

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
JANUARY 16, 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.
Justin Minnion
J. Robert Hunsicker
Daniel P. Olpere
Maureen Doyle
Amy Riddle, Boucher & James
Ann Thornburg Weiss
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer
Morning Call

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Borough Manager:

Borough Engineer:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Perkasie Borough Council President Eadie Burke convened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Hettel led all present in the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Luther Chontofalsky who expressed displeasure with the Borough taking over the Perkasie Borough Authority.

Present was Linda Goetz of 506 W. Walnut Street. Ms. Goetz expressed her discontent with the Perkasie Borough Authority who placed a lien on her property for her tenant's delinquent water and sewer bill.

Mr. Roger Wenhold of 129 E. Walnut Street stated he agreed with the recent proposed ordinance to ban open burning since he has a neighbor who burns trash.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mrs. Burke commented on the recent warm weather being good for the snow plowing budget.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Boyer, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of December 19, 2005.

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously approved the Council reorganization meeting minutes of January 3, 2006.

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by Boyer, Council unanimously approved the Council Committees meeting minutes of January 9, 2006 with revisions.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor invited Borough Councilmembers to attend the February 7 Perkasio Historical Society meeting at his expense. The topic of the meeting will be the Perkasio Borough Authority.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for December 2005.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for December 2005.

Engineer's Report

Amy Riddle, P.E., from Boucher & James Engineers reviewed a report which included the Fireside Inn//Revivals Restaurant, 2006 roadway maintenance and the cell tower construction at the police station.

Planning Commission Report

Manager Olpere reported that the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2006.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Request from Good Time Motorvators

This matter was tabled to the February 6 Committees meeting pending receipt of additional information from the car club.

Request from Penridge Community Day

Upon a motion by Boyer, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved Penridge Community Day, Inc. to use Lenape Park on July 9, 2006, with a raindate of July 16, for the annual event.

Update on Pool Repair

The Borough Manager updated Councilmembers on a recent meeting he had with a pool architect regarding repairs to Menlo Pool.

Mr. Hendricks asked the Manager to contact Congressman Fitzpatrick's office about seeking grant money for this project.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Borough Hall Sublet Space

Upon a motion by Metzger, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-6 approving a sub-lease agreement with the Borough's tenant NOVA to psychologist Dr. Beatrix von Watzdorf conditioned upon the Borough Solicitor's review and

written approval of the terms of the sub-lease.

Resolution #2006-1, Adopt Upper Tohickon Rivers Conservation Plan

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Boyer, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-1 adopting the Upper Tohickon Rivers Conservation Plan.

Emergency Management Radio Network

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved an agreement with the Bucks County Emergency Management Radio Network to allow Borough officials to utilize the county's emergency management frequencies.

Vacation Carryover

Upon motion by Handy, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously approved the following police officers to carryover 2005 vacation hours as follows:

Officer Alec Sprouse	8.0 hours
Officer Mantz	12.0 hours
Officer Baughman	132.0 hours

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

One (1) 5-Year Term to Perkasio Borough Authority

There was no appointment made to the Perkasio Borough Authority.

One (1) Unexpired 4-Year Term to Civil Service Commission

The floor was opened for nominations for a four year term to the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Hettel nominated Brian Black. Mr. Hendricks nominated Nancy Keenan. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Metzger, Boyer, Hettel, McGonigal, Handy, Delaney, and Burke voted for Brian Black. Councilmembers Conville and Hendricks voted for Nancy Keenan. By a 7-2 vote, Brian Black was appointed to the Civil Service Commission.

Two (2) 4-Year Terms to Perkasio Planning Commission

Upon a motion by Hettel, seconded by Boyer, Nelson Hollenbach was unanimously appointed to the Perkasio Planning Commission for a four year term

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by Boyer, Dale Peters was unanimously appointed to the Perkasio Planning Commission for a four year term.

One (1) 5-Year Term to Perkasio Zoning Hearing Board

The floor was opened for a nomination to a five year term on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Hettel nominated alternate board member Tom Horn. Mr. Hendricks nominated Don Richardson. Mr. Boyer nominated Steve Piozzollo. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Metzger, Boyer, Hettel, McGonigal, Handy, Delaney and Burke voted for Tom Horn. Councilmembers Conville and Hendricks voted for Don Richardson. Upon a 7-2 voted, alternate board member Tom Horn was appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board.

The floor was then opened for nominations to fill the vacant alternate position on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Hettel nominated Steve Piozzollo. Mr. Piozzollo was appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board by acclamation.

One (1) 1-Year Term to Vacancy Board

Upon a motion by Hettel, seconded by Metzger, Council unanimously appointed A. Lloyd Rush to the Vacancy Board for a one year term.

One (1) 3-Year Term to Perkasio Parks and Recreation Board

Upon a motion by Metzger, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously appointed Judith Patton to the Parks and Recreation Board for a three year term.

One (1) 3-Year Term to Perkasio Parks and Recreation Board as Elder Delegate

Upon a motion by Hettel, seconded by Metzger, Council unanimously appointed Park and Recreation board member Joyce Stemler as the elder delegate to the Board. It was announced that there was now a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Board for a three year term.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

Upon a motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously accepted payment of the bills as presented

Ordinance #900, Approve Emergency Municipal Service Tax

Upon a motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council considered Ordinance #900, approving an emergency services tax in the amount of \$47.00. Councilmembers Metzger, Boyer, Hettel, McGonigal, Handy, Delaney and Burke voted in favor of the Ordinance. By a 7-2 vote, the ordinance was adopted.

Consider Emergency Service Tax Collector Resolutions

Upon a motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council considered Resolution #2006-2 authorizing Berkheimer Associates to impose collection costs for delinquent tax payers. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the resolution with the exception of Mr. Hettel and Mr. Hendricks who voted against it. By a 7-2 vote, the resolution was approved.

Upon a motion by Metzger, seconded by Boyer, Council considered Resolution #2006-3, retaining Berkheimer Associates as the exclusive tax officer for the collection and administration of the tax. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the resolution with the exception of Mr. Hettel and Mr. Hendricks who voted against it. By a 7-2 vote, the resolution was approved

Upon a motion by Boyer, seconded by Metzger, Council considered Resolution #2006-4, appointing Berkheimer Associates as the tax hearing officer pursuant to the Taxpayers Bill of Rights. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the resolution with the exception of Mr. Hettel and Mr. Hendricks who voted against it. By a 7-2 vote, the resolution was approved

Upon a motion by Handy, seconded by Metzger, Council considered Resolution #2006-5, appointing Assistant Borough Manager Maureen Doyle as a liaison between Perkasio Borough and Berkheimer Associates. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the resolution with the exception of Mr. Hendricks who voted against it. By an 8-1 vote, the resolution was approved

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

First Savings Bank-90 Day Extension

Upon a motion by Hendricks, seconded by Metzger, Council unanimously approved a 90 day extension for the settlement of the Otto property on 9th Street for the First Savings Bank of Perkasio.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

The Committee had no business to conduct at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Open Burning Ordinance

Solicitor Weiss distributed copies of a sample ordinance from Upper Saucon Township regarding their open burning policy. After reviewing the ordinance along with samples of other burning ordinances, it was agreed that the Solicitor should draft an ordinance for review by the Committee at the February 6 meeting.

PRESS FORUM

No questions were asked by press representatives.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary