

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH HELD ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 10, 2021. MAYOR LINDA KARLOVITCH PRESIDED.

Mayor Karlovitch read the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and said in light of the public health emergency caused by Corona Virus the Council meetings will continue on their regular scheduled meeting dates. Please note the time for the work session has been changed to a new commencement time of 6PM, the regular council meeting will continue to commence as soon as possible after the work session.

The Salute to the Flag was led by Mayor Karlovitch.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call at 8:00 P.M. showed the following Council Members present: Kaye Ceceri, , Mark David, Joseph Finistrella, Gerry Laudati and Fred Pugliese. Scott Pentz was excused.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councilman David, seconded by Councilwoman Ceceri and carried that the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Council Meeting of February 24, 2021 and the Special Meeting of 3/1/21 be approved as submitted. (Copies furnished each Council Member prior to the meeting).

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- NJSLOM Notices (emailed to all)
- UC Improvement Authority – 2021 Meeting Schedule
- KFD – LOSAP Certification
- Chamber of Commerce – 31st Annual Mayor’s Celebration 4/22/21
- Churchill Consulting Engineer – NJ Turnpike Authority Maintenance / Repair Activities
- Tree Removal Application – 42 N. 21st Street

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Department reports for February 2021 from: Clerk’s Office, Court, Finance Department, Fire Department, Planning & Zoning, Police Department, Public Works (emailed)

It was moved by Councilman Laudati, seconded by Councilman David 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 Karlovitch reported that Union County has announced a COVID19 rental relief program. Residents will be able to receive up to 6 months of rental assistance. The Union County Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce this program to eligible residents adversely affected by COVID19 through the Federal Cars Act. Residents can apply through one of three partner non-profit agencies as needed. A total of 1,350,000.00 will be available through Federal funds for residents who have fallen behind in payments as a result of job loss or income reduction. The program will provide a minimum of 3 months of assistance and an additional 3 months of assistance will be provided to eligible County renters who need further assistance. Interested residents can submit their applications at one of the following non-profit web sites.... www.familypromise.org or www.uloucni.org or www.uwguc.org Kenilworth currently has a total of 915 positive COVID19 cases that have been reported to the Health Department. 147 of

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these cases have fallen within the past 30 days with 25 new infections in the past 7 days. In the past several months Kenilworth has been ranging between 20 and 30 new cases per week and there are currently 8 new positive cases in school age children age 5-18. She urged all residents to continue to follow all the safety protocols to keep yourself and your family safe. The Board of Health, the VFW and the American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive on April 12, 2021 from 1 to 6PM. Blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person. It is the gift of life. A decision to donate your blood can save a life, please consider coming out and donating. The Mayor sent a special shout out to our Board of Health members and specifically Michele Panichi for organizing this blood drive. The Mayor recently met with County Commissioner Hudak, discussing the abandoned railroad property that runs along Market Street and crosses over the Boulevard and eventually connects to the East Coast Greenway. For the 2010 Union County Parks Master Plan there is an effort to create a continuous greenway throughout the existing County Park system and a major component would be to utilize abandoned railways by creating trails. There are currently two abandoned railways that can be used to successfully link several County Parks. There is a project called Rails to Trails which she has been getting involved with and she would love to see this area in Kenilworth become a recreation space for our community. She will be working on this project and she hopes to see it come to fruition. Due to the high demand and positive turnout a second date was scheduled, there will be free tax preparation services offered to all Kenilworth Seniors and Veterans on March 23, 2021. There will be two sessions, 9AM to 1PM and 2PM to 5PM. Please call 908-422-1724 to schedule your appointment today. This event is sponsored by Louis DeMondo Civic Association, Popal Financial and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. The Mayor is grateful for the generosity of all those involved in organizing this event for our community. She hopes our veterans and seniors come out and take advantage of this. The Kenilworth Market has recently started a food bank for community members in need. They are open on Friday's from 2-6PM. Anyone wishing to make a donation of food or money is greatly appreciated. The Mayor thanked everyone at the market for giving back so generously to the Borough. We are strong because we take care of each other. During this uncertain time please remember to slow down and remain positive. Over 2.5 million people have been vaccinated in New Jersey thus far. Spring is upon us and everyday things get a little bit better. Small acts of kindness are big acts of love for those in need, please look out for your neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable. We are fortunate and blessed to live in such a close nit and caring community, times like this definitely challenge us all. There is light at the end of the tunnel and hope keeps me smiling and positive, better days are coming. Please stay healthy and safe everyone and be kind to one another.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE

Councilman Laudati said The Tax/Finance Office has been busy completing PTR 1 and PTR 2 Homeowner's Verification pages for the Property Tax Reimbursement Program through the State of NJ. Application deadline to file your PTR forms is November 1, 2021. The Finance Office is in the process of compiling the 2021 Budget and will meet with Department Supervisors in the coming week. We are currently receiving online credit card payments from the Recreation Department Community Pass program for Softball. They are working on the budget. He said he wishes the Community and the Council would support the efforts of the Fire Departments capital project plans. The DPW building is falling apart and the equipment needs to be worked on and they are all listed in our capital projects and he would like support for that from the community and Council. He said we take care of our police and will continue to do that through capital projects. He said there are capital projects also through our engineering like sewers which need

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to be looked at. He said it's time for the town to take action. He said we have a grant from Union County on infrastructure and the money is coming from the sale of Reynolds Hospital as stated in our briefing. We hope to get full payment for all our projects, if we do that we can be paying for ½ the projects, we supply half the money they supply half the money, it works and that's how we get things done. It hasn't been there since 2017, there is enough time for the County to put it back into place.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman David said the DPW continues to fill potholes throughout the Borough and also they are addressing road repairs, weather permitting. If anyone sees potholes that they think have to be repaired, they can contact the DPW. The last two weeks they collected 27.72 tons of recycling and switched out two containers. They started doing collection of vegetative waste so that is going on. The Superintendent would like to congratulate the DPW Employee of the Month of February 2021 who is Eric Patzwa, our Borough vehicle mechanic. Erick went above and beyond his scope of work during the snow-storms and fixed a lot of breakdowns. He said it was brought to his attention, now that the parks are open, the playground equipment.....if there is an issue with it and it has to be repaired or replaced, who is typically in charge of doing that? The Clerk said she will check but she thinks it is the Recreation.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Ceceri welcomed our new Chief of Police. She reported for the month of February 2021 there were 1,569 calls for service and 151 9-1-1 calls. There were also 88 summonses issued by the Kenilworth Police Department. This week the police committee along with Chief Soos began conducting promotional interviews to backfill the positions of Captain, Lieutenant and Sergeant. Interviews for Captain and Lieutenant were held on Monday and Tuesday respectively and we will be interviewing candidates for Sergeant this Thursday and Friday. Probationary Police Officer Frank Crisafulli was appointed on February 10th and began his field training on Monday February 15th. Officer Crisafulli is currently progressing well and is assigned to platoon #4 under the supervision of Sgt. Bryson. The state of NJ has recently passed three (3) bills which legalize, regulate and decriminalize marijuana. The new law specifically restricts an officer's ability to search a minor for the mere presence of marijuana and/or alcohol. There are also new procedures for officers where minors are issued warnings for first, second and third offenses along with limitations on parental notification. Councilwoman Ceceri said this will be addressed by quite a lot of people, now they added alcohol in with the marijuana and for minors it just can't be.....this needs further discussion with Trenton and we need to do what we can.

Kenilworth PD has received numerous fraud reports in the past several weeks where callers will request gift cards or Bitcoin in order to "unlock" people's bank accounts or Amazon accounts. Residents are advised to be cautious with any phone calls of the above type and to contact KPD regarding any suspicious activity. The Councilwoman said it was done to her, she fell for it, she thought it was legit. She said don't open anything in your email if you don't recognize where it is coming from. Early on March 7th KPD units responded to Facts and Fitness, 752 Boulevard, in back of karate world, it was a noise complaint. The units found 200 juveniles for an unruly celebration. Conflicting reports state that it was an album release party while others stated it was a birthday/anniversary party. Either way, it doesn't matter, it was way over the limit of having anyone anywhere. They disregarded executive orders. There was an armed security guard present and the incident required additional police response from Roselle Park PD due to the number of people present. The attendees dispersed without incident but the Event Manager and Business owner were charged with two counts of violating Governor Murphy's executive orders.

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The Kenilworth Zoning Officer is also preparing charges for numerous zoning violations. This will be followed up.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, ZONING & ORDINANCE

Councilman Finistrella said for the month of February Construction Report is as follows: Building fees \$10,542.00, trust state fees \$936.00, Miscellaneous fees \$320.00 and trailer/storage fees were \$1,800.00.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND FIRE

Councilman Pentz was absent. Councilwoman Ceceri reported that the Fire Report for the month of February, 2021 received. The Fire Department responded to 46 calls, the Rescue Squad responded to 47 calls. The total calls were 93 which is very low, in the past it has been way higher. Our first responders are doing what they have to do, they are volunteers so keep that in mind. The registration for the Easter Egg Hunt will be open by Friday, March 12th and details will be distributed through the schools, by email and posted on the Recreation Facebook page. There will be a meeting with Roselle Park Softball tonight, Pat, Kristen and Stacy will discuss how to make up for the low number of people who have signed up. They want to make sure they have enough teams to play each other and giving everyone a chance. They are thinking about merging with Roselle Park. There is going to be a town wide Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt, the details will be forthcoming. Tryouts for baseball will be next week on Tuesday, March 9 3-4:30 PM and Friday March 12th 2:30 to 4PM. Details are going out to the schools and posted on Kids for Rec Facebook page. She said they are working on having the Summer Camp. Upcoming events will be on the Rec Facebook page.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

Councilman Pugliese said the Board of Health will sponsor a Blood Drive on Monday April 12th 1PM to 6PM. He asked that you let the Health Department know if you are attending, you can look them up the information. They only have so many slots but there are many slots still open. He encouraged everyone who can to give blood, he said he will be giving blood. He said rabies testing and injections usually takes place in October, they are possibly thinking about having the day where St. Theresa's does the blessing of the animals on the same day where the Rabies Clinic is being held, maybe we will do something together with St. Theresa's. Scott Klinder is looking into that. The Library's Spring Reading Program will begin on March 29th. There will be weekly programs of Lap and Sit with the younger kids on Tuesdays, Toddler Time will be on Wednesdays and Story Time will be on Thursdays. All these will be held virtually, you can go to the Kenilworth Library website or their Facebook page to find out the times. There will be a special story time held virtually with Fusion Dance Company on Wednesday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day and that will be at 11AM. The Library will be handing out 2 crafts, one for St. Patrick's Day and another general craft, any of the kids come come by and pick up a craft as long as they hopefully they take out a book at the same time. There will also be adult crafts and that's going to be a Kumihimo Kit and that can be pick up and hopefully you will pick up a book as well. Both of those are while supplies last. The Library is open to Kenilworth residents to browse books and make appointments for curb side pick-up. The Kenilworth Library is not only open during COVID19 for our own residents but also residents of other libraires in surrounding towns, kudos go out to them for lending a helping hand. Councilwoman Ceceri asked Councilman Pugliese if the Clothing Drive that he mentioned at the last meeting was March 20th?? She said she is going to participate and wanted to check the date. Councilman Pugliese said he will check with his wife.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions No. 1 thru 13 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 Laudati moved that all items under the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Councilwoman Ceceri. All in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Finance Officer be authorized to make payments and transfers for necessary obligations prior to the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body authorizes, Assistant Finance Officer Lisa Wood to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer as outlined in Borough Code Chapter 5-34, in the event of his absence

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS: Duplicate tax payments were made for the 1st Q quarter of 2021 for the following properties located in Kenilworth, NJ, and;

WHEREAS, this resulted in the overpayment of taxes for the 1st quarter of 2021, and;

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 as follows.

Refund:

Corelogic Tax Services, Attn: Centralized Refunds, P.O.Box 9202, Coppel, TX 75019

B 147 L 32	221 Faitoute Avenue	\$ 2,522.29
B 170 L 13	360 Maplewood Avenue	\$ 2,535.10

Wells Fargo, Attn: Refunds/Financial Support, P.O.Box 14506, Des Moines, IA 50328

B 77 L 14	52 No. 13 th Street	\$ 2,344.23
B 148 L 15	614 Bloomingdale Avenue	\$ 2,098.28
B 158 L 2	268 So. Michigan Avenue	\$ 2,164.89

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RESOLUTION NO. 3

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Kenilworth of Union County, New Jersey upon recommendation of the Borough Engineer that 1st and Final Payment for the Contract listed below be and is hereby approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the payment authorized herein is conditioned upon compliance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et. seq.; and

TITLE OF JOB: Sanitary Manhole Repairs – Market Street
CONTRACTOR: Messercola Excavating Co., Inc.
549 E. 3rd Street
Plainfield, NJ 07060

Payment #2

TOTAL ORIGINAL CONTRACT PRICE	\$14,900.00
Change Order Amount	\$0.00
Contract Sum to date:	\$14,900.00
Total Completed and Stored to Date	\$14,900.00
Less previous payment	<u>\$0.00</u>
Amount Due	<u>\$14,900.00</u>

All bills on file in the Finance Office. This Resolution to take effect upon certification by the Borough Treasurer that sufficient funds are available.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

APPROPRIATION: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 4

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the official signers for the Borough of Kenilworth for banking purposes for 2021 are: Mayor Linda Karlovitch, Finance Officer Kenneth Blum, Jr. , Assistant Finance Officer Lisa Wood, Assistant Treasurer Justyna Zagorska and Administrator/Borough Clerk Laura Reinertsen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the official signers for the Borough of Kenilworth Police Department account at PNC Bank, National Association for banking purposes are: Finance Officer, Assistant Finance Officer Lisa Wood, and Police Chief Frederick Soos, Jr.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, the approval of the Petty Cash funds listed below has been given by the Division of Local Government Services, and

WHEREAS, these funds for 2020 have been returned to the Finance Officer according to R.S. 40A5-21;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Kenilworth that the Treasurer be authorized to draw and deliver said warrants to the following Petty Cash Custodians for the year 2021:

<u>Police Department</u>	<u>Total Fund</u>
Fred Soos, Jr., Police Chief	\$150.00
<u>Tax & Finance</u>	
Lisa Woods Tax & Finance	\$100.00

RESOLUTION NO. 6

RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE UNDER A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT, CONTRACT NUMBER R190601, GOVDEALS, INC. - AUCTIONEER SERVICES AND RELATED PRODUCTS

Whereas, the Borough is permitted to join national cooperative purchasing agreements under the authority of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3) under the guidelines set forth in New Jersey Local Finance Notice 2012-10; and

Whereas, Sourcewell, a public entity whose creation was authorized by Minn. Stat. § 123A.21, has followed procurement procedures for products and services offered by this Agreement in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 471.345; and

Whereas, the Borough of Kenilworth, membership #28058, intends to participate in the Sourcewell National Cooperative Purchasing Program contract for the Auctioneer Services and Related Products, contract #R190601 (Feb.1, 2020 – Jan. 31, 2023, *optional renewal extension Jan. 31, 2025*) with GovDeals, Inc.; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Borough of Kenilworth, authorizes an inventory to be compiled for disposal by online auction.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced the Union County Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program for 2021; and,

WHEREAS, this grant is designed to stimulate the development of local projects of economic, social, transport and governmental importance to local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Kenilworth agrees to conform the with the terms and conditions of this important matching grant opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Kenilworth County of Union State of New Jersey do hereby authorize the following grant applications, prioritized in the order listed below:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Match Request amount</u>
1. Records Management Scanning	\$70,000.00
2. Sanitary Sewer Evaluation.....	\$62,500.00
3. Repair & Replacement of Borough Sidewalks	\$37,500.00
4. Digital Signage	\$20,000.00

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Total Request.....\$190,000.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to submit this grant on behalf of the Borough of Kenilworth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council find this project to be in the public interest by serving a much needed public purpose and therefore worthy of funding by the Union County Infrastructure and Municipal Aid grant program for 2021; and

RESOLUTION NO. 8

WHEREAS, a vacancy existed in the position of Chief of Police by reason of the retirement of the former Chief; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Borough Code 39-8 the Borough Council approved the Mayor's selection of Police Chief heretofore appointed Frederick J. Soos, Jr as the Chief of the Kenilworth Police Department at a Special Meeting held March 1, 2021 after giving due regard and consideration to all applicable Ordinances and Laws; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief and the Public Safety Committee have negotiated certain terms and provisions concerning the salary and other employment benefits and responsibilities for and of the Chief.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Kenilworth, County of Union and State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to ratify a Chief of Police Contract with Chief Frederick J. Soos, Jr. effective March 1, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that **MAURENE MILLER**, 52 North 20th Street, Apt. 1, Kenilworth, NJ 07033 be appointed as a Permanent Crossing Guard, effective March 10, 2021 at a rate of \$18.58.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **GEORGE MAY**, 1101 Lowden Ave., Apt. 2, Union, NJ 07083 be appointed an Alternate Crossing Guard effective March 10, 2021 a rate of \$18.58.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

WHEREAS, the residents' of the Borough of Kenilworth passed a referendum to fund program at the general election held in November 7, 2000, the Borough of Kenilworth established a Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) by Borough Ordinance #2000-17, and a resolution adopted January 10, 2001 pursuant to PL 1997 c.388 and section 457 € (11) (B) of the Internal Service Code; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJSA 40A:14-191, emergency service organizations participating in LOSAP shall annually certify to the sponsoring agency a list of all volunteer members who have qualified for credit for the previous year; and

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WHEREAS, Fire Department Chief William Krueger has submitted a list of Fire Department and Rescue Squad members that qualify for the 2020 program year, and;

WHEREAS, regulations require that the governing body of the Borough of Kenilworth pass a resolution approving of the accuracy of the list as submitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Kenilworth that the 2020 list of qualifying members for the LOSAP program is approved and will be posted for 30 days for membership review in the Borough Clerk's office, the Firehouse, and the Rescue Squad Building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following the 30 day period for filing an appeal, and subject to holding the payment of any members being appealed, payment shall be made by the Chief Financial Officer to Lincoln Financial Advisory Group for the appropriate payment of \$1,150 per eligible volunteer.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

WHEREAS, the Borough of Kenilworth operates a Department of Public Works "DPW" serving the citizens of the of Kenilworth for the provision of public works services; and

WHEREAS, the position of Lead Foreman is vacant and in the best interest of the Borough, the "DPW" Committee and DPW Superintendent recommend that Dominick LaTorre, be appointed Lead Foremen of the Kenilworth Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, that with this appointment Mr. LaTorre will receive a prorated annual salary of 68,500.00, effective March 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the position of Lead Foreman retains the quality of benefits provided to employees of the Department's collective bargaining unit covered by a negotiated contract with the knowledge and approval of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Kenilworth in the County of Union, State of New Jersey that it hereby ratifies the appointment of ***Dominick LaTorre as the Department of Public Works Lead Foreman, effective March 15, 2021.***

RESOLUTION NO. 12

WHEREAS, the administrative responsibilities for the FUEL PROGRAM also known as GAS BOY with Fuel Force have been transferred to the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, a stipend for the administration for the program exists.

BE IT RESOLVED that DPW Clerk Kerry Senica receive the prorated annual \$1,000.00 stipend, effective March 15, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 13

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the following individuals be employed with the Kenilworth Department of Public works effective March 22, 2021; subject to a 90 day probationary period.

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Name	Address	CDL	Hourly Rate
Juan C. Florez	550 Market St., Elmwood Park, NJ 07407	Class B	\$20.00
Matthew Jankunas	246 N. 19 th St., Kenilworth, NJ 07033	No	\$17.00
Fernando Cunha, III	2108 Lentz Ave., Union, NJ 07083	No	\$17.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this offer of employment is contingent upon successful completion of a NJ Dept. of Transportation Physical and Drug/Alcohol Screening and criminal background checks.

Mayor Karlovitch read the following proclamation.

PROCLAMATION – WOMAN’S HISTORY MONTH

Whereas, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

Throughout American history, women have played a unique role by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation. Of particular importance American women were instrumental in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and

American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

American women have served and continue to serve our country courageously in the military at home and abroad; and

American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

Whereas, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Kenilworth, that ***March is designated as “Women’s History Month”*** and encourages the people of Kenilworth to observe March as Women’s History Month with Appropriate Programs, Ceremonies, and Activities.

In Witness Hereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Borough of Kenilworth to be affixed this 10th day of March 2021.

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MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

No one wished to speak.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

Councilman Laudati said Cindy Piper, a well-known resident is having a animal donation drive. You can drop off toys, food, treats at the Recreation Center 10AM to 4:30 PM the 7th through the 20th of this month. All proceeds will go to the Plainfield and Union Animal Shelters. They also have a go fund me box which is [gf.nj/u/zk84zk.com](https://www.gofundme.com/u/zk84zk) He said this is just for cats and dogs, donations will be accepted. He said it is a great idea that people are doing everything to help everybody. Councilwoman Ceceri asked if they could be gently used and Councilman Laudati said they don't have to be brand new, they can be slightly used.

Councilman Pugliese said the clothing drive is March 20th from 8AM to 11AM. It will be at the Harding parking loop.

Councilman Laudati asked our CFO if he had any numbers on the budget from the school and he replied no. He said they asked about the average assessed value of a house in Kenilworth.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Moschitta
Deputy Borough Clerk