

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH HELD ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 25, 2016. MAYOR ANTHONY DELUCA PRESIDED.

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

ROLL CALL

Roll Call at 8:00 P.M. showed the following Council Members present: Kay Ceceri, Larry Clementi, Peter Corvelli, Gerry Laudati and Nick Mascaro.

The Salute to the Flag was led by Mayor Deluca.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Introduced by Peter Corvelli, adoption moved by same
Seconded by Larry Clementi. Upon roll call all in favor.

WHEREAS, a vacancy occurred on Council prior to the term expiration of December 31, 2016.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Kenilworth has reviewed the two (2) candidates submitted by the Municipal Republican Committee to fill the vacancy.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Scott Pentz be appointed Councilman of the Borough of Kenilworth pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-4. et. Seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Scott Pentz be appointed Chairman for the Finance Committee for the year 2016.

Oath of Office was administered to Councilman Pentz by Mayor Deluca.

Mayor Deluca welcomed Scott to the Council and said it will be a pleasure working with him.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councilman Corvelli seconded by Councilman Mascaro and carried that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 11, 2016 and the Executive Session and Work Session of May 10, 2016 be approved as submitted. (Copies furnished each Council Member prior to the meeting). All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

NJSLOM Notices

VFW – Memorial Day Service invite

KVFD – Probationary Firefighter/EMT recommendation

Veteran Affairs Committee – Memorial Day Service invite

Request to Remove Tree – 595 Bloomingdale

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It was moved by Councilman Clementi, seconded by Councilwoman Ceceri and carried that the above communications be received and filed and any money amounts indicated be spread over the minutes. All in favor.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Deluca said Monday is our annual Memorial Service, this year is extra special, we are honoring our 17 KIA's with a map and a beautiful brochure that Walter Boright has done. He said he hopes everyone can make it out for this solemn event. There will be street signs throughout the Borough close to where they lived and if you do not make the services maybe you can take a walk and see some of the signs. The streets will be on the program and we will also put the specific streets on the Borough web site. Mayor Deluca said this a nice tasteful way of honoring 17 boys from Kenilworth who did not make it home. He said freedom is not free, people do pay a price for what we enjoy. The Memorial Service is at 11:00 AM on May 30, 2016 and the street dedication will follow. Union County is having a bio-blitz on June 10 and 11, the 12th Annual 24 hour survey of all things living in Blackbrook and Galloping Hill Golf Course. Activities begin at 5:00 PM on Friday, June 10. For a complete schedule of Family Friendly Activities go to ucnj.org or call 908-789-3683. The Mayor reminded everyone that June 7, 2016 is remembrance day in Kenilworth in recognition for our part in the Battle of Connecticut Farms. He said during the Revolutionary there was always talk about how George Washington utilized Tin Kettle Hill as an observation post when the Hessians attacked. He said he has a proclamation which will be read at another date. The flags will be flown at half-staff throughout the Borough on June 7, 2016. Mayor Deluca reminded everyone that at 1300 (1:00) Borough Hall will be closed in remembrance of Memorial Day.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Pentz said per a report that was generated on May 23, 2016, 98.11% of taxes were collected for the town.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Mascaro commended Dan Ryan and his team for getting the street back together after the Street Fair on Saturday in a very timely manner.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Corvelli thanked the Police Department for doing an outstanding job keeping us safe at the Street Fair, there was not one incident. He said they went above and beyond. He thanked the Police Department for the invite to "Every Fifteen Minutes" and said if you did not go to the event, you can go to our web site and watch it. He said this time of year the kids are getting ready to graduate and going to proms and this is a reminder for the pitfalls of drinking.

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, ZONING & ORDINANCES

Councilman Clementi reported last evening at the Work Session they discussed a couple of ordinances that they are looking into, the Borough attorney is reviewing them now and then they will be brought before the Council. The next Planning Board Meeting is June 9, 2016 at 7:30.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND FIRE

Councilwoman Ceceri said the Fire Department will have their Memorial Service tomorrow night at 7:00 pm. The Recreation Summer Camp will be starting June 27, 2016. On Friday, June 17, 2016 the Recreation will have a program called "Brush and Stroke" where teens paint under black lights for grades 7 through 12 and is \$35.00 per person. On the very next day, Saturday June 18th, because they have all the paint supplies left over, they will be having a "Mommy and Me" brush stroke and that is \$40.00 a pair. Sunday, July 3, 2016 will be our annual Fire Works Display and the Recreation plans to have some blow ups and vendors. Saturday, July 16 is Family Fun Day movie night and is free at DiMario Park. On Tuesday, July 19th will be Swim Night at Orange Avenue Pool. Saturday August 6 and 7th is a Camp Out/Barbeque at DiMario Park where you can sleep under the stars. The price is to be determined and it is going to be limited so check the web site for more information. A scavenger hunt is planned in the future.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE

Councilman Ladauti reported the Health Department has a doctor, dentist and an accountant on the Board and everything is up to par. He said the Street Fair was kid orientated. The Mayor and he went to a 7 hour seminar and the Superintendent kept them informed of what was going on and they made some decisions on how to move forward. He said they are all getting the documentation and spread it out to our people and see what kind of request we can get from that perspective. He is very interested in seeing how that works. He said the Welfare Department is status quo and if anything comes up that our Department can't handle he is sure he will be advised of it and take the proper action. He said it is important that we take care of everyone. He said on Memorial Day there will be people out there and we should give them a hot dog to help them out.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions No. 2 thru 7 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 Clementi moved that all items under the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Councilwoman Ceceri. All in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

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

RESOLUTON NO. 3

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED; That **JANELLE LLOYD, PETER KRILL, CARMEN MALADE** and **ERIN PENTZ** be employed as Per Diem Dispatchers at a rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective May 12, 2016

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RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS: Joseph Ventre and Kevin Jow were employed as Per Diem Dispatchers in the Kenilworth Police Department by resolution on May 11, 2016 with the incorrect hourly rate of \$17.00.

BE IT RESOLVED: that the correct rate for Per Diem dispatchers is \$20.00 per hour.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the attached following non-contractual Borough Employee receive a salary increase retroactive to January 1, 2016;

<u>Name</u>	<u>12/31/2015 Rate</u>	<u>1/1/2016 Rate</u>
Lisa Guarino (KPD Secretary)	\$12.48 per hour	\$13.00 per hour

RESOLUTION NO. 6

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That **ALEXANDER GRAF** be appointed as a Probationary Fire Fighter/EMT on the Kenilworth Fire Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these appointments are contingent upon successful completion of medical release, criminal and background checks.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the attached list of non-contractual Borough Employees receive a salary increase of 2% retroactive to January 1, 2016, as attached.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2016-04 was read for a first reading as follows: (Copy attached)

BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH
ORDINANCE NO. 2016-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2006-17 PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR BOROUGH EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Introduced by Kay Ceceri, adoption moved by same.

Seconded by Gerry Laudati. All in favor.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the ordinance #2016-04, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2014-10 PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR BOROUGH EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

Heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 22nd day of June, 2016 at 7:30PM or as soon as

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thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Borough Council, and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

Councilman Ladauti said he forgot to mention the Library in his report. He said they have one of the best library's around with the Library Director Michael Maziekien. He said Michael was elected as president of all the libraries around, he went from first Vice President to President of the group. The second exciting thing is a thing called "The Robotics" which is a summer program that is sponsored by the Library and granted by the Errington Foundation. The grant will supplement the classroom activity on robotics which is 6 sessions and then a trip to Philadelphia to actually have hands on with professors. He said Michael did a great job. He said you have to get you name into the Library by June 16, 2016 and the names will be picked via a lottery.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every day, 91 Americans are killed by gun violence and the lives of countless others are injured; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to be murdered with guns than people in other developed countries; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is mayors' highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from dangerous people; and

WHEREAS, mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, June 2nd, 2016 would have been the 19th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later; and

WHEREAS, to help honor Hadiya – and the 91 Americans whose lives are cut short and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day – a national coalition of organizations has designated June 2nd, 2016, as the second annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on June 2nd to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

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WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 2nd, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives and lost human potential of Americans stolen by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Anthony DeLuca, Jr., Mayor of the Borough of Kenilworth declares June 2nd to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I further encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

Mayor Deluca said he believes in the right to bear arms and he also believes that we should be educated in having fire arms, he believes the more educated we are the better off we will be.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Motion was made by Councilman Ladauti seconded by Councilman Clementi to open the meeting to the public.

No one wished to speak

Motion was made by Councilman Clementi seconded by Councilwoman Ceceri to close the meeting to the public.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Deluca congratulated Councilman Pentz and welcomed him aboard and said he looks forward to working together. He thanked everyone for coming out to the Street Fair and he hopes everyone enjoyed it. He said he is going to propose to some people the following question "Is it May or October?", and he would love to hear from everyone. He thanked our administrators and the people who work behind the scenes, everybody who is in town working and grinding it to keep the wheels in motion, he appreciates everyone and does not know what he would do without them and also this town would not function as well without people like you. He appreciates them every day that he screws up something that you guys have to fix. He said now that we are in summer months he asked everyone to please visit our shop owners, take a walk up town and patronize our businesses. The Mayor asked everyone to be careful riding bikes and walking around town, we had an accident the other day, luckily the child is OK but he has a long road ahead of him.

Councilman Clementi congratulated Scott Pentz and welcomed him back.

Councilman Pentz thanked everyone for their support and said we can all work together and make Kenilworth a better town.

Councilman Ladauti said there is a law that is not being enforced which is the back seat seatbelts, they want adults to wear their seatbelts in the back seat because the number dead are probably more than by gun shot. He said he does not know how we would enforce it. Mayor Deluca said he believes the police officer can ticket someone not wearing their seat belt. Councilman Corvelli said it's over 16 and

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they are trying to change it. Mayor Deluca said in the 20 years of being an EMT he has never cut a dead person away from their seatbelt and that is an indication that you should wear it.

ADJOURNMENT

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

8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Moschitta
Deputy Borough Clerk