

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MARCH 20, 2006

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

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

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Borough Manager:

Borough Engineer:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Perkasie Borough Council Vice-President Jim Boyer convened the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

Mr. Hendricks led all present in the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Boyer reported that due to a death in the family, President Burke would not be present for the meeting. Mr. Boyer also announced that an executive session was held prior to the Council meeting to interview individuals for the positions of youth Councilor and youth delegate to the Parks and Recreation Board.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mr. Boyer asked the Borough Manager to give an update on the status of the Menlo Pool.

Mr. Olpere explained that Council had met with architects to discuss a time schedule to design, construct and open a new pool before May 31, 2007.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Mike Cooper of 504 Hunters Run who spoke against allowing the burning of trash.

Present was Roger Wenhold of 129 East Walnut Street who reported that due to nearby open burning, there was a fire close to his property last week.

Ron Schulberger of 203 East Walnut Street reported that the fire, referred to by Mr. Wenhold, was on his property and was caused by Mr. Wenhold welding.

Present was Tom Cowgill of 111 Stonycrest Drive. Mr. Cowgill asked Council to reconsider closing Menlo Pool for the 2006 season.

Matt Aigeldinger of 540 Penny Lane and a member of the Parks and Recreation Board was present. He presented to Council that he had petitions with 400 signatures asking Council to reconsider closing Menlo Pool.

Ted Swan of 222 Strassburger Road and Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board was present. He stated the Parks and Recreation Board would have liked to have been consulted before a decision was made to close the pool for the 2006 season.

Present was Scott Edgell of 408 Vine Street who spoke on various issues including the Emergency Services Tax, the proposed ban on burning, the closing of Menlo Pool and PBA takeover.

Present was Tom Bancroft of 311 W. Market Street and also a member of the Parks and Recreation Board. He stated he thought the decision to close the pool and renovate it was sudden but that he supports Council's decision.

Kelly Beno of 550 Penny Lane had questions why the cost to renovate the Public Works office was so high and could that money be used toward renovations to the pool.

Present was Bill Collich of 43 South Third Street. Mr. Collich asked Council to reconsider closing the pool since he and his large family enjoy going there.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of February 20, 2006.

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor had nothing to report stating that the audience had said it all regarding the Menlo Pool issue.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

Mr. Mark Eisold, P.E., from Boucher & James Engineers reviewed his report which included the Butcher minor subdivision, the Piper Group Valley View Manor subdivision and the cell tower construction.

Planning Commission Report

Manager Olpere reported that the next meeting of the Perkasio Planning Commission is scheduled for this week, March 22, 2006.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rich Hendricks made a motion to reverse the decision and open the vote for keeping the pool open. Mr. Hettel explained that under parliamentary procedure, only someone who

was in the majority decision in the original vote and wants to change their mind, can reopen the vote. Since Mr. Hendricks was absent from the meeting where the original vote was taken, he requested that someone from the majority side in the original vote reopen the vote. After lengthy discussion on why the pool should not be reopened. No motion was made to reopen the vote.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Request for Live Entertainment in Pavilion in Park

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Hendricks, Council approved a request from June Hovey and R.H. Stewart to have live entertainment in the pavilion in the park for their wedding on September 17, 2006.

Special Event Request from Perkasio Community Ambulance

Upon a motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously approved a request from the Perkasio Community Ambulance to hold a 9-11 event in the park on September 10, 2006.

Request for Handicap Parking Space

Upon a motion by Hettel, second by McGonigal, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-25, creating a handicap parking space at 301 North Sixth Street, Perkasio.

Ordinance to Amend Curb and Sidewalk Specifications

Councilmembers discussed final amendments to the sidewalk specifications. The engineer was asked to prepare a revised ordinance for review at the April 3 Committees meeting.

Pool Architect

Upon a motion by McGonigal, seconded by Hettel, Council considered hiring M.K.S.D Architects to design a new pool plan for the Menlo Pool for an opening by May 31, 2007. Upon roll call vote Councilmembers Boyer, Hettel, McGonigal, and Handy voted in favor of hiring the architect firm. Councilmembers Conville, Hendricks, and Delaney voted against it. By a 4-3 motion, the contract dated March 16, 2006 was awarded to M.K.S.D Architects of Orfield, PA.

Upon a motion by McGonigal, seconded by Boyer, Council considered approving the Borough engineer's proposal to prepare a survey of the pool and the land around it for \$8,800. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the survey with the exception of Mr. Hettel who voted against it.

Authorize 2006 Road Bids

Upon a motion by Hendricks, seconded by McGonigal, Council agreed to begin the road projects for 2006.

Accept Stone and Materials Bid

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously awarded the bid for stone and materials to H&K Material of Chalfont as follows:

STONE: Screening/quarry grit 130 tons

1b-3/4" stone	10 tons
#2B 3/4" stone	70 tons
#4 Ballast stone	60 tons
#2A stone mix	200 tons

MIXED BITUMINOUS ASPHALT:

SuperPave P 9.5 mm Wearing	40 tons
SuperPave 19.0 mm Binder	240 tons
SuperPave 25.0 mm Base	15 tons

Per Ton / FOB

Screening/quarry grit	\$ 5.00
1b 3/4" Stone Chips	\$ 8.40
#2B 3/4" Stone	\$ 8.40
#4 Stone ballast	\$ 7.70
#2 Stone mix	\$ 6.90
SuperPave 9.5 mm Wearing	\$ 35.95
SuperPave 19.0 mm Wearing	\$ 33.95
SuperPave 25.0 mm Base	\$ 31.95

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Resignation of Park and Recreation Youth Delegate

Upon a motion by Hettel, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously accepted the resignation of Park and Recreation youth delegate Justin Minnion.

Appoint Youth Borough Councilor

Councilman McGonigal recused himself from voting due to a conflict of interest since his son was an applicant for the youth Borough Councilor position.

Upon motion by Handy, seconded by Hettel, Council considered appointing Harrison McGonigal as a second youth Borough Councilor. All Councilmembers voted in favor of Harrison McGonigal with the exception of Conville, who voted against him. Harrison McGonigal was appointed to the position through August 2006.

Appoint Park and Recreation Youth Delegate

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Hettel, Council unanimously appointed Sarah Friedrich as youth delegate to the Parks and Recreation Board through December 2007.

Appoint New Member to Parks and Recreation Board

The floor was opened for nominations to the Parks and Recreation Board. Rich Hendricks nominated Jeremy Nase and was seconded by Conville. Bill Hettel nominated Patricia Kaempf which was seconded by McGonigal. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers McGonigal, Handy, Delaney and Hettel voted for Patricia Kaempf. Councilmembers Conville, Hendricks, and Boyer voted for Jeremy Nase. By a 4-3 vote, Patricia Kaempf was appointed to the Perkasio Parks and Recreation Board through December 2008.

Staffing Plan

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council considered a motion to create the position of Public Works Secretary for the Public Facilities Director. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the position with the exception of Hendricks and Conville who voted against it.

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council considered a motion to create the position of Director of Planning and Zoning. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the position with the exception of Hendricks and Conville who voted against it.

Upon a motion by McGonigal, seconded by Hettel, Council considered approving the part-time office clerk to a full-time position. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion, with the exception of Conville and Hendricks who voted against it.

Approve Personnel List

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council considered approving the personnel list as follows:

Linda Mentzer/Administration resigned 3/8/06

All Councilmembers voted in favor of approving the list with the exception of Conville and Hendricks who voted against it.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Approve \$150K Fire Company Bridge Loan

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously agreed to provide the Perkasio Fire Company with a "bridge loan" until they receive loan funding from PA Emergency Management Agency for \$150,000 for the purchase of a new aerial truck.

Present Check to Perkasio Fire Company

Manager Olpere presented the Perkasio Fire Company with a check for \$170,000 as a down payment on a new fire truck.

Resolution #2006-24, Revising Zoning Hearing Board Fees

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the consolidated fee schedule, Resolution #2006-24, raising the Zoning Hearing Board fees \$50.00 as follows:

Residential Use	\$550.00
Non-residential use	\$800.00

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Perkasio Olde Towne Day Events

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Delaney, Council tabled the matter pending receipt of additional information from the Perkasio Olde Towne Association.

Perkasio Olde Towne Signage

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Delaney, Council tabled the matter pending pending receipt of additional information from Perkasio Olde Towne Association.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Public Utility Committee.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Ordinance #903, Prohibit Burning

The Solicitor reviewed items that she felt Council would like to see in a burning ordinance. Joan Handy added she felt that burning should only be allowed from dawn to dusk and that all fires must be attended to at all times until extinguished. The Solicitor stated she will prepare an ordinance for review at the April 3 Council Committee meeting.

CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Cable Committee

HEALTH ARE AD HOC COMMITTEE

Manager Olpere reported that he had dates available to schedule an Ad Hoc Committee meeting on health care and would forward those dates to Committee members for scheduling.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Bill Hettel asked what the outcome of the meeting was earlier in the evening with the Layton's of Girard Avenue. The Solicitor gave a brief update.

Junior Councilor Justin Minnion asked when the basketball lights at Kulp Park were scheduled to go on to play after dark.

Harry McGonigal asked that the subject of wind turbines be placed on the April 3 Committees agenda for presentation and discussion.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary