

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH HELD ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020. MAYOR LINDA KARLOVITCH PRESIDED.

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

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, Larry Clementi, Mark David, Louis DeMondo, Gerry Laudati, Daniel Lopez.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councilman Laudati, seconded by Councilwoman Ceceri and carried that the minutes of the unapproved minutes of the Regular Council meeting of 8/26/20 be approved as submitted. (Copies furnished each Council Member prior to the meeting). All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

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

- **Department reports for August 2020** were received from: The Clerk's Office, Court, Finance Department, Fire Department, Planning & Zoning, Police Department and Public Works (emailed)

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Karlovitch said she hopes everyone enjoyed Labor Day weekend with family and friends. Kenilworth had one new case of COVID19, we now have 157 cases in our Borough. The Farmers Market is every Saturday at the United Methodist Church on the Boulevard from 10AM to 3PM. St. Theresa's Food Pantry will be open every other week on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6-8PM. Donations of pasta, sauce, canned vegetables and pancake mix are desperately needed. Anyone wishing to donate can drop off supplies at the Recreation Center or the Church Rectory, a mask and social distancing is required when visiting the pantry. The Mayor said she is very saddened and shocked to hear of the sudden loss of Nick Mascaro, our hearts go out to the Mascaro family and they are in our thoughts and prayers. May the love of our entire community give them strength during this difficult time. Nick served as a Borough Councilman, he was truly a blessing in life and we will all miss him dearly.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE

Councilman DeMondo reported that curbing assessment bills for Lincoln Drive and North 15th Street have been mailed. The due date for payment is October 9th with an initial 30-day grace period. The County has certified our tax rate and final property tax bills will be mailed no later than September 25th. The Borough's Audit has been completed and distributed to members of the Governing Body. Tonight, the borough will be approving the audit and corrective action plan.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman David said the property on North 8th Street down by Buffy's needs to be trimmed again, the weeds are 10 ft. high. Also he would like to see something done with the gas station property at the Boulevard & Michigan Avenue, the grass is covering the fire hydrant because no one is taking care of that, if the DPW has to go out and do it, we will have to put a lien on it. The DPW is still doing the recycling and they are getting a little quicker at it, he has not heard any complaints.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Clementi said he has Chief Zimmerman's report for August and there were 1,497 calls for service, 138 calls through 9-1-1 and 63 summonses for the month. Today Sept. 9th: is the opening of schools, St. Theresa's/ Kenilworth Public Schools and we wish them the best of luck. Mayor Karlovitch suggested to Chief Zimmerman about having Blue Lights on display at the 9/11 memorial in front of Borough Hall honoring the fallen here in Kenilworth and the Chief was able to obtain lights through a generous donation from Benny Methuen of ABM Sign and Crane Service located at 10 Market Street in town. The Chief would like to express his sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Methuen for his donation and help. The lights will be illuminated beginning this evening at 8 P.M. through Sunday September 13th. All are welcome to come to the memorial to pay their respects to the fallen individually this year due the current pandemic. Chief Zimmerman plans on having the traditional ceremony back in place for next year which marks the 20th anniversary of 9/11. A Newark man who led officers on a chase from Hillside to Westfield on September 1st in the early morning hours is facing multiple criminal charges. Officers charged Ryan Camargo, 21, with aggravated assault, eluding, receiving stolen property and two counts of resisting arrest, Detective Natalie Ogonowski, of the Hillside Police Department, said in a statement. Hillside Police Officers monitoring traffic in the area of Liberty and Hillside Avenue in Hillside saw Camargo commit traffic offenses while driving a white Dodge Charger with no license plates. Police gave chase when Camargo disregarded officers' signals to pull over. During the pursuit, he crashed the car into a utility pole on Morris Avenue in Union and while attempting to remove Mr. Camargo from the vehicle, one officer sustained an injury to his hand when Mr. Camargo accelerated the vehicle, continuing to elude officers. The pursuit continued through Kenilworth and Cranford before being terminated. A short time later, officers found Camargo's car disabled on Springfield Avenue in Westfield. Westfield police Sgt. Michael Walsh said the car had crashed in the 300 block of Springfield Avenue around 1:44 a.m., coming from the direction of the Kenilworth Boulevard. Officers from Hillside, Kenilworth, Cranford and Union County searched the area, where they found Camargo and arrested him. Camargo, who was found to also have a criminal warrant from the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, was held at the Union County Jail in Elizabeth pending a court appearance. That area of Springfield Avenue remained closed past noon on Tuesday as authorities attended to downed wires from the crash.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, ZONING & ORDINANCES

Councilman Lopez had no report.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND FIRE

Councilwoman Ceceri said the Recreation Department plans on doing crafts and activities in October, nothing is set as far as dates. Movies will be on Saturdays with rain dates on Sunday and once the dates are set you will need to sign up. She received Chief Krueger's Fire Report

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for the month of August. The Fire Department responded to 76 calls and the Rescue Squad responded to 49 calls.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

Councilman Laudati said school opened and it went well. Access to both schools will be limited and you need to wear a mask when you enter the schools. Instead of in person conferences with teachers they want to have virtual visits or phone calls with the parents. He does not have a date for football and soccer games but he thinks they will have a regular in conference games with 3 of them being at Brearley and He suggested you go on the school web site for more information. For this school year the students will attend 183 days of classes on an alternate schedule, every other day with virtual and some hybrid classes. Teachers will be in for 186 days and there are 3 snow days built into the calendar and if they are not used, they will be distributed equally at the end of the year or one of the holiday vacations towards the end of the year. The Health Fair will be on September 26 between 9AM to 10:30AM at St. Theresa's parking lot. People will drive in, stick their arm out the window, get a flu shot and drive away. He spoke to the Health Department on the rabies clinic and they still do not have a veterinarian but they are planning for a clinic in October. On the agenda tonight is a resolution for the STD's with the City of Elizabeth which we do every year. He said it's \$125 per person per visit and he would like to find out what our cost was last year. He said he still does not have any information on Meals on Wheels. He said voting will be held at the high school and will be for all 6 districts. Councilman Laudati said he meets with the Library tomorrow and they will discuss their roof and contracts. The grants were not applied for being that the COVID pandemic interfered with the delivery of that grant and the actual quotes for the roof. We are waiting for a new quote and he asked Laura to withdraw the resolution from 2 weeks ago about doing our fair share of the grant money to the library. The roof needs to be repaired and he is hoping the Council will use their surplus to repair the roof and we will give them the money back when the grant comes in. He does not know how that will work, he has to speak to the attorney but it is a suggestion that may work to get the roof repaired.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions No. 1 thru 15 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 Ceceri moved that all items under the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman DeMondo. 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.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, the auditing firm of Suplee, Clooney & Company, P.A. has completed their audit of the Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of the Borough of Kenilworth for the year ended December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, they have made recommendations as a result of that audit; and

WHEREAS, based on those recommendations, an Annual Audit Corrective Action Plan needs to be developed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Kenilworth, County of Union, that the 2019 Annual Audit Corrective Action Plan submitted by the Chief Finance Officer is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the 2019 Corrective Action Plan be sent to the Division of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, seventeen (17) bids were received for **S. 18th Street Drainage Improvements**; the borough engineer recommends Messercola Excavating Co., Inc. at their quote of \$83,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Treasurer has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the Mayor and Council pass a resolution authorizing the award of contracts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The Borough of Kenilworth hereby awards a **Messercola Excavating Co., Inc. 549 E. 3rd Street NJ, 07060** whose total proposal amounted to **\$83,000.00**
2. The Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents to effectuate the purposes herein above expressed.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS
APPROPRIATION:

JOSEPH DEIORIO, TREASURER

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has enacted the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act") for, among other reasons, providing relief for economic damage caused to states, counties and municipalities by the COVID-19 health crisis; and

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WHEREAS, the County of Union has received CARES Act funds from the United States Treasury (the Stimulus Funds”) to be used to reimburse the County and municipalities and agencies within the County, including the Borough of Kenilworth, due to economic damage caused by the COVID-19 health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Freeholders of the County of Union have determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Union County to dedicate a share of the funding to reimburse municipalities for COVID-19 related costs and expenses under the Stimulus Funds through a reimbursement agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Kenilworth wishes to enter into agreement with the County of Union to receive reimbursement from the Stimulus Funds of COVID-19 related costs and damages, to the extent available and applicable, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 for the period of March 1, 2020 through December 15, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Kenilworth, in the County of Union, New Jersey that the Mayor/Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a Reimbursement Agreement with the County of Union according to the terms and conditions and in substantially the form attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough of Kenilworth, in the County of Union, New Jersey that the Borough Administrator and/or Chief Financial Officer of the Borough are hereby authorized to execute any and all additional documents necessary to effectuate the Reimbursement Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders established the “Union County Cares Act – Coronavirus Relief Fund Program designed to assist local municipalities with expenses and losses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Kenilworth wishes to apply to Union County for the Union County Cares Act - Coronavirus Relief Fund Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Kenilworth, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the proper Borough officials are hereby authorized to file an application with the County of Union for the Cares Act – Coronavirus Relief Fund Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

WHEREAS, the Borough of Kenilworth was preliminarily awarded \$25,000.00 for ADA Curb and Ramp Reconstruction through the Union County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Revenue Sharing Committee for Year 46; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Kenilworth hereby awarded a contract to **Cifelli & Son Paving & Masonry**, whose total proposal amounted to **\$24,200.00** by resolution at the May 13, 2020 Council Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the contractors address and business name require correction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the **contractor’s** information be amended as follows:

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**Cifelli & Son General Construction
4 Coppola St., Nutley, NJ 07110.**

RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2019, the Borough of Kenilworth, County of Union, State of New Jersey approved Resolution #10 to contract for the following tree services under the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System, #2-SOCCP in accordance with the attached contract #CC-0081-19 for a two year agreement ending February 26, 2021;

Rich Tree Service, Inc.,
325 Bergen St. S. Plainfield, NJ 07080

908-755-6008

M&A Tree Service
150 West End Ave., #16, Somerville, NJ
08876
908-789-0752

WHEREAS, the total amount not to exceed for tree services is \$66,00; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized take the steps necessary to effectuate the commencement of the Tree Removal and Trimming Services effective immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

WHEREAS: Duplicate tax payments were made for the 3rd Q quarter of 2020 for the following properties located in Kenilworth, NJ, and;

WHEREAS, this resulted in the overpayment of taxes for the 3rd quarter of 2020, 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.

Corelogic Tax Services

Attn: Centralized Refunds, P. O. Box 9202, Coppell, TX 75019

BL 113/Lot 3	62 So. 18 th Street	\$ 2,111.20
BL 129/Lot 1.01	114 So. Michigan Ave.	\$ 2,984.80

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas, the Borough of Kenilworth Police Department is desirous to purchase a Police vehicle; and

Whereas, the funds are available through the adoption of the 2020 capital budget bond ordinance and municipal budget; and

Whereas, all contracts over \$17,500 is required to be approved by resolution in compliance with the Local Public Contracts Law and State of New Jersey Pay to Play Laws;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved the Borough of Kenilworth authorizes the award and purchase of one (1) 2020 Police Interceptors SUV through the Cranford Cooperative Purchase Program

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via Contact #47-CPCPS, ITEM #1 in the base bid amount of \$33,567.00 with optional equipment in the amount of \$2,710.75 for the total amount of \$36,277.75 to:

Beyer Ford
170 Ridgedale Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07960

And Be It Further Resolved that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized award such agreement, subject to the adoption of Ordinance #2020-07 and notice of publication, through the issuance of a purchase order to said vendor in compliance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law.

Certification of Funds

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Whereas, the Department of Public Works Superintendent recommended the purchase of a 2-Ton Falcon RME Asphalt Hot Patcher Dump Trailer which funds will be available; and

Whereas, pursuant to NJSA 52:34-6.2 the Borough of Kenilworth may enter into cooperative purchasing agreements with other states for purchase of goods, services; and

Whereas, the Borough is a member of the Sourcewell National Cooperative; and

Whereas Local Finance Notice 2012-10 requires the publication of a Notice of Intent to Award Contract under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Governing Body of the Borough of Kenilworth authorizes the Borough Clerk to advertise such notice as required; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Governing Body authorize the Chief Financial Officer/Qualified Purchasing Agent the prepare the necessary resolution and award documents after the prescribed time of the notice for at the appropriate regular meeting of Mayor and Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Property

WHEREAS, the Kenilworth Borough is the owner of a Small Tailgate Salt Spreader, surplus property which it no longer needs for public use: and

WHEREAS, the Kenilworth Borough is desirous of disposing said surplus property in an "as is" condition without express or implied warranties, pursuant to 40A:11-36. "Sale or Other Disposition Of Personal Property"; and

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WHEREAS, the Kenilworth Board of Education Maintenance Department utilizes the same or similar spreader and may be able to utilize or salvage parts from the above-mentioned piece of equipment

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Kenilworth Borough as follows:

- (1) The surplus property to be disposed of is as follows:
Small Tailgate Salt Spreader SN#10077 – Part #W6880/F68810
- (2) The surplus property has no intrinsic value and shall be given to the Kenilworth Board of Education – Maintenance Department in “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

WHEREAS, the Kenilworth Board of Health has determined and recommends the City of Elizabeth, Dept. of Health and Human Services to provide STD Services, to provide said services for the Borough of Kenilworth at a practical rate, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the Mayor and Council pass a resolution authorizing the award of contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The Borough of Kenilworth hereby authorizes the Kenilworth Board of Health President and Secretary to enter into an agreement with the City of Elizabeth, Department of Health and Human Services for Sexually Transmitted Disease Services pursuant to their contract (attached), for a sum of \$175.00 per patient for a term beginning January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
2. The Mayor, Borough Clerk and the Borough Attorney are hereby authorized to negotiate and finalize terms of the agreement and execute all necessary documents to effectuate the purposes herein above expressed.

RESOLUTION NO. 13

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: By the Governing Body of the Borough of Kenilworth that:

WHEREAS, Gavelstone Bar & Grill, Inc. applied for renewal of its Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 2008-33-005-008 for 2020/2021 licensing period commencing October 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, said applicant has tendered the proper license fees to the Borough Clerk and proof has been received that the applicant has received NJ Tax Clearance and paid the proper filing fee to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a stipulated settlement entered into between the applicant and Borough of Kenilworth and provided to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control no further operation of a business including food and tavern service shall be conducted.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Kenilworth that Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 2008-33-005-008 of The Gavelstone, LLC, be renewed for the 2020/2021 licensing period commencing October 1, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 14

WHEREAS, 2020-2021 applications for renewal of liquor licenses have been submitted electronically to the Division of Alcoholic Beverages; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate municipal fees have been received; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department has inspected the premises and finds them to be in satisfactory condition; and

WHEREAS, no objection to any of these renewals has been filed with the Clerk's office; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoholic Beverage Retail Licensee Clearance Certificates for Renewal have been issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Kenilworth that the renewal of the Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for the following are hereby approved:

2008-33-013-011 Butternut Café, LLC (Boulevard Five 72)

2008-33-008-008 Kenilworth Bar LLC – Ava's

RESOLUTION NO. 15

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Kenilworth, County of Union is aware that Friday, September 18, 2020 has been declared as "POW/MIA Remembrance Day"; and

WHEREAS, all Americans everywhere owe a special debt of gratitude and a responsibility for remembering and honoring those who have given so much to make all of us free and secure in this, our national homeland, and a recognition day is a fitting testament and remembrance to all of us for the sacrifices of our POW/MIA's; and

WHEREAS, in honor of this special day, a ceremony will be held in front of the Union County Courthouse, Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey at 11:15 AM;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Kenilworth, County of Union that it hereby declares Friday, September 18, 2020 as

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in the Borough of Kenilworth and urges all citizens of the Borough of Kenilworth to make special effort to give thanks and to remember the sacrifices rendered to us by all these noble sons and daughters of America.

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Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-09 was read for a first reading as follows: (Copy attached).

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-09

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF GRANITE BLOCK CURBING AT PORTIONS OF PASSAIC AVENUE, SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, KINGSTON AVENUE, CLINTON AVENUE, MONMOUTH AVENUE, NORTH 11TH STREET AND NORTH 12TH STREET IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$95,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Mayor Karlovitch said the purpose of this ordinance is to authorize a bond to fund an improvement project, specifically granite block curbing as per the Borough's 2020 street reconstruction program which will be prepaid from the taxes collected from those who benefit from the project.

RESOLUTION NO.16

Introduced by David.

Seconded by Lopez, upon roll call, all in favor.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the ordinance #2020-09 entitled:

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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 September 23, 2020 at 7:00PM 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.

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POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE DAY

Mayor Karlovitch read the following POW/MIA Remembrance Day resolution.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Kenilworth, County of Union is aware that Friday, September 18, 2020 has been declared as “POW/MIA Remembrance Day”; and

WHEREAS, all Americans everywhere owe a special debt of gratitude and a responsibility for remembering and honoring those who have given so much to make all of us free and secure in this, our national homeland, and a recognition day is a fitting testament and remembrance to all of us for the sacrifices of our POW/MIA’s; and

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in the Borough of Kenilworth and urges all citizens of the Borough of Kenilworth to make special effort to give thanks and to remember the sacrifices rendered to us by all these noble sons and daughters of America.

The Mayor presented the POW/MIA resolution to Commander Bobby Jeans of the VFW. Commander Jeans thanked the Mayor and Council and said this was much appreciated.

9-11 DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

WHEREAS on September 11, 2001, the American people endured the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil in the nation’s history with courage and heroism. In response to this tragedy, Americans across the country came together in a remarkable spirit of patriotism and unity and carried out countless acts of kindness, generosity, and compassion. Community organizations and family members of 9/11 victims began observing the anniversary of September 11th as a charitable service day to honor the memory of those who were lost and those who united in response to the tragedy, including first responders and volunteers.

On April 21, 2009 the Serve America Act, approved by Congress and enacted into law, directed September 11th to be observed and recognized as an annual “National Day of Service and Remembrance” and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this nationwide effort.

September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance activities are being organized by a variety of nonprofits, faith-based and community groups, public agencies, educational

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institutions, private businesses, and other organizations across the nation. Participating in service and remembrance activities on September 11th is a positive and respectful way to remember the lives of those lost, pay tribute to those who rose in service, and honor those who continue to serve our country today, including active-duty and reserve soldiers and their families, veterans, and first responders. Citizens of the Borough of Kenilworth have an opportunity and are encouraged to participate in activities that honor 9/11 victims and heroes by joining in-service projects to meet community needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Karlovitch, Mayor of the Borough of Kenilworth, proclaim September 11th a Day of Service and Remembrance in Kenilworth and call upon the people of Kenilworth to honor the lives of those lost through participation in community service and remembrance ceremonies on this day and throughout the year.

In testimony whereof, I have here unto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the Borough of Kenilworth to be affixed this 9th day of September 2020.

Mayor Karlovitch presented the **9-11 DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE PROCLAMATION** to Lt. Shawn Kelly from the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department. The Mayor said she also has one for Chief Zimmerman.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Robert Herbert, 14 North 12th Street – Mr. Herbert asked the Mayor and Council to put a large thermometer up for fundraising for the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department because they did not have their annual carnival and this would be a source of funding for the fire department.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

Chief Zimmerman said the thermometer was for the 9-11 Memorial. Mayor Karlovitch said it is a great idea. Councilman David said there was also a thermometer at the First Aid Building and he said letters went out to all residents for donations. Mayor Karlovitch said if there was a thermometer up it would be for awareness and would stay on people's radar. Councilman David said maybe one should go in front of the Fire Station. Lt. Shawn Kelly said, as an FYI, the Rescue Squad sent out fundraiser letters this year, the Fire Department did not send out or mail out letters.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Moschitta
Deputy Borough Clerk