

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 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)
Youth Councilors:	J. Robert Hunsicker
Mayor:	Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager:	Joe Gura
Police Chief:	Phil Ivins
Public Facilities Director:	Ann Weiss
Borough Solicitor:	Mark Eisold
Borough Engineer:	News Herald Daily Intelligencer Morning Call Bucks County Herald
Press Representatives:	

Borough Council Vice-President Jim Boyer convened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Present was Luther Chontofalsky who expressed concerns with the Borough taking over the Perkasie Borough Authority. He stated that he was supportive of the Borough's efforts.

David Freeburger of 716 Jefferson Drive was present and voiced concerns about water runoff on the utility access road in the Hillside Estates subdivision.

Present was the President of Perkasie Olde Towne Association (POTA) Michael Barone. Mr. Barone asked for Council's support in working with POTA to enhance the Perkasie community.

Present was Gloria Delrata of 604 Jefferson Drive who asked that the access road in the Hillside Estates subdivision be moved five feet away from her property to avoid flooding.

Debbie Funk of 707 Shadywood Drive asked Council to reconsider collecting the Emergency Municipal Services Tax stating it was an inequitable tax.

Present was Paul Frederick of 508 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street who had concerns about the access road being paved in the Hillside Estates subdivision and about property line pins.

Present was Dick French of 616 Jefferson Drive who also asked about the access road and how to keep the water from draining onto his property.

**REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION**

Manager Olpere reported that at the January 25, 2006 Planning Commission meeting the MJE Builders and Zavitsanos subdivisions received a recommendation from the Planning Committee to approve the requested waivers and conditional preliminary approval. Also discussed was a subdivision for Penn Foundation that borders Perkasio but is located in West Rockhill Township. The commissioners also reviewed a proposed change to the Table of Dimensional requirements in the zoning ordinance which was recommended by the Bucks County Planning Commission

## **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for January 2006.

### Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for January 2006.

### Bid #2006-1, Small Trash Bags

The Committee reviewed the bid results for the purchase of small trash bags. The Committee agreed to recommend the bid be awarded to All American Poly. The bid will be placed on the February 20 Council agenda for approval.

### Bid #2006-2, Large Trash Bags

Committee members reviewed the bid results for the purchase of large trash bags. The Committee agreed to recommend the bid be awarded to All American Poly. It was agreed to place award of the bid on the February 20 Council agenda.

### Bid #2006-3, Concrete Work

The Committee reviewed the bid results to perform concrete work in the Borough. It was agreed to recommend the bid be awarded to Kramer Brothers. The Committee agreed to place the bid on the February 20 Council meeting agenda.

### Bid #2006-4, Utility Poles

The Committee reviewed the bid results to purchase utility poles for the year 2006. The Committee agreed to recommend the bid be awarded to Valley Power, Inc. at the February 20 Council meeting.

### Authorize Road Bids

It was agreed to by the Committee to recommend approval to bid all the road repair and repaving work for 2006 in accordance with the capital budget. The matter will be placed on the February 20 Council meeting agenda.

### Ordinance to Amend Curb and Sidewalk Specifications

The Committee reviewed in detail an ordinance amending the curb and sidewalk specifications. It was agreed to table the ordinance pending further review of the sidewalk specification criteria. The matter will be placed on the March 6 Committees agenda.

#### Sidewalk Notification Policy

The Committee discussed the amount of notification time that the Borough would give property owners for repairing of curb and sidewalk. Also discussed was whether to extend a low or no-interest loan to the property owners in order to lessen the financial hardship. After discussing both items in lengthy detail, it was agreed not to take any action at this time. It was agreed to discuss the matter again at the March 6 Committees meeting.

#### Consider Ordinance to Limit Trash Collection Hours

Committee members reviewed an ordinance regarding trash collection by commercial haulers early in the morning. It was recommended to prohibit trash collection between 10PM and 7:00 AM and be in force 30 days after the ordinance is approved. The ordinance will be put on the February 20 Council meeting agenda.

#### Hillside Estates Access Road

The Committee reviewed a letter sent to the adjacent property owners of the access road of Hillside Estates development regarding paving of the road. Due to the deterioration of the access road, it is necessary to pave the road for public safety. Committee members recommended approval to pave the road and placed the matter on the February 20 Council meeting agenda.

#### Waiver/Preliminary Plan Approval for MJE Builders

Present was Attorney Bernadette Kearny from Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell and Lupin and Bob Jordan from Woodrow and Associates to represent the plan. Ms. Kearny addressed the list of waivers requested in their latest letter of January 23, 2006. The Committee members agreed to place the waivers and a recommendation for preliminary approval on the February 20 Council meeting agenda.

#### Waiver/Preliminary Plan Approval for Zavitsanos Subdivision

Present was Todd Meyers of Cowan Association representing the plan. Mr. Meyers reviewed the list of requested waivers in order to grant preliminary plan approval. After lengthy discussion about the open space and installation of a traffic signal, the Committee agreed to recommend approval of the waivers and preliminary approval for the February 20 Council meeting agenda.

#### Penn Foundation

Committee members reviewed a proposed development for Penn Foundation in West Rockhill Township which is adjacent to Perkasio Borough and involves a group home. The Borough Manager was asked to notify the one Borough resident, who is adjacent to the proposed development, of Penn Foundation's plans. No further action was needed on this item.

#### Ordinance to Establish Speed Limit on Neighbors Way

The Committee reviewed and agreed to recommend to Borough Council an ordinance establishing a 25MPH speed limit on Neighbors Way. The ordinance will be placed on the February 20 Council agenda.

#### Two Family Dwelling-Ordinance Amendment

The Committee reviewed an ordinance amending the definition of twin and duplex dwelling units. It was agreed to table the ordinance until the March 6 committees meeting to allow for the adoption of an ordinance amending the Table of Dimensional Requirements.

### Table of Dimensional Requirements

The Committee discussed revising the table of dimensional requirements to coincide with the proposed ordinance on Two Family Dwellings. The matter will be placed on the March 6 committees agenda.

### Request from Goodtime Motorvators

Committee members reviewed a request from the Goodtime Motorvators Car Club to hold a car show in Menlo Park May 21, 2006. The Committee agreed with the request and placed the matter on the February 20 Council agenda.

### East Rockhill Meeting

The Committee reviewed a request from East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors requesting a meeting with Borough Council regarding some issues they have with the Perkasio Borough Authority. It was the consensus of Council that President Eadie Burke, Vice President Jim Boyer and Councilman Harry McGonigal would meet with East Rockhill Township Supervisors.

### Other Business

Mr. Boyer advised Committee members of a request and recommendation from the Police Department to place a handicapped parking space at 519 Vine Street. The Manager was asked to send letters to adjoining properties to notify them of the placement of the sign. A resolution would be prepared and placed on the February 20 Council meeting agenda for approval.

Councilman McGonigal reviewed a request from the Public Facilities Director to renovate the Public Works offices for a private office, an area for department heads, a conference room and to hiring secretary to help with the daily administrative work. Questions were raised on how the project would be funded. Mr. McGonigal stated budget money could possibly be taken from the Menlo Pool allocation or from some other project. The Committee agreed to place the matter on the February 20 Council meeting agenda.

Councilman McGonigal brought up the removal of the deteriorating brick pavers from sidewalks throughout the town center area. After lengthy discussion on whether Perkasio should lose that look the brick provides, it was the consensus of Council to replace the brick with plain concrete to save the cost of repairing bricks or installing dyed concrete.

## **PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for January 2006.

### SB 977/HB 2000 Voter Verified Paper Ballots

Council reviewed information received regarding passage of Senate Bill 977 and House Bill 2000 which calls for voter-verified paper ballots to act as a check on the electronic machine numbers. Since this was considered a Bucks County Board of Elections issue, no further action was taken.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### Authorize Sale of Equipment at Auction

The Committee reviewed a list of items to be auctioned by J.J. Kane Auctioneers in May. It was agreed to place the list on the February 20 Council meeting agenda for approval.

## Rescind Resolution #2006-4, Approve Revised Resolution-Tax Hearing Officer

The Committee agreed to rescind Resolution #2006-4 naming Berkheimer the Tax Hearing Officer. Committee members reviewed a new resolution that was substituted naming the Borough Manager as the Tax Hearing Officer in accordance with the previously passed Emergency Municipal Services Tax ordinance.

### Other Business

Mr. Hettel asked that the funding for the Public Facilities Director's office in Public Works be placed on the agenda for discussion. He suggested taking money from the pool repair budget to renovate the office area which the Committee concurred with. The matter will be placed on the February 20 Council meeting agenda.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

There was no business to come before the Economic Development Committee.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

### Ordinance to Prohibit Open Burning

Chair Joan Handy reviewed several other municipalities burning ordinances with the Committee. She stated she would like an ordinance that prohibits all burning in the Borough.

Committee members reviewed an ordinance prepared by the solicitor prohibiting the accumulation, burning, dumping or storing of any items including refuse, rubbish, garbage or ashes as outlined in the ordinance. Several issues were discussed regarding open burning including the burning of twigs, distance to be from a residence, and time of day. It was agreed to advertise the ordinance as presented and place it on the February 20 Council meeting agenda.

### Other Business

Joan Handy had questions regarding Borough residents putting their trash out prior to 6:00 PM the night before.

## **CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

### Discuss Verizon Franchise

Manager Olpere updated Council on the negotiations regarding the Verizon franchise agreement.

## **HEALTH CARE AD HOC COMMITTEE**

### Other Business

Manager Olpere reported that surveys had been sent out to several municipalities regarding their health insurance plans. As soon as the surveys are tabulated, a meeting would be set up with the Committee to review the results.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Vice-President Boyer appointed himself, Bill Delaney, and Bill Hettel to the Police Negotiation contract committee to start working on the police negotiations for next year.

Mr. Hettel requested that the vacation of paper street Girard Avenue be placed on the March

committee agenda under the Personnel and Policy Committee.

Mrs. Burke asked the Manager to advertise for a second youth delegate who is a junior in high school.

**PRESS FORUM**

There were no questions from the press.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Boyer announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss legal matters and would not reopen the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 PM.

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Daniel P. Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary