

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH HELD ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 25, 2018. COUNCIL PRESIDENT LARRY CLEMENTI PRESIDED.

Council President Larry Clementi read the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

The Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Clementi.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call at 8:00 P.M. showed the following Council Members present: Kay Ceceri, Larry Clementi, Mark David, Linda Karlovitch and Robert Schielke. Mayor Deluca and Councilman Ladauti were absent.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councilman David, seconded by Councilwoman Karlovitch and carried that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, Work Session and Executive Session of April 11, 2018 be approved as submitted. (Copies furnished each Council Member prior to the meeting). All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- NJSLOM Notices (emailed to all)
- UC Open Space, Recreation & Trust – Level the Playing Field Presentation
- KFD – Certification for LOSAP Program

It was moved by Councilman David, seconded by Councilman Schielke 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

Councilman Clementi said the Historical Society is hosting Afternoon Tea with the American First Ladies on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Call 908-709-0434 for reservations. Union County is sponsoring the Annual Touch a Truck event at the loop at Watchung Reservation on Sunday, April 29th from 11:00Am to 5PM. Admission is \$5 per person and is also good for the Wild Earth Fest at the Trailside Nature and Science Center. Various Kenilworth, Roselle Park and Roselle employees are participating in a Tri Boro 5K Event to support the USO on May 5th at Hermshaw Field. For more information go to USONY.org/nj5k. The Kenilworth PBA 135 is hosting their annual Silver Card Wine Tasting on Friday, May 4th, 7PM at the VFW. This year's honorees are Officer Ryan Kernan and Detective Ed Paster of the Kenilworth Police Department, tickets are \$35.00. Beginning June 19th Kenilworth will be hosting a Farmers Market on Tuesdays from 11AM to 5PM at the Municipal Parking Lot across from the VFW and will run through November 13th. The United States Postal Service will have a "Stamp Out Hunger National Food Drive" on Saturday, May 12th. Residents can leave non-perishable foods by their mailbox and your local carrier will pick it up. Last year's drive resulted in carriers collecting 75.3 million pounds of food from local communities around the Country, hopefully everyone will participate. Today is National Administrative Assistant Day and Councilman Clementi recognized Borough Clerk Laura Reinertsen and Deputy Borough Clerk Kathi Moschitta and thanked them for all they do.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Councilwoman Karlovitch reported the public hearing on the Municipal Budget and final vote is scheduled for May 9, 2018 at 8PM. The budget represents a \$69.31 or a 2.7% increase for the average residential property taxpayer, assessed at 180,948.00 for the year. This does not include any increases from the school or County, of the \$69.31, \$44.61 or 2.5 tax point is from the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority increase. We encourage residents to attend the public and final vote on May 9th, additionally a copy of the introduced budget will be made available on line on the Borough's website www.kenilworthborough.com Extra Duties Solutions will be commencing their work in the Borough by May 1st. Extra Duties Solutions provides online outside duty assignments for vendors looking to hire a police officer for private work. The program is more efficient and saves labor hours without any cost to the Borough. The Borough of Kenilworth is the only nearby municipality that processes payroll on a weekly basis. The Finance Office has researched changing from a weekly to biweekly payroll and based on their findings the change would free up labor hours to address some backlog of work without hiring additional personnel as well as implementing new initiatives such as updating to a new resident friendly website and implementing a new purchasing and budget policy manual. Such a change from 52 pays to 26 pays would save approximately \$5,300.00 for our budget and additionally if such a change takes place the Finance Department would roll out a new eservice program that will allow employees to see their financial information, pay stubs and W-2's on line, currently such information is retrieved manually from the Finance Department. Second Quarter taxes are due on May 1, 2018, the grace period to pay property taxes is Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 4:30PM. Taxes not paid by the 10th will accrue interest back to the first. Residents can pay taxes on line on our Boroughs website www.kenilworthborough.com or you can leave your payment in the Finance Office drop box 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman David reported that April 5th reported grass collection throughout the Borough and will continue every Thursday thru October. Last week it looked the brine was put out on the streets, he drove through town and wondered if we were expecting a blizzard but the brine was there because they had to empty the brine so they could clean the truck out...there was a minimal amount in the truck. There was an issue with 16th Street Park with the vines and trees and branches coming through the fence area by the backstop for the kids that were playing little league and the DPW cleaned it out. Rahway did an excellent job with the collection of the bulk waste pickup.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Clementi said he is in receipt of the Municipal Court Monthly Report for 2018. The L.E.A.D. Program which is the Law Enforcement Against Drugs program had their graduations on Tuesday April 24th at both St. Theresa's and Harding Schools and both graduations were a success. The Kenilworth Police Department conducted active shooter training at the David Brearley Middle/High School on April 18, 2018. The Union County 200 Club Valor Award luncheon will be held at the Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains on Friday, May 11, 2018 from 11:30AM to 2:00PM. Each year valor award recipients are chosen in part on the recommendations of the Chiefs of Police and firefighters in the 21 municipalities in Union County, they are submitted to the 200 Clubs Valor Award Committees for review and final selection. In the spring of each year the annual Valor Award luncheon is held with hundreds of attendees and it is here that these heroes are presented with the 200 Clubs Valor Award and Kenilworth

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Police Department recipients are Sgt. Michael Scanielo and Patrolman Ryan Kernan. Councilman Clementi congratulated both officers. Tickets may be purchased on line at the Union County 200 Club's website. On Saturday, April 28, 2018 the Kenilworth Police Department will be participating in the Drug Enforcement Administration's Operation Take Back 2018 anytime between the hours of 10AM and 2PM anyone may drop off prescriptions, over the counter medications and any drugs to the Kenilworth Police Departments main desk for destruction. The Every Fifteen Minute Program will be held on May 9, 2018 at 2:00PM at the David Brearley High School parking lot, the public is welcome to attend, it is a great program that shows the effects of drunken driving and the consequences that can occur. This program has been going on for a few years, every two years they run the program. On May 10, 2018 at 7:15 there will be an assembly in the auditorium at Harding School and they will show the whole program.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, ZONING & ORDINANCES

Councilman Schielke reported that the Veterans Committee noted that the Wounded Veterans Parking signs have been installed, the parking spots have been striped and painted and we will plan a dedication in conjunction with Memorial Day to dedicate those sign. The Planning Board met last week and we had 1 application which was carried to the next meeting for additional testimony.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND FIRE

Councilwoman Ceceri reported the Fire Department on Thursday, May 17th at 7:30 will have their annual Memorial Day service. The sign-up for Summer Camp is open and you can register online.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

Councilman Ladauti was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions No. 1 thru 3 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.

Councilwoman Karlovitch moved that all items under the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Councilwoman Ceceri. All in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

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

RESOLUTION NO.2

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

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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

WHEREAS, Fire Department Chief William Krueger has submitted a list of Fire Department and Rescue Squad members that qualify for the 2017 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 2017 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. 3

WHEREAS, the Borough of Kenilworth requests that the traffic at the intersection of South Michigan Avenue and Quinton Avenue be regulated with a traffic signal; and

WHEREAS, a warrant analysis was performed by the Borough Engineer, Harbor Consultants, and it is recommended that a High Intensity Activated Crosswalk Pedestrian Beacon aka HAWK Traffic Signal be installed at the intersection of South Michigan Avenue and Quinton Avenue within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Kenilworth is requesting the County to install a HAWK traffic signal at this particular location to assist in traffic safety measures.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Kenilworth, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the County of Union install a traffic control signal at the intersection of South Michigan Avenue and Quinton Avenue with a modern traffic control device that reduces the operating cost for taxpayers and improves the safety of the intersection for motorists and pedestrians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Union County Manager Edward Oatman and Union County Director of Engineering Thomas Mineo, Public Works and Facilities Joseph A. Graziano, Sr.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2018-04 was read for a second reading as follows: (Copy appears in the March 28, 2018 minutes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-04
An Ordinance Amending Article V of Chapter 150
Entitled "Property Maintenance"

MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

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Councilman Clementi said this amendment increases the fee schedule to register properties being foreclosed and shall be consistent with the maximum fee schedule permitted under the State law which is utilized by adjoining municipalities.

Motion was made by David, seconded by Karlovitch to open the hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-04. All in favor.

No one wished to speak.

Motion was made by David, seconded by Ceceri to close the hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-04. All in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Introduced by Schielke, adoption moved by same.

Seconded by David. Upon roll call all in favor.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the ordinance #2018-04, entitled:

**An Ordinance Amending Article V of Chapter 150
Entitled "Property Maintenance"**

Was introduced and approved on first reading, at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on March 28, 2018 approved for final passage at the regular meeting of the Borough Council of April 25, 2018 after all persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its final adoption.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2018-05 was read for a second reading as follows: (Copy appears in the March 28, 2018 minutes)

Ordinance No. 2018-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH AMENDING THE EXISTING CHAPTER 190 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC BY SPECIFYING TWO ADDITIONAL AREAS IN SCHEDULE I OF ARTICLE VII AS NO PARKING ZONES AND ADDING 190-3.2 ENTITLED "RESTRICTED PARKING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS" TO THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Councilman Clementi said the purpose of this ordinance is to promote the public safety and welfare by designating an area within close proximity to the Rescue Squad and Fire Department buildings so as to make available parking for emergency personnel when responding to an official need or request of the Kenilworth Fire and Rescue Squad thereby eliminating vehicular congestion that impedes or otherwise restricts emergency vehicles from leaving their building.

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No one wished to speak.

Motion was made by Ceceri, seconded by Schieke to close the hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-05. All in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Introduced by Ceceri, adoption moved by same.
Seconded by Schielke. Upon roll call all in favor.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the ordinance #2018-05, entitled:

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Was introduced and approved on first reading, at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on March 28, 2018 approved for final passage at the regular meeting of the Borough Council of April 25, 2018 after all persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its final adoption.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2018-07 was read for a first reading as follows: (Copy attached)

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-07
AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PERSONS FROM APPROACHING CERTAIN RESIDENCES THAT HAVE REGISTERED WITH THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH AND AMENDING CHAPTER 144

Councilman Clementi said this ordinance establishes a registry in the Borough Clerk's Office which contains a list of addresses of those premises where the owner or occupant has notified the Borough Clerk that the resident wishes to prohibit persons and entities from canvassing and soliciting, peddling or attempting door to door sales on his/her premises. This is an introduction to the ordinance and the public hearing will be held at the May 23, 2018 meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Introduced by David, adoption moved by same.
Seconded by Karlovitch. Upon roll call all in favor.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the ordinance #2018-07, entitled:

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AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PERSONS FROM APPROACHING CERTAIN RESIDENCES THAT HAVE REGISTERED WITH THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH AND AMENDING CHAPTER 144

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 May 23, 2018 at 8:00PM or as soon as 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 Clementi read the following proclamation.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH – MAY, 2018

WHEREAS, The freedom and security that citizens of the United States enjoy today are direct results of the bloodshed and continued vigilance given by the United States Armed Forces over the history of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices that such members of the United States Armed Forces and of the family members that support them, have preserved the liberties that have enriched this nation making it unique in the world community; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, in two thousand and four, passed a resolution proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month, calling all Americans to remember those who gave their lives in defense of freedom and to honor the men and women of all of our Armed Services who have served and are now serving our Country, together with their families; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was selected for this display of patriotism because during this month, we celebrate Victory in Europe (VE) Day, Military Spouse Day, Children of Fallen Patriots Day, Loyalty Day, Armed Forces Day, National Day of Prayer and Memorial Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony DeLuca, Mayor of the Borough of Kenilworth do hereby proclaim the May 2018 as a special time to show appreciation for our Military and proclaim it as

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in the Borough of Kenilworth and encourage all citizens to join me in showing our gratitude by the appropriate display of flags and ribbons during the designated period.

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Councilman Schielke presented the proclamation to members of the VFW.

Commander Bobby Jeans said on behalf of the Veterans of Kenilworth he thanked the Mayor and Council for their recognition. He said the VFW will have their Memorial Day Celebration on Monday, May 28th at 11AM and he invited all to attend for light refreshments after the services.

Councilman Clementi read the following Proclamation

PROCLAMATION – Day of Recongition for Firefighters – May 4, 2018

Whereas, the firefighter has been a part of the American scene since the earliest Colonial days. From the bucket brigades of Colonial America to the modern fire departments and equipment of today; and

Whereas, the American Firefighter must meet the challenge of fires caused by chemicals, explosives, combustible fibers and dangerous materials. The must be prepared to fight fires in all types of conditions at great personal risk and sacrifice; and

Whereas, firefighter services are they first to be sought in various emergency situations; whether to rescue a child, give aid and comfort to victims of an accident or disaster, the American Firefighter stands ready to serve his community night or day; and

Whereas, President Lyndon B. Johnson designated May 4th as a Day of Recognition of the personal sacrifices and devotion to duty of firefighters in the United States.

Now, Therefore, I do hereby proclaim May 4, 2018 as a Day of Recognition for Firefighters and call upon all citizens, educational organizations community agencies, faith groups, and civic leaders to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies in honor of our firefighters, both career and volunteer, who by faithful and dedicated service to their communities, are safeguarding the lives and property of their fellow Americans..

Councilman Clementi said he will forward the proclamation on to the Fire Department.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

No on wished to speak.

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

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GENERAL COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Moschitta
Deputy Borough Clerk