

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 20, 2006

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Eadie Burke
James Boyer
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney
Joan Handy
Richard Hendricks (absent)
William Hettel
Harry McGonigal
C. Lee Metzger, Jr.
Justin Minnion
J. Robert Hunsicker
Daniel P. Olpere
Maureen Doyle
Liz van Beek
Mark Eisold, P.E.
Ann Thornburg Weiss
News Herald
Morning Call
Bucks County Herald

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Borough Manager:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Borough Engineer:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Michael Cooper of 504 Hunters Run who stated his support of the burning ordinance.

Gloria Delrata of 604 Jefferson Drive was present and asked that the paved access road to the Hillside Estates development be moved five feet away from her property line.

Seasonal pool employee Carol Murray asked Council to reconsider the closing down of the pool for the summer season.

Present was Lori Bezanis, Director of Trinity Day Care Center in Perkasie who was also concerned about the closing of the pool since the day care uses the pool as part of their summer recreation programs.

Present was Roger Wenhold of 129 E. Walnut who questioned whether the use of chimeneas was permitted under the proposed burning ordinance.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Burke commended the Borough work crews on the snow plowing job they did during a recent storm.

PRESENTATION BY THE BUCKS COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Present was Attorney Joel Bolestein and Bob White, Director of the Bucks County

Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Bolestein updated Council on the status of the clean up of the former Wispese/Stainless properties on 9th Street where the First Savings Bank of Perkasio is now located.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Boyer, seconded by Hettel, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of January 16, 2006.

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved the Council Committees meeting minutes of February 6, 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor had nothing to report.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Boyer, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for January 2006.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for January 2006.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Mark Eisold, P.E., from Boucher & James Engineers reviewed his report which included: Valerie Butcher Subdivision, Revivals Restaurant, and 2006 roadway maintenance project.

Planning Commission Report

Manager Olpere reported that the next Perkasio Planning Commission meeting was scheduled for February 22, 2006.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorize Sale of Equipment at Auction

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by Metzger, Council unanimously approved the sale of the following used equipment to be sold at auction by J.J. Kane Auctioneers:

Paint Machine with piston pump
1987 Mauldin Track Paver
1984 Ford Packer-refuse collection unit
2001 Ford Sedan VIN #2FAFP71W61X121805
2002 Crown Victoria VIN #1FAFP71W42X103448

Rescind Resolution #2006-4, Approve Revised Resolution #2006-7, Tax Hearing Officer

Upon a motion by Hettel, seconded by Boyer, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-7 rescinding a previous resolution that would have authorized Berkheimer Associates to be the tax hearing officer and instead appoint the Borough Manager to this role stated in the Borough Emergency Municipal Services Tax Ordinance.

Resolution #2006-8, Amend 2006 Budget

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council considered Resolution #2006-8, amending the 2006 budget to clarify that \$25,000 will be added to the capital expenditures for office renovations for the Public Facilities Director and a similar \$25,000 will be subtracted from the line item for repair to Menlo Park Pool. All Councilmembers present voted in favor of the resolution, with the exception of Conville who voted against. Motion carried by a vote of 7-1.

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Bid #2006-1, Small Trash Bags

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Metzger, Council unanimously approved awarding the bid for small trash bags to All American Poly for a price of \$.1254 per bag.

Bid #2006-2, Large Trash Bags

Upon a motion by Boyer, seconded by Metzger, Council unanimously approved awarding the bid for large trash bags to All American Poly for a price of \$.221 per bag for 100,000 bags/roll or \$.222 for 20,000 bags (100/box).

Bid #2006-3, Concrete Work

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Metzger, Council unanimously awarded the bid to perform concrete work to Kramer Brothers at the below listed prices:

<u>Equipment Rate w/Operator</u>	<u>Total Cost per Hour</u>
Backhoe	\$ 85.00
Dump Truck	85.00
Pick up Truck	85.00
Skid Steer Loader or equivalent	75.00
Air Compressor	55.00
<u>Rate</u>	
Foreman	\$ 48.00
Laborer	42.00
Price per square foot for sidewalk	\$ 6.25
Price per linear foot for curb	32.00
Price per square foot for driveway aprons	8.95

Price per handicap ramp	1,450.00
Section of curb & sidewalks around poles	80.00
Price per linear foot to repair brick pavers (Borough will provide the material)	24.00
Price per linear foot for monolithic (C & S)	65.00
Price per linear foot for monolithic driveway aprons	80.00

Bid #2006-4, Utility Poles

Upon a motion by Boyer, seconded by Metzger, Council unanimously awarded the bid for the purchase of utility poles for 2006 to Valley Power Inc. for the below listed prices:

30 foot	Class 3	Penta	\$ 217.50
35 foot	Class 3	Penta	298.00
40 foot	Class 3	Penta	352.00
45 foot	Class 3	Penta	400.00
50 foot	Class 3	Penta	451.00
55 foot	Class 3	Penta	534.00

Request to Use Menlo Park-Easter Egg Hunt

Upon motion by Boyer, seconded by Metzger, Council unanimously approved the Trinity Lutheran Church to use Menlo Park for their annual Easter Egg Hunt April 15 from 9:30AM-11:00AM.

Ordinance #901, Limit Trash Collection Hours

Upon a motion by Boyer, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously approved an ordinance limiting trash collection hours for commercial haulers throughout the Borough from 10:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Ordinance #902, Establish Speed Limit on Neighbors Way

Upon a motion by Conville, seconded by Boyer, Council unanimously approved an ordinance establishing 25 MPH speed limit on Neighbors Way.

Hillside Estates Access Road

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously agreed to pave the access road in the Hillside Estates development.

Waivers/Preliminary Approval for MJE Builders

Resolution #2006-9, Waiver from Section 164-68.A(1)-Plan Scale

Upon motion by Metzger, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-9 granting a waiver from Section 164-68.A(1) regarding plan scale requirements.

Resolution #2006-10, Waiver from Section 164-68.C(2)-Existing Features

Upon a motion by Metzger, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-10 granting a waiver from Section 164-68.C(2) requiring the plan to show existing features within 400 feet.

Resolution #2006-11, Waiver from Section 164-20G.(2) Clear Sight Triangle

Upon motion by Handy, seconded by Metzger, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-11 granting a waiver from Section 164-20.G(2) requiring a clear sight triangle.

Resolution #2006-12, Wavier from Section 164-35.A(3) Trees at Intersections

Upon a motion by Boyer, seconded by Metzger, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-12 granting a waiver from Section 164-35.A(3) prohibiting the planting of trees at intersections.

Resolution #2006-13, Waiver from Section 164-31.F, Grading

Upon motion by Metzger, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-13 granting a waiver from Section 164-31.F requiring a minimum of five feet from the property line or right-of-way for grading.

Resolution #2006-14, Waiver from Section 164-30, Excessively Deep Lot

Upon motion by Metzger, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-14 granting a waiver from Section 164-30 regarding irregularly shaped lots.

Resolution #2006-15, Preliminary Conditional Approval

Upon motion by Metzger, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-15 granting preliminary approval to the MJE Builders for the subdivision property located at 317 East Walnut Street, Perkasio.

Waivers/Preliminary Approval for Zavitsanos Subdivision

Resolution #2006-16, Waiver from Section 164-68.C(2), Existing Features

Upon a motion by Conville, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-16 granting a waiver from Section 164-68.C(2) requiring the plan showing existing features within 400 feet.

Resolution #2006-17, Waiver from Section 164-22.A, Number of Homes in Cul-de-Sac

Upon motion by Metzger, seconded by Conville, Council considered Resolution #2006-17 granting a waiver from Section 164-22.A which permits no more than 20 dwelling units on a permanent cul-de-sac and would allow the developer to construct 25 townhouses. All Councilmembers voted against the resolution with the exception of Conville who voted for it. The motion failed by a 7-1 vote.

Resolutions #2006-18 through #2006-23

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously agreed to table Resolutions #2006-18 through #2006-23 pending revisions to the plan for the Zavitsanos subdivision.

Request from Goodtime Motorvators

Upon motion by Handy, seconded by Delaney, Council unanimously approved a request from the Goodtime Motorvators Car Club to use Menlo Park for their car show on May 21, 2006.

Letter of Support to Dog Owners Group

Councilmembers asked the Borough Manager to send a letter of support from the Borough to the Perkasio Dog Owners Group stating that it supports the proposed dog park to be located somewhere in the Borough's park system.

Liaison to Pennridge Chamber of Commerce

President Eadie Burke appointed Councilman Bill Delaney as the Borough's liaison to the Pennridge Chamber of Commerce.

Pool Status

Councilmembers discussed the status of the Menlo Park pool and issues dealing with filtration system and leaks due to numerous cracks in the pool. After lengthy discussion, upon a motion by McGonigal, seconded by Hettel, Council considered closing the Menlo pool for the 2006 season. Councilmembers McGonigal, Delaney, Hettel, and Burke voted to close it. Councilmembers Boyer, Metzger, Conville, and Handy voted to keep it open and make the necessary repairs. The vote was tied 4 to 4. Mayor Hunsicker cast the deciding vote to close the pool. By a 5-4 vote, it was agreed to close the Menlo Pool until further notice and seek grant funds or undertake a major borrowing for a complete renovation.

It was further agreed to revise the Parks and Recreation brochure to reflect that the pool would not be opening for the 2006 season or until further notice.

Road Rally

This matter was tabled pending receipt of additional information from the Parks and Recreation Director.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Park and Recreation Volunteers

President Burke announced that the Perkasio Parks and Recreation Board was looking for volunteers to help with some of the Borough sponsored Family Fridays and other annual events.

Approve Personnel List

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by Boyer, Council unanimously approved the following personnel list:

Charles Baum/Crossing Guard	Resigned effective 12/31/05
Keira Froelich/Administration	Resigned effective 1/26/06

Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee

Upon a motion by Conville, seconded by Boyer, Council considered a request from the Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee asking for a letter of support for the Growing Greener grant application. Councilmembers Delaney, McGonigal, Hettel, Burke, Boyer, Metzger, voted against sending a letter of support. Councilmembers Conville and Handy voted in favor of it. The motion failed by a 6-2 vote.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

The Committee had no business to conduct at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Ordinance #903 to Prohibit Open Burning

Upon motion by Handy, seconded by Metzger, Council considered an ordinance prohibiting open burning.

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council considered tabling the ordinance. Councilmembers Hettel, Handy, Delaney, Burke, Boyer, Metzger, and Conville voted in favor of tabling the ordinance. Mrs. Handy voted against it. By a 7-1 vote, the ordinance was tabled pending receipt of additional information.

CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this committee.

HEALTH CARE AD HOC COMMITTEE

The Manager noted that health coverage surveys were sent to surrounding municipalities and the information would be compiled for review when a meeting date has been set.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Hettel requested that the Borough advertise for an additional youth councilor who is currently a junior in high school.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Burke announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss litigation and personnel and would not reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM. The executive session adjourned at 10:00 PM.
