedyev, Juan Martinez, Nicholas Minio, Jason Miranda, Aly Mohamed, Frederico Oliveira, Moises Ortega, Jonathan Palacios, Jokendy Pierre-Louis, Brian Pugliese, Alex Rodrigues, Nicholas Rodrigues, Justin Russell, Mark Salama, Alex Salazar, Derick Santos, Jake Santos, Lucas Scozzaro, Erick Soriano, Jeff Spahn, Masato Takimoto, Dylan Zickgraf, Raffaele Zito, James Zoeller, who competed on David Brearley High School Championship Boys Soccer Team have shown serious determination and a courageous attitude in winning the Union County Conference, North II Group I State Sectionals; North Jersey Group I Championship, and Group I State Championship and,

WHEREAS, the outstanding 2013 season enjoyed by the David Brearley High School Championship Boys Soccer Team has been an inspiration as well as a source of pride and honor for all athletes and students within the Kenilworth School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Kenilworth Mayor and Council that this said Mayor and Council wishes to express its admiration, gratitude and congratulations to the 2013 David Brearley Championship Boys Soccer Team and its sincere appreciation to Mr. Vincent McGowan and his assistants, Mr. Christopher Moreno and Ms. LeAnne Clausen with appropriate acknowledgement to all students, parents and faculty members who supported and encouraged the team in its remarkable 2013 season.

Mayor Fiamingo said she received a notification from the YMCA that they are having a big band dance party on January 19th from 1PM to 3PM. The Mayor said it may be something you may be interested in and she will put more information on the web site. She will also send the information to the Senior Citizens who like to listen to music in that era.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Motion was made by Councilman Pugliese, seconded by Councilwoman Giordano to open the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Trudy Neuhauser, Arlene Vetter and Joan Nowakoioski from the Kenilworth Senior Citizens presented Hedy Lipke with a bouquet of flowers to thank her for all her years of service and to wish her well in her retirement. Hedy thanked them for the flowers and said she enjoyed working with the seniors. Trudy said maybe someday when Hedy gets tired of being retired she will join the seniors.

Livio Mancino, 102 North 24th Street – Mr. Mancino said he has a few issues but because it is the holiday season he will just mention them and address them in the new year. He said some of the items are street problems, zoning, planning and some other things that are affecting our community. Mr. Mancino said sometimes he disagrees with the Council and Mayor but he appreciates the work that is being done. He said he was there for many years and it is not an easy job.

Mr. Mancino said Pete Corvelli has served this community with outstanding commitment and the town probably won't realize it until he is gone but there wasn't a day that went by that Pete wasn't concerned about the community. He said his father set the pace and Pete followed and exceeded in many aspects. He said the community owes him a great sense of gratitude. He said for years he has been trying to update the parks and that endeavor has gone on deaf ears but maybe whoever follows in his footsteps will pick up the pace and see if we can get the parks updated. They need a substantial amount of money and a substantial amount of upgrading. He said we lack in that area profoundly, not because the director has been negligent, but because the community at

large, and he means the Governing Body, has really made a commitment to that and he would like to see that done in the year 2014. He said from his perspective and also from the communities perspective, Pete Corvelli will be missed because he was a spokesman for the community, not for any other reason, not political, he was just for the people.

The other person is very important because he hired her many years ago. He said he does not have to go into an elaborate explanation of why she was hired, one word best. He said Marg Adler said she did not have to worry because she had a good replacement and that replacement is Hedy. He said he is very grateful and has the utmost respect and you have done a great job for Kenilworth.

Mary Michitsch, 725 Monmouth Ave. – Mrs. Michitsch said she is not here to talk about impervious coverage but she hopes you do something in 2014. She thanked the Mayor and Council and everyone that helped with the food for the needy. They did 200 baskets, 200 turkeys and \$2,000.00 in gift cards. She said it was unbelievable, they had so many people from Kenilworth getting baskets. She said some were out of town but 80% were from Kenilworth. They have so many needy people in this town who have lost their jobs. Mary also said there is a giving tree up in St. Theresa's and they have late ones from Harding School and St. Theresa's and they have not been taken off the tree yet and anyone who can help is greatly appreciated. She said these kids won't have anything for Christmas if people don't pick up those things. She also thanked the Boy Scouts, the Silver Card Association because without them, she would not have been able to do what they did. Mayor said the VFW to and Mary said no, they gave 25 baskets to the VFW. The Mayor thanked Mary and the whole crew over at St. Theresa's.

Herb Michitsch, 725 Monmouth Avenue – Mr. Michitsch asked for more detail on Item 3 on the consent agenda, the retirement Medicare reimbursement from July to December, he asked how much was that? Mayor Fiamingo said the total amount is \$10,419.00. He asked about item 5, the overpayment of taxes and how that happens? Mayor Fiamingo said what happens is sometimes houses are sold and the old bank will send in the payment and then the attorney who represents the buyer will also send in the payment to make sure it is paid and so that makes a double payment and we have to return the money. Mr. Michitsch asked if it's ever a result of a reassessment and the Mayor said no. Mr. Michitsch asked for some detail on Resolution No. 15, the Developers Agreement for the Heliport at Merck and he asked for more information on that Resolution. Mayor Fiamingo said there was supposed to be an agreement in place that detailed the operations and the methodology of how the Heliport was going to be operated and there were a couple of things that hadn't been finalized and we pushed to make it get done. She said it was leftover from a couple of years ago. Mr. Michitsch asked what was left over? Mayor Fiamingo said getting the agreement finalized, the Board of Adjustment had provided that certain conditions would be placed on the

operations and it had never been finalized through a developers agreement. She said it was done a while ago and it's just been a matter of getting everyone to cross the t's and dot the i's. Mr. Michitsch asked if the reimbursement to the retirees goes directly to them? Mayor Fiamingo said according to the contract that has been in place for ever, the retiree's get reimbursed for their Medicare costs that gets taken out of their social security. Mr. Michitsch thanked the clerk on her retirement and wished her well, she served the community well and he always got along with her and good luck in her new endeavor.

Bob Beiner, 36 South 24th Street – Mr. Beiner wished Hedy good luck in her retirement and future endeavors. He thanked Councilman Corvelli for his time on the Governing Body. He said he knows he is a little bias but the biggest loser here is the Borough because Councilman Corvelli is the type of person you want on the Governing Body, irrespective of what side you are on because he is not interested in any accolades, self-congratulation or pats on the back, he does what he thinks is best for the Borough. He said one brief example is that during Hurricane Irene, about two years ago, when his house was taking on water and he was aware that a lot of other houses in the Borough were taking on water, he made some phone calls to the County, and got the County to donate some supplies and again he was not interested in getting thanked, he did what he did to help his fellow residents out and that is a little example of what type of person Councilman Corvelli is. He said to Councilwoman elect, you have big shoes to fill. He said hopefully this won't be the last we hear of Councilman Corvelli in working with the Borough.

Motion was made by Councilman Corvelli, seconded by Councilman Pugliese to close the meeting to the public. All in favor.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Councilman Corvelli said he appreciates all the public support. He thanked Hedy the most and said a phone call to Hedy and your problems are solved. He has been here on and off for eight years and he can count on one hand where we disagreed. He said if anyone doesn't think that Hedy's heart was in this Borough, they are sorely mistaken, He said there is a lot of time up here that goes into the meetings and maybe we disagreed a little bit more than a handful of times but there is no doubt in his mind that everyone up here is for the good of the Borough. He said he is sure Barbara will step in and with everyone's help she will be fine. He said every other Wednesday he and Hedy are free.

Councilwoman Giordano said to Pete that when she was first on Council she sat near Pete and he pretty much never said anything and was very quiet. She said he collects his thoughts and then boom it all comes out and he has everything together and he knows exactly what he wants to say and how he wants to say it and then he is quiet

again and absorbs everything. Except for the one time she met him in the Kenilworth Diner and he had the longest conversation with her and Rich that she had ever had in the three years and she got to really know him. She said it was a whole different side of him in talking about his family and his girls and life in Kenilworth and it was a pleasure getting to know him. She said he has a type of energy that is well thought out and very methodical on how he wants to do things and she appreciates that.. She said she enjoyed getting to know him.

She said to Hedy she will never forget the first time she met her when she did not know where to sign, how to say things and she looked to Hedy to find out how to present things. She said you feel so overwhelmed, you want to do everything right and many times she went into Hedy's office and said where do I put this and who do I ask, what's the protocol and she always had an answer. She said it will very difficult to proceed without her and Pete. She said Barbara does have big shoes to fill because Pete has been around here a long time and did a great job. She wished them both well.

Councilman Pugliese said he doesn't want to make it sound like a funeral but we spend so much time together, twice every other week, at times we see each other much more than we see our family. He said at this point we are saying good-bye to friends even though we may disagree at certain times. Councilman Pugliese said there is no doubt that Pete had good intentions for the Borough first and foremost even though at times we disagreed on how they should be directed but no one can doubt his sincerity. As far as Hedy, whenever we had a question, we always went to Hedy for the answer and she has been a constant in this Borough and she knows the answers even before we ask the question. She knew about the grants and the bonds and who would be funding the fireworks and there were times when he did not know where the funds would come from. He said she was pretty much what kept us moving even though we changed administrations and council throughout the years. She certainly can't be replaced and she will be missed.

Councilman Joho thanked Hedy for her service to the Borough and he said it has been a pleasure working with her over the past six years. The Council will miss her service and especially that institutional knowledge she brings to the table at every council meeting. He said as Mayor's come and go but she has been that constant for 29 years as Clerk and he thanked her for her service and thanked her for the last six years working with him. Councilman Joho thanked Councilman Corvelli for his service on council, as everyone said so far, he has been dedicated to the interests of our residents and it showed in all his decisions that were made on Council.

Councilman Klinder said it has been a pleasure working with Peter and he has put a lot of time and energy into this town. He congratulated Hedy on her retirement and he said he can't remember a time when he went to get a dog license and she wasn't there and now he is up to three dogs and it keeps going. He said she is an intricate part of the town and the town will really miss her.

Councilman DeLuca congratulated Barbara and welcomed her aboard and he looks forward to working with her. He said he is sorry to see Pete go but who knows what the future will bring. He said he has known Hedy all his life, she was there when he came up to sign up for Selective Service, his mom worked with her, and it is going to be hard for him to come up here and not see her. He said it is going to be hard to replace her but if she ever needs anything, she knows who to call.

Councilman Deluca said it is the holiday season and he wants everyone to take care of themselves because you are no good to anyone else if you don't take care of yourselves. He said health, health, health and have a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday.

Mayor Fiamingo congratulated Councilman Klinder on the birth of his new baby girl Allison.

The Mayor thanked Peter and she said she enjoyed working with him, she said he is such a nice guy and that it has been a pleasure to work with him. She said all of us up here only think about one thing and that is what we can do to help the town, we are not doing anything else up here but trying to make the town that we live in and that we love a better place for not only ourselves but for everyone else. We all think that we know best how to make that happen, sometimes we win and sometimes we lose but we are always motivated by that one thought to do things right. One thing she can tell you is that Pete was always looking for the right thing to do.

Mayor Fiamingo said to Hedy that she has not known her all her life and she said to Councilman DeLuca that he lied when he said he's known Hedy his whole life because Hedy has only been here for 29 years and Councilman Deluca is not 29 years old. The Mayor said Hedy has been here for her entire career on Council and as everyone said there is nobody better to go to and ask a question about what happened years ago. Hedy always knows the answers and if she doesn't know she will find the answer by going into that little box of hers when she pulls these cards out from the year of I don't know when. She said it will be very difficult and we are going to have to put somebody in her chair but to replace her is going to be impossible. She said she could not have asked for a better person to help her as Mayor than Hedy, she has been a superb individual in all respects and she will truly miss her.

Mayor Fiamingo gave Hedy a token of her appreciation as well as the Councils appreciation. The Mayor said they will accolade her further at her party. She said she did not want to miss this opportunity of her last meeting to show her that we do care, love and respect you and we will miss you.

Hedy Lipke thanked everyone for their kind words. She said she truly loves her job, she likes dealing with the residents, she likes answering questions and if she doesn't know the answers she will find someone that does and she feels like she did that. She said she wants the residents to be aware of the very, very good employees that the Borough of Kenilworth has, they are all friendly, helpful, knowledgeable and good people. The Department Heads made her job easier and there is a very good rapport and everyone is committed. She said everyone has to understand that the Mayor and Council are elected officials and they make a pittance every year and some don't even take salaries and the amount of time they spend looking for the welfare of all the residents of Kenilworth is phenomenal. She said we owe them a very big debt of gratitude. It takes special people to commit and she has worked with quite a few Mayors and lots of Council people and they all had the same object in mind, the welfare of the Borough of Kenilworth. She said believe it or not the Borough will go on without me but I am one of the pillars out there. She said the best is yet to come. She thanked everyone again.

Mayor Fiamingo wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She knows she will see Pete around in his shorts. Pete said he might even get a new pair for Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, it was moved by Councilman Corvelli, seconded by Councilman Joho and carried, that the meeting be adjourned to the call of the chair.

8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Hedy Lipke, Borough Clerk