

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2006**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Eadie Burke
James Boyer
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney
Joan Handy
Richard Hendricks
William Hettel
Harry McGonigal
C. Lee Metzger, Jr. (absent)
Justin Minnion (absent)
J. Robert Hunsicker
Maureen Doyle
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer
Morning Call

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Assistant Borough Manager:

Press Representatives:

The meeting was called to order by Councilman Bill Hettel at 6:30 PM. Mr. Hendricks recited the invocation and led all present in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Mr. John Hollenbach of 509 Market Street. He asked Council to reconsider the ordinance to takeover the Perkasie Borough Authority stating it would be unnecessary spending of taxpayer dollars.

Mr. Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive was present and thanked the Mayor for vetoing the ordinance to takeover the water authority and cited several reasons the Borough should not takeover the water authority.

Mr. John Burke of 220 Ridge Avenue was present and stated that the acquisition of the water authority should not be a personnel issue but a business issue. He further explained how an acquisition would proceed.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

District Justice Charles Baum presented Certificates of Election and administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Mayor and Borough Council officials: Mayor J. Robert Hunsicker, Jim Boyer, Eadie Burke, Ray Conville, Bill Delaney, and Rich Hendricks. District Justice Baum also administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected tax collector Judith Patton.

The newly appointed Borough Councilors took their seat at the Council dias.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mayor Hunsicker opened the floor for nominations for Borough Council President. Mr. Hettel nominated Eadie Burke. Mr. Hendricks nominated Jim Boyer and nominations were

closed. Councilmembers Delaney, Boyer, Hettel, McGonigal and Handy voted for Eadie Burke. Councilmembers Conville and Hendricks voted for Mr. Boyer. By a 5-2 vote, Eadie Burke was appointed to the position of Council President.

The Mayor then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President. Mr. Hendricks nominated Jim Boyer. Mr. Boyer was unanimously appointed to the position of Vice-President.

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ENGINEER

Upon a motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously appointed Boucher and James as the Borough Engineer.

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH SOLICITOR

Upon a motion by Hettel, seconded by Boyer, Council unanimously appointed the law firm of Timoney Knox as the Borough Solicitor.

ORDINANCE #892, CONSIDER POSSIBLE VETO

The Mayor stated that he was vetoing Ordinance #892 which would dissolve board of the Perkasio Borough Authority and takeover the operation of the board. He further stated the ordinance should not be presented before due diligence was complete and that there was no need to look into a takeover.

Upon a motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council considered overriding the Mayor's veto of Ordinance #892. A voice vote was taken, with Councilman Lee Metzger voting by phone from Frederick, Maryland. Councilmembers Burke, Boyer, Delaney, Handy, Hettel, McGonigal, and Metzger (by phone) all voted in favor of overriding the Mayor's vote. Councilman Hendricks voted against it. Councilman Conville recused himself due to a conflict of interest since he is the Assistant Manager of the Perkasio Borough Authority. By a 7-1 vote, Ordinance #892 was adopted and the Mayor's veto was overridden.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business to come before Borough Council.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

Maureen Doyle
Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary