

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
JULY 17, 2006

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Eadie Burke James Boyer Ray Conville Bill Delaney (absent) Joan Handy (absent) Richard Hendricks William Hettel Harry McGonigal (arrived 7:05 pm) C. Lee Metzger, Jr. (absent)
Youth Councilor:	Harrison McGonigal
Mayor:	J. Robert Hunsicker
Police Chief:	Joe Gura
Borough Manager:	Daniel P. Olpere
Assistant Borough Manager:	Maureen Doyle
Borough Engineer:	Ross Boucher
Borough Solicitor:	Ann Thornburg Weiss
Press Representatives:	News Herald Morning Call

Perkasie Borough Council President Eadie Burke convened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Hettel gave an invocation followed by a Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Larry Bachtell of 642 Highland Drive who expressed concerns about Pennridge High School students parking in his development, due to the construction, during the upcoming school year.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Burke congratulated Councilman Jim Boyer for being selected Citizen of the Year at Pennridge Community Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of June 19, 2006.

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously approved the Public Hearing meeting minutes of July 10, 2006.

Upon motion by Boyer, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously approved the Special Council meeting minutes of July 10, 2006.

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by Boyer, Council unanimously approved the Council Committee meeting minutes of July 10, 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported that he received several calls from residents concerning dogs in the park on Community day, the parking problem out at the school district, the Perkasio Borough Authority takeover, voting on same issues when one Councilmember is consistently absent, and thanking Councilman McGonigal for the windmill grant.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

Present was Mr. Ross Boucher, P.E., from Boucher & James Engineers who reviewed the engineers report which included: the Zavitsanos subdivision, the 2006 roadway maintenance project, the 6th Street reconstruction project, and the Covered Bridge Apartments flood damage.

Planning Commission Report

There was no meeting in June due to storm related flooding emergencies.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Resolution #2006-50, Motion to Deny Piper Group

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by Boyer, Council considered denying preliminary approval to the Piper Group for the Valley View Manor subdivision due to the 90-day review period expiring on July 31, 2006. Councilmembers Burke, Boyer, Hettel, and McGonigal voted in favor of the resolution. Councilmembers Conville and Hendricks voted against it. The motion passed by a 4-2 vote and the resolution was adopted.

Ordinance #907, CVS Store Proposed Zoning Amendment

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council considered an amendment to the zoning ordinance to change the zoning text to allow the CVS Store in a C-1 zone. Councilmembers Boyer, Conville, Hendricks, and McGonigal voted in favor of the ordinance. Councilmembers Burke and Hettel voted against it. The motion passed 4-2 and the ordinance was adopted.

Ordinance #908, Amend Subdivision Notification Policy

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved an amendment to the Subdivision ordinance regarding subdivision notification policy.

Request to Use Lenape Park for 2007 Perkasio Fire Company Carnival

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Boyer, Council unanimously approved a request to use Lenape Park for next year's Fire Company's carnival from June 26, 2007 through June 30, 2007.

Resolution #2006-48, Consider Waiver of Land Development for Menlo Pool

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Hettel, Council considered Resolution

#2006-48, waiving the land development process for the construction of the Menlo Park pool. Councilmembers Boyer, Burke, Hettel and McGonigal voted in favor of the resolution. Councilmembers Conville and Hendricks voted against it. The resolution passed by a 4-2 vote.

Discuss Two Traffic Control Ordinances

Councilmembers reviewed an amendment to the subdivision ordinance pertaining to traffic control signs and gas mains as well as an amendment to the zoning ordinance regarding issuance of certificate of occupancy for any new use or construction. It was the consensus of Council to forward both ordinances to the Bucks County Planning Commission for its review as well as advertising for consideration at the August 21 Council meeting.

Approve 15 Year Road Plan

Upon motion by Boyer, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously approved the revised 15 year road plan prepared by the Borough Engineers.

Discuss Parking Ordinance Amendment Near High School

Police Chief Gura was present to recommend enacting an ordinance that prohibits parking during the hours of 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM on days that school is in session to alleviate students parking in the Highland Terrace area due the construction at the high school.

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Hendricks, Council considered authorizing the Solicitor to prepare an ordinance as recommended by the police chief. Councilmembers Boyer, Burke, Conville, and McGonigal agreed the ordinance should be prepared with the hours of 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Councilmembers Hendricks and Hettel disagreed. By a 4-2 vote, the ordinance would be prepared as proposed by the Chief.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Authorize Perkasio Fire Police Assistance to Sellersville Fire Company

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Hettel, Council unanimously authorized the Perkasio fire police to assist Sellersville for their Fire Department Tower Housing event on August 19, 2006.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Resolution #2006-49, Authorize Borrowing for Menlo Pool Project

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council considered Resolution #2006-49 authorizing the borrowing of \$2.6 million from the Delaware Valley Regional Financing Authority for Menlo Park Pool. Councilmembers Boyer, Burke, Hettel, and McGonigal voted in favor of the resolution. Councilmembers Conville and Hendricks voted against it. The resolution passed by a 4-2 vote.

Consider Donation Request From West Rockhill Township

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Boyer, Council unanimously approved a donation request for four daily admission tickets for the skatepark for West Rockhill Township's annual community day.

Authorize PLIGIT Account for Bucks County Yoga Security Deposit

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Hettel, Council unanimously authorized a separate

PLIGIT account for the security deposit for the Borough's new tenant, Bucks County Yoga, at the Borough building.

Ordinance #909, Authorize Borrowing for Perkasio Fire Company

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #909, as amended, authorizing the borrowing of \$150,000 for the Perkasio Fire Company aerial truck.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee had no business to conduct at this time.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

The Committee had no business to conduct at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE ITEMS

The Committee had no business to conduct at this time.

CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE ITEMS

The Committee had no business to conduct at this time.

HEALTH CARE AD HOC COMMITTEE ITEMS

The Committee had no business to conduct at this time.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Councilmembers Hettel and McGonigal commented on a recent letter to the editor in the Daily Intelligencer stating they do not condone the writer's comments.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Burke announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss personnel and may reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary