

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING  
APRIL 3, 2006**

620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Eadie Burke  
James Boyer  
Ray Conville  
Bill Delaney (absent)  
Joan Handy  
Richard Hendricks  
William Hettel  
Harry McGonigal  
C. Lee Metzger, Jr. (absent)  
Justin Minnion  
Harrison McGonigal  
J. Robert Hunsicker  
Daniel P. Olpere  
Joe Gura  
Phil Ivins  
Ann Weiss  
Mark Eisold  
News Herald  
Bucks County Herald

Youth Councilors:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Police Chief:

Public Facilities Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

Press Representatives:

Borough Council Vice-President Jim Boyer convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Mrs. Handy gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Present was Kelly Beno of 550 Penny Lane who asked the following questions:

1. What prompted the idea and need for Council to propose the takeover of the PBA?
2. Why would this proposed takeover be in the best interest of the taxpayers?
3. Since this Authority also services other municipalities what arrangements would need to be made to get their approval?
4. What is the PBA's present surplus?
5. When was the last facility upgrade?
6. Are there any major projects currently underway or are there any anticipated major projects? For example, the need to comply with the new standard for arsenic levels. What are these costs?
7. I understand that many lines are approximately 100 years old and will need to be replaced in the near future. How many linear feet are estimated to be replaced? What are the projected costs?
8. At looking at the history of the PBA, how much annually needs to be in reserve for repair and maintenance of such things as damage to lines and pump failure?
9. Is there an adequate surplus to get through the next 10 years?
10. If this proposed takeover occurs, will this surplus be incorporated into the general operating budget of the Borough to fund projects unrelated to the PBA?
11. If this surplus was to be depleted for whatever reason or circumstance and major projects or improvements were necessary how would you raise the money? A tax increase? Or by selling to a private company?

Present was Megan Rose of 218 Parkridge Drive and employee of Menlo Pool. She stated

since Perkasio is a small town, does the pool need all the extra amenities that are proposed.

Matt Aigeldinger of 540 Penny Lane and member of the Perkasio Parks and Recreation Board was present. He questioned how the Borough plans to pay for the new proposed pool, questioned censuring Councilmembers McGonigal and Hettel, and asked about Councilman Metzger's stipened.

Present was Kathy Gilzo of 400 Coventry Way who stated she had major concerns about closing the pool including the hasty design plan and the extra amenities.

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive stated that Council needs to realize what the people of the community want and ask for their input.

Vice-President Boyer announced that the Perkasio Electric Department scored an incident rate of zero thus achieving first place in Group B of the American Public Power Association's 2005 Safety Contest.

## **REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION**

Manager Olpere reported that at the March 22 meeting, the Commissioners recommended waivers and preliminary approval for the Gwynedd Builders plan at 7<sup>th</sup> & Market Street. They also discussed the Piper Group-Valley View Manor plan and the Manager updated the Commission on the status of the Moulton project on Walnut Street.

## **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

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

### Wind Turbines

Present was Dr. Robert Romancheck the Borough's electric consultant. Dr. Romancheck gave a presentation on electric generation options by using wind powered turbines to produce electricity.

### Other Business

None at this time.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

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

### Cingular Wirless

The Committee reviewed a request from Velocitel (Cingular Wirless) to co-locate an antenna at the tower site behind the Public Works garage and install a shelter at the base of the tower. The Committee agreed to recommend entering into a lease agreement and placed the matter on the April 17 Council agenda.

### Presentation of Zavitsanos Plan

Present was Scott McMackin, P.E., of Cowan Associates representing the Zavitsanos plan on

Ridge Road. Mr. Meyers reviewed a new plan showing 20 dwelling units in the cul-de-sac instead of the 25 that was proposed at an earlier meeting. He then went on to summarize the waivers that were requested at a previous meeting.

Mr. Hettel stated he felt the applicant should pay for and install a traffic signal at the Ridge Road and Market Street intersection.

#### Piper Group-Discuss Amendment to Stipulation

This matter will be discussed during executive session.

#### Gwynedd Builders-Waiver/Preliminary/Final Approval

The Committee reviewed requested waivers for the Gwynedd Builders plan at 7<sup>th</sup> & Market Street. The Committee concurred with the waivers requested and agreed to recommend approval and preliminary/final approval of the plan. Resolutions will be prepared for approval at the Council meeting on April 17.

#### Request from Pennridge Area Lutherans to Use Skate Park

The Committee reviewed a request from the Pennridge Area Lutherans to use the skate park pavilion for community outreach services between July 1, 2006 and August 26, 2006. The Committee concurred with the request with the exception of July 1 since the Perkasio Fire Company's carnival will be on that same day.

#### Fire Company Request to Use Lenape Park

Committee members reviewed a request from the Perkasio Fire Company to use the Lenape Park for their annual carnival Tuesday, June 27 through Saturday, July 1, 2006. The Committee agreed to recommend approval of the request and placed the matter on the April 17 Council meeting agenda.

#### Request from Trinity Church to Close Roads

This item was approved at the Special Council meeting on April 1, 2006.

#### Request from Ragtops and Roadsters to Close Roads

The Committee reviewed a request from Ragtops and Roadsters to close Walnut Street to West Spruce Street on Saturday, May 13, 2006 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM for a car club event. They also requested to close the same streets on May 20, 2006 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House event. Committee members agreed to recommend approvals of the closings and placed the matter on the April 17 Council meeting agenda.

#### Fee for Pavilion Rental and Softball Field Usage

Committee members reviewed a memo from the Parks and Recreation Director stating that the Parks and Recreation Board recommended fees for pavilion and softball field usage. The Committee agreed to amend the consolidated fee schedule to incorporate these fees effective January 1, 2007. The matter will be placed on the April 17 Council meeting agenda.

#### Two Family Dwellings-Ordinance Amendment

The Committee agreed to forward to Borough Council a recommendation to adopt an amendment to the zoning ordinance to change the definition of twin and duplex dwelling units. This ordinance will be placed on the April 17 Council meeting agenda.

#### Table of Dimensional Requirements

The Committee reviewed and agreed to amend the zoning ordinance to revise the Table of Dimensional Requirements and placed the matter on the April 17 Council agenda.

#### Pool Status

Councilman McGonigal gave an update on the status of the construction of the new Menlo Pool. He further gave details on why the pool needed to be closed for the 2006 season as well as explained some of the planned amenities the new pool design would include. See letter from Engineer Mark Eisold of Boucher & James dated April 3, 2006.

#### Architect Contract

The Committee reviewed a contract with MKSD Architects to prepare a design for the new swimming pool facility for the Borough. It was noted that the architect had already been given a notice to proceed. It was agreed to place the matter on the Council agenda for April 17 for a formal vote.

#### Brick Pavers

The Committee tabled the matter to allow members to review samples alternatives to brick pavers.

#### Off-Street Parking

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Borough Manager explaining a complaint about a parking problem at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Walnut Streets due to the approval of the Weinberger subdivision. Committee members agreed to keep the parking arrangement as required for the subdivision. No further action was necessary.

#### Subdivision Notification

The Committee considered establishing a policy to notify adjacent property owners regarding the application of a subdivision or land development. It was agreed to prepare a resolution establishing such policy and placing the matter on the April 17 Council meeting agenda for approval.

#### Other Business

Councilman Hendricks noted that Sal Lapio, the developer for the Hillside Estates subdivision, had contacted him regarding unresolved issues. The Borough Manager reported that he is attempting to set up a meeting to discuss those issues.

### **PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

#### Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

#### Appointment of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

Committee members agreed to recommend appointing Cherlyeen Strothers of Perkasio's Emergency Management Committee as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. This appointment will be placed on the April 17 Council meeting agenda.

#### Perkasie Pride Awards

The Committee reviewed an application submitted for the Hollenbach's on Market Street for the 2006 Perkasio Pride Award. It was agreed to place this matter on the April 17 Council meeting agenda for approval.

#### Other Business

Councilman Hendricks asked why Zoning Hearing Board member Tom Horn was appointed to the Perkasio Borough Authority Board at the special Council meeting of April 1, 2006.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### Budget Amendments

The Committee reviewed a recommendation to amend the budget to reflect revenue and expenditure adjustments. Committee members concurred with the recommendation and asked that a resolution be prepared for consideration at the April 17 Council meeting.

#### Bond Pool

Committee members reviewed information through the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority for borrowing funds for the Menlo Park Pool project. It was suggested that additional information be obtained from other financial sources. The matter will be placed on the April 17 Council meeting agenda.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

#### Perkasio Olde Towne Signs

The Committee reviewed a proposal from the Perkasio Olde Towne Association to install directory signs at various locations throughout the Borough. Committee members concurred with this request and placed the matter on the April 17 Council agenda.

#### Perkasio Olde Towne Day Events

The Committee reviewed information from the Perkasio Olde Towne Association regarding their needs for planning an upcoming event in May called Hot Ribs-Cool Jazz in place of the annual Perkasio Olde Towne Day. Committee members agreed to recommend approval of the event and placed the matter on the April 17 Council meeting agenda.

#### Approve Fire Police for Pennridge Chamber of Commerce Business Expo

Committee members agreed to recommend approval of a request from the Pennridge Chamber of Commerce for Perkasio Fire Police assistance with parking at the Pennridge Chamber of Commerce Business Expo 2006 held at the Pennridge Airport. This matter will be placed on the April 17 meeting agenda.

#### Extension for Otto Property/First Savings Bank

The Committee agreed to grant another three month extension for the agreement of sale for the Otto/First Savings Bank property on Ninth Street and placed the matter on the April 17 Council agenda.

#### Other Business

Councilman McGonigal reported that he had several applications for new businesses to use grant funds under the Neighborhood Development Grant program offered by Borough Council.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

#### Ordinance to Prohibit Open Burning

The Committee reviewed a newly drafted ordinance prepared by the Solicitor to regulate outdoor fires and burning. After suggested revisions, the Committee agreed to place the ordinance on the April 17 meeting agenda for approval.

### **CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

#### Report from Verizon

Manager Olpere updated the Committee on recent communications with Verizon regarding negotiations for a franchise agreement for broadband services.

### **HEALTH CARE AD HOC COMMITTEE**

#### Set Meeting Dates

The Committee agreed to meet on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 5:30 PM to have their first meeting to discuss health care costs.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Jim Boyer stated that a he needed to check with committee members to determine a date for the first meeting of the Police Negotiating Committee.

### **PRESS FORUM**

Questions from the press were received and answered.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

The executive session ended at 11:30 PM.

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Daniel P. Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary