

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
JULY 10, 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. (absent)
Harrison McGonigal
J. Robert Hunsicker
Daniel P. Olpere
Joe Gura
Phil Ivins
Ann Weiss
Mark Eisold
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer
Morning Call

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Police Chief:

Public Facilities Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

Press Representatives:

Borough Council Vice-President Jim Boyer convened the meeting at 7:20 PM upon adjournment of the Special Council meeting. Mrs. Handy gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the public requested an opportunity to speak.

REPORT FROM PERKASIE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Steve Reichman, the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator was present along with Perkasie Fire Chief Dave Worthington, Battalion Chief Andy Wedman, and Sergeant Steve Hillias for Perkasie Police Chief Gura and Phil Ivins, Perkasie Borough Public Facilities Director. Mr. Reichman gave an update on the recent flooding emergency the town experienced after heavy rain caused the East Branch of the Perkiomen Creek to overflow. Councilmembers thanked Mr. Reichman, Borough staff and Police Department, volunteers and staff from the Fire Company, Ambulance, American Red Cross, United Methodist Church, Clemens Markets, Landis Markets, Pennridge and Palisades School Districts, Grand View Hospital and the Bucks County Department of Health.

REPORT FROM PERKASIE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission meeting was cancelled on June 28, 2006 due to emergency situations regarding flooding from a recent storm. The next meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2006.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Minor Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update Revision

Present was Serena Dimango, engineer for the Telford Borough Authority. She reported that Telford Borough is requesting that Perkasio Borough revise its 537 Plan to reflect a previous transfer of sewer capacity from Perkasio and Sellersville Borough to Telford Borough. However, Perkasio and Sellersville decided not to participate in the recent expansion of the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Plant and Telford Borough agreed to purchase the additional 500 EDU's of sewer capacity. In order for Perkasio Borough to revise its plan, it needs to hold a public hearing for consideration of the plan amendment. It was agreed to set a hearing date and advertise the same for Monday, August 21, 2006. PBA Assistant Director Ray Conville explained the Authority's concern regarding the wording of the plan revision

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

CVS Store Proposed Zoning Amendment

The Committee reviewed a request from the CVS store to change wording in the zoning ordinance regarding planned commercial development in a C1 district. There was no public comment during the public hearing earlier in the meeting and the matter will be placed on the Council meeting agenda of July 17.

Ordinance to Amend Subdivision Notification Policy

The Committee reviewed an amendment to the subdivision land development ordinance requiring notification to be made to adjacent property owners upon the filing of a subdivision plan. There was no public comment during the public hearing earlier in the meeting and the matter will be placed on the Council meeting agenda of July 17.

Request to Use Lenape Park for 2007 Perkasio Fire Company Carnival

The Committee reviewed a request from the Perkasio Fire Company to use Lenape Park for its 2007 Perkasio Fire Company Carnival June 26 through June 30, 2007. The Committee concurred with the request and placed the matter on the July 17 Council meeting agenda.

Consider Waiver of Lane Development for Menlo Pool

The Committee discussed and agreed to waive the land development process for the Menlo Pool renovation project since the facility is Borough owned. This matter will be placed on the July 17 Council meeting agenda.

Traffic Control Ordinance

The Committee reviewed and discussed two ordinances; 1) An amendment to the subdivision ordinance regarding street names signs and traffic control devices, and 2) An amendment to the zoning ordinance also dealing with street signs, traffic control devices, roadway paving, and street lights being required before occupancy permits are issued. The ordinances will be forwarded to the Perkasie Borough and Bucks County Planning Commission for their review and comment.

Approve 15 Year Road Plan

The Committee had previously reviewed a 15 year road plan prepared by the Borough engineer. It was agreed to put the approval of the plan on the July 17 Council agenda for approval.

Other Business

The Committee reviewed a memo from Police Chief Gura regarding a parking problem involving the Pennridge High School due to on-going construction. Sergeant Hillias was present at the meeting and explained that the lack of parking has moved the students out into the neighborhoods to park causing blocked driveways and mailboxes, littering, large groups of juveniles walking through properties and bad language towards residents. Councilman McGonigal suggested that the Borough Manager draft a letter to the school district making them aware of these problems and asking them to offer additional parking on the school site. It was requested that the police chief attend the July 17 Council meeting to offer his comments on the matter. This item will be placed on the July 17 Council meeting agenda.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

Authorize Perkasie Fire Police Assistance to Sellersville Fire Company

The Committee reviewed a request from Sellersville Fire Company for Perkasie Fire Police Assistance for traffic control duties for the Sellersville Fire Department Tower Housing scheduled for August 19, 2006 at 12:00 PM. Committee members agreed to put it on the July 17 Council meeting agenda for approval.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider Borrowing for Pool

Committee members reviewed a memo from the Manager regarding recommendations on borrowing for the design and construction of the new Menlo pool. Manager Olpere suggested borrowing \$3.3 million (to allow for cost overruns) stating that if the money was not needed it could be returned. Mr. Olpere stated the architect recently provided a revised estimate for construction to be \$3,384,000. Several Councilmembers disagreed that borrowing additional money could cause it to be spent. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with borrowing \$2.6 million since that was the original estimate submitted by the architect. A resolution will be prepared authorizing the borrowing from the Delaware Valley Regional Financing Authority for approval at the July 17 Council meeting.

Consider Donation

The Committee reviewed a letter from the West Rockhill Township Park and Recreation Board requesting a donation of skatepark ticket/passes to be awarded at their annual Community Day held on September 24, 2006. The Committee concurred with this request and placed the matter on the July 17 Council agenda for approval.

Other Business

Councilman Hettel asked the Borough Manger to get an update on the status from Berkheimer Associates of the amount of monies collected year to date for the Emergency Municipal Services Tax.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Environmental Committee.

CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE MEETING

Other Business

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

HEALTH CARE AD HOC COMMITTEE

Other Business

Chairperson Joan Handy asked that during the August Committees meeting, Council as a whole, discuss options on how to reduce the Borough's health care insurance costs.

PRESS FORUM

There were no questions from the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Boyer announced that Council was going into executive session after a five minute recess.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

The executive session ended at 10:05 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary