MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING KINNELON BOROUGH MAYOR & COUNCIL June 12, 2025

Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. 130 Kinnelon Road, Kinnelon New Jersey

Open Public Meeting Act was read by Borough Clerk.

Councilman Anthony Chirdo, Councilman Eric Harriz, Councilman Robert Reckler, Councilman Sean Roll Call: Mabey, Councilman Robert Lewis and Councilwoman Cyndi Frank.

Kinnelon Borough Assessor Christopher Lauver spoke on the reassessment of the borough. The first year is a complete assessment done of the town, and then from there we do the reassessment in sections of the town.

Mayor Freda asked for a motion to state the assessment in the Borough of Kinnelon.

Robert Reckler made a motion, seconded by Robert Lewis.

Roll Call:

Councilman S. Mabey, Yes;

Councilwomen C. Frank, Yes;

Councilman Chirdo, Abstain;

Councilman R. Reckler, Yes:

Councilman E. Harriz, Yes;

Councilman R. Lewis, Yes.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

The Borough Attorney Mr. Brian Giblin stated that his report would be in closed session.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Reassessment program
- Water Meter installation
- 2025 Road Program
- Kinnelon Museum
- Tennis Courts
- 14 Birchwood Trail Re-advertising
- Drainage Easement
- Maple Lake Dam
- Lake Reality Dam
- Affordable housing
- Marquee
- Lead Proposal
- Summer Camp
- Wrestling Grant \$30,074.00
- Recreation Vision Plan
- Employee Assistance Program

MAYOR REPORT:

- Mayor Freda spoke to the ABC on purchasing another Liquor License from another town.
- High School graduation will be at 10:00 am, not in the evening this year
- Mayor Freda states that our BA is doing a great job
- Mayor Freda stated that we will be having two independents running in the November election
- Spoke on East Lake and the issue

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES: Councilman Sean Mabey

- Spoke on the paving at the Borough Hall & South Point Terrace
- Water system
- Fayson Lakes drainage area, and that we might have come up with another solution

FINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY: - Councilman Anthony Chirdo

Spoke on the Bond sales for the next Mayor and Council meeting to be held on June 19th.

ORDINANCE: Councilman Eric Harriz

- Adopting & introducing new ordinances.
- Kinnelon Veteran's and Fire Fighter's Memorial, he had a cost of \$300.00 to purchase a brick.

PERSONNEL: Councilwoman Cyndi Frank

• Spoke on saving a turtle crossing the road

OEM & COORDINATING: - Councilman Robert Reckler

• Having Alex Smith to speak at our next meeting

RECREATION, OPEN SPACE: – Councilman Bob Lewis

- K-Fresh June 2nd is the start date
- K-Fest September 27th
- Summer camp sold out
- K-Cares is up and running again

PUBLIC HEARING:

238 Kinnelon Road, spoke on how hard it has been to get approval from the Kinnelon Borough Engineer to place a swimming pool in his yard. Speaking on the Community Center, it would be nice if the children were able to have gym time.

Vince Russo spoke on the community center and stated that we do not need a community center as big and what the last one that was talked about.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

June 2025

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Resolution: 06.01.2025 Liquor License Kinnelon Restaurant Corp.
- b. Resolution: 06.02.2025 Liquor License EKTA D H Corporation/Roserne Liquors Northbound
- c. Resolution: 06.03.2025 Liquor License Smoke Rise Club Inc.
- d. Resolution: 06.04.2025 Liquor License Tulsee LLC
- e. Resolution: 06.05.2505 Renewing Various Benefits Program for eligible employees through Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
- f. Resolution: 06.06.2025 Duplicate Property Tax Payment 37 Chilhowie Drive \$4,677.93 & 3 Realty Drive \$4,150.68
- g. Resolution: 06.07.2025 Purchase of one 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility
- h. Resolution: 06.08.2025 Rejection of Bid, 14 Birchwood Trail, Kinnelon New Jersey
- i. Resolution: 06.09.2025 Authorizing to Purchase Mohawk Vehicle Lift
- j. Resolution: 06.10.2025 Authorizing to Purchase Resilite Wrestling Mats

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL TAXES:

• \$3,510,791.00

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Public Hearing & Adoption Ord 09-2025 An Ordinance adding new section 4-41 to Chapter 4 of the Borough Code to be Titled "Borough Clerk Assistant"
- b. Public Hearing & Adoption Ord 10-2025 An Ordinance adding a new Section 4-40 to Chapter 40 of the Borough Code to be Titled "Tax/Utility Clerk"
- c. Public Hearing & Adoption Ord 11-2025 An Ordinance to Add Chapter 125 to the Code of the Borough of Kinnelon Entitled "Filming"

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Introduction Ord 12-2025 An Ordinance Establishing an Organizational Chart for the Borough of Kinnelon
- b. Introduction Ord 13-2025 An Ordinance to Amend Section 6.5 of the Code of the Borough of Kinnelon Titled "Powers and Duties"

RESOLUTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION:

Motion: Councilman Harriz Second: Councilman Chirdo

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975-N.J.S.A.10:4-12-permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Body of the Borough of Kinnelon is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Kinnelon, County of Morris, State of New Jersey shall now go into closed session for the following reason:

Contracts Personnel

Disclosure of said matter will be revealed upon settlement. This meeting went into closed session at 9:00 p.m.

Councilman	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Councilman	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mabey	X				Frank	X			
Chirdo	X				Reckler	X			
Harriz	X				Lewis	X			
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(OPEN MEETING FROM CLOSE MEETING)

Motion to go into Open Session Councilman Harriz at 11:30 pm:

Second Motion: Councilman Chirdo

Councilman	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Councilman	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mabey	X				Frank	X			
Chirdo	X				Reckler				X
Harriz	X				Lewis	X			

Councilman R. Reckler had to dismiss himself from closed and the rest of the Mayor and Council work session meeting.

No action was taken in the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 p.m. on motion by Councilperson A. Chirdo seconded by Councilperson E. Harriz and the unanimous affirmative voice vote of all present.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen M. Iuele, RMC Municipal Clerk

James J. Freda, Mayor