

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING  
JUNE 5, 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 (absent)  
Harrison McGonigal (absent)  
J. Robert Hunsicker  
Daniel P. Olpere  
Joe Gura  
Phil Ivins  
Keith Truman (arrived 7:30 PM)  
Ann Weiss  
Mark Eisold  
News Herald  
Morning Call  
Bucks County Herald

Youth Councilors:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Police Chief:

Public Facilities Director:

Director of Planning and Zoning:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

Press Representatives:

Borough Council Vice-President Jim Boyer convened the meeting at 7:06 PM. Mr. Hettel gave an invocation followed by a Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Boyer announced that Council had held an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss the Perkasie Borough Authority due diligence.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Present was Chris Nicolosi, Vice-President of the Perkasie Olde Towne Association (POTA). Mr. Nicolosi questioned why the Association was starting to be billed for in-kind services provided by the Borough in the past for community events.

John Hollenbach of 509 Market Street asked Council to reach out to each other and to work with the Perkasie Olde Towne Association toward peace in the community.

Present was Jill Strickland owner of Frox at 17 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Mrs. Strickland also asked why the POTA was starting to be invoiced for the Borough's in-kind services for Olde Towne events.

Mike Barone, President of Perkasie Olde Towne Association was present. He reported that the Perkasie Olde Towne Hot Ribs/Cool Jazz fundraising event broke even because of the in-kind service billing by the Borough. He stated he would like to get early approval to hold the Olde Towne Car Show in August to make sure the Association can cover the expenses associated with the event.

Kelly Beno of 550 Penny Lane stated the due diligence information provided to her for the Perkasie Borough Authority does not answer questions in her letter she submitted several months

ago to the Borough. She again requested a response to that letter.

Present was Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge drive who stated a problem with the quality of the Borough's large trash bags he recently purchased.

## **REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION**

Manager Olpere reported that at the May 24, 2006 Planning Commission meeting the Zavitsanos major subdivision was discussed as well the a request from CVS Drug Store for a zoning change in text only for a property located at Blooming Glen Drive and North 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **DUE DILIGENCE REPORT-PERKASIE BOROUGH AUTHORITY**

Howard Woods of Howard J. Woods Associates and Louise Knight and Bob Jones of Saul, Ewing, LLP presented their findings over the past six months whether to assume the financial and operating aspects of the Perkasio Borough Authority. The three explained the process the Borough would need to take including assuming liabilities, Public Utility Commission (PUC) approval, and undertaking certain projects to improve infrastructure and meet new security standards.

The floor was opened for questions from the audience which were answered by the 3-member team.

Hope Fisher of 117 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street questioned arsenic levels in the water supply. Kim Weichel of 636 Highland Drive asked the 3 member team why they were hired to prepare this report. Matt Aigeldinger of 540 Penny Lane had questions regarding PUC costs as well as rate increase application fees. Kelli Beno of 540 Penny Lane asked questions regarding the Borough assuming PBA's existing bonds. Chris Nicolsoi of 429 S. Ridge Road asked if the Authority's long range overall plan was a sound plan. Chuck Ozeck of 601 W. Callowhill Street also had questions on the PUC filing fees. He also asked if an analysis was done on how the Borough would run the Authority as far as staff was concerned.

The presentation along with questions from Council and the public concluded at 8:45 PM. Council Vice-President Jim Boyer stated that the matter will be placed on the June 19 Council agenda for formal action.

## **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

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

### Other Business

There was no other business to come before this committee.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

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

### Pool Concept Plan

Architect Mark Thompson gave a brief presentation on the revised pool plan which included three different design options. Committee members agreed to recommend options #3 which includes moving the rock climbing wall to the competition pool, removing a large drop slide and replacing it with a small one, expand the zero depth beach style entry of the activity pool, and adding eight feet width to the diving area. The total cost of the plan would be approximately \$2.5 million. This matter will be placed on the June 19 Council meeting agenda.

### Moulton Builders-Plan Amendment

The Committee reviewed a sketch plan for Moulton Builder's Constitution Square complex at Walnut Street and Constitution Avenue proposing to reduce the number of units from 140 to 90. The attorney for Moulton Builders advised Council that they are proposing to sell their site to Ryan Homes to complete the project. Committee members were in favor of the revised plan and agreed to put the matter on the June 19 agenda.

### Piper Group Stipulation

Present from the Piper Group were Attorney Herb Sudfeld and Bob Sigety who requested an amendment to the stipulation to the settle land use appeal for the proposed Valley View Manor housing project on Ridge Road and Ridge Avenue. Several Councilmembers supported the request and agreed to put the matter on the June 19 Council agenda.

### CVS Store Zoning Amendment

Manager Olpere reported that the Perkasio Planning Commission reviewed a request from the CVS store to change wording regarding planned commercial development in a C1 zoned district. The request was forwarded to the Bucks County Planning Commission for review. A public hearing on the rezoning request will be scheduled for the Council meeting of July 17, 2006.

### Ordinance to Amend Subdivision Notification Policy

The Committee reviewed an ordinance requiring notification to be made to adjacent property owners upon the filing of a subdivision plan. The ordinance would be forwarded to the Bucks County Planning Commission for their review and placed on the July 3 Council Committee meeting agenda.

### Speed Limit Sign on Hillcrest Drive

The Committee reviewed a request to place 25 MPH speed limit signs on Hillcrest Drive. The Solicitor was asked to prepare an ordinance and the matter was put on the June 19 Council meeting agenda.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bids

The Committee reviewed the bid results for the 6<sup>th</sup> Street road reconstruction project. It was agreed to recommend Blooming Glen Contractor for award of this bid and the matter was placed on the June 19 Council meeting agenda.

### 5-15 Year Road Plan Update

Public Facilities Director Phil Ivins and Borough engineer Mark Eisold presented a revised road plan. This road plan sets a schedule for the next 5 years and a tentative schedule for the next 15 years of the roads to be paved throughout the Borough. Also presented was a colored map indicating the current road conditions in 2006 compared to the roads in 2004. The Committee recommended putting the plan approval on the June 19 Council meeting agenda.

### Request for Live Entertainment in Park-"Keep a Child Alive Organization"

Committee members reviewed a request from Rebecca Wetzel to hold a charity concert in Menlo Park July 21 with live bands for the "Keep a Child Alive Organization" that send anti retro-virus treatment to children with HIV/AIDS in struggling African countries. The Committee agreed to put approval of the event on the June 19 Council meeting agenda.

### Request from Trinity Child Care Center-Second Street Pool

The Committee reviewed a request from Trinity Child Care Center to open the Second Street pool from 9:15 AM to 10:00 AM for their TLC children Monday through Friday. It was the consensus of Council to deny the request based on the fact that the Borough cannot open the pool for a select group. It was noted that the Second Street pool is opened from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, seven days a week and that the day care is welcome to use the pool during that time.

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

#### Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

#### Other Business

Mr. Hettel requested that a letter be sent to youth delegate Justin Minnion in recognition of serving as junior Councilor on Borough Council.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### PEMA Loan

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner regarding the loan application for the Perkasio Fire Company for the purchase of a 2006 fire truck. The letter indicated that Perkasio Borough needs to guarantee the loan before the loan can be processed any further. The Committee agreed to act as Guarantor of the loan and put the matter on the June 19 Council agenda for approval.

#### Bucks County Yoga-Lease Agreement

Committee members reviewed a lease agreement with Bucks County Yoga to lease rental space on the third floor of the Perkasio Borough Hall. The Committee agreed to recommend approval and placed the matter on the June 19 Council agenda.

#### Budget Amendment

The Committee reviewed a resolution amending the 2006 budget and agreed to place it on the June 19 Council agenda.

#### Other Business

Mr. Hettel clarified a statement made by the Mayor regarding a local newspaper article about budget figures for the proposed Menlo Pool project.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

#### Request for 60 Day Extension-Otto/First Savings

The Committee considered a request from the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority to extend the 60 day extension for the settlement of the Otto property.

#### Community Video

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Borough Manager regarding an opportunity to showcase the Borough in the area of economic development. He explained that CGI Communication is offering one minute videos of local municipalities in Pennsylvania. CGI would shoot professional videos of interesting and relevant sites throughout the Borough and place

them on their website for viewing. The website is an opportunity for residents and new businesses to see a series of videos regarding various municipalities. In return, CGI will sell ad space associated with the video clip and host it on their website. The advertisers will also have the opportunity to place videos of their businesses on-line. The money they make from local businesses will help support the linked video to the Borough.

Committee members agreed that the Borough should proceed with showcasing the Borough in this manner and agreed to put the matter on the June 19 Council meeting agenda.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

There was no business to come before this committee.

### **CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

#### Resolution Regarding Cable Franchising Legislation

The Committee reviewed a resolution from the PA State Association of Boroughs opposing Verizon's proposed statewide legislation that would preclude them from obtaining a local franchise agreement. The Committee concurred with the resolution and agreed to place it on the June 19 Council agenda.

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

Chairperson Handy asked the Manager to select a date for the next Health Care Committee meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilman McGonigal welcomed Councilman Hettel who had been unable to attend the last several meetings.

Mr. McGonigal suggested offering the chance for residents to purchase a piece of Menlo Pool as a memento during the demolition phase of the project. Proceeds could be donated to help fund the new pool.

### **PRESS FORUM**

Questions from the press were received and answered.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 PM.

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Daniel P. Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary