

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING  
AUGUST 7, 2006**

620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Eadie Burke  
James Boyer  
Ray Conville (absent)  
Bill Delaney  
Joan Handy  
Richard Hendricks (arrived 7:35 PM)  
William Hettel  
Harry McGonigal  
C. Lee Metzger, Jr. (absent)  
Harrison McGonigal  
J. Robert Hunsicker  
Daniel P. Olpere  
Phil Ivins  
Ann Weiss  
Mark Eisold  
News Herald  
Morning Call  
Bucks County Herald

Youth Councilors:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Public Facilities Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

Press Representatives:

Borough Council Vice-President Jim Boyer convened the meeting upon adjournment of the special meeting at 7:05 PM. Mr. Hettel gave an invocation followed by a Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Boyer announced that Council had held an executive session July 24 and July 31, 2006 to discuss personnel matters.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Present was Bryan Benson of 603 West Blooming Glen Drive who along with neighbors Gary Wolfson and Chris Lewis spoke regarding the parking situation and the school district. He stated there was a safety hazard as cars blocked sight lines and the nuisance with students loitering and blocking mailboxes.

Present was Brian Collins, an avid skateboarder, of 531 Penny Lane. Mr. Collins felt he was being discriminated against because he skateboards as a hobby.

**REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION**

Manager Olpere reported that the report of the last Perkasie Planning Commission was included in the packet.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Other Business

There was no further business to come before the Committee.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

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

### Presentation of Pool Design Status

Present was Steve Crocker of Cousilman Hunsaker along with Gerry Busch of MKSD Architects who gave a presentation of the final proposed Menlo pool design as well as outlined the construction schedule.

### Consider Bid Authorization for Pool Construction

It was the consensus of all Councilmembers present to approve the bid documents and proceed with advertising.

### Preliminary/Final Approval Zavitsanos Subdivision

Present was Cheryleen Strothers of Cowan Associates, George Zavitsanos, and Attorney Eric Tobin representing the plan for the Zavitsanos subdivision. Ms. Strothers reported that the Perkasio Planning Commission recommended preliminary/final plan approval for this subdivision at its meeting on July 26, 2006. Bill Hettel requested that preliminary and final approval be granted separately. He also suggested the applicant install a traffic signal at the intersection of Ridge Road and Park Avenue. The Committee agreed to place preliminary approval of the subdivision on the August 21 agenda.

### S.F. Day Revised Plan for Consideration

Present was Attorney Ed Wild as well as the applicants Dan Soliday and Tom Skiffington. Mr. Wild stated that the applicant has filed an amended plan for their building located at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Market Street related to parking issues. Mr. Wild was asked to provide a letter of extension and placed the matter on the August 21 Council meeting agenda.

### Revision for Telford Borough

The Committee considered an amendment to the Borough's 537 Plan on behalf of Telford Borough. The Committee agreed to place this matter on the agenda for the August 21 Council meeting.

### Ordinance to Amend Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance-Traffic Control

The Committee reviewed an amendment to the subdivision land development ordinance to put certain traffic control measures in place. The Committee concurred with the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the ordinance and placed the matter on the August 21 Council agenda.

### Ordinance to Amend Zoning Ordinance-Certificate of Occupancy New Use or Construction

The Committee reviewed amending the zoning ordinance to require certain improvements to be in place before a use and occupancy permit is issued. The Committee agreed to place the ordinance on the August 21 Council agenda for approval.

### Authorization to Advertise Parking Ordinance Amendment

The Committee discussed enacting an ordinance to prohibit parking from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM in the neighborhood adjacent to the Pennridge High School during construction. Mr. Hettel proposed to amend the draft ordinance to reduce the prohibited hours from 8:00AM to 10:00 AM. The Borough Manager was directed to send a letter to the Superintendent of the school district to advise him of the situation. Several Councilmembers decided that the 8:00AM to 10:00 AM was acceptable and agreed to put it on the August 21 Council agenda.

## **PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

### NIMS Certification

The Committee reviewed a resolution to certify that the Borough is or will become NIMS (National Incident Management System) compliant with the federal government by the established deadline. It was agreed to put the resolution on the August 21 Council meeting agenda.

### Confirm Bucks County Borough's Association Survey

The Committee reviewed a survey filled out by Council President Eadie Burke from the Bucks County's Borough Association regarding improved programs and meetings for this year. Two minor changes were requested and the Committee agreed the survey could be submitted.

### Other Business

Mr. Hettel requested that the memo from Police Chief Gura for tuition reimbursement for Sgt. Steve Hillias be placed on the Council meeting agenda for August 21.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### Donation to Pennridge Senior Center

The Committee reviewed a request from the Pennridge Senior Center asking for a \$1,000 donation toward their operating fund. A comment was made that only \$500 has been allocated for the 2006 budget. It was agreed to recommend contributing \$500, as budgeted, and placed the matter on the August 21 agenda.

### Other Business

Mr. Hettel announced that there will be a Special Finance Committee meeting on August 14, 2006 to discuss Electric, Public Works, Parks and Recreation and the Police 2007 budget.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

There was no business to come before Economic Development.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

There was no business to come before the Environmental Committee.

## **CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Update on Verizon Agreement

Manager Olpere advised the Committee on the latest version of the Verizon agreement.

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

### Discuss Health Care Costs

Several topics were discussed regarding the Borough's high health care costs which included the four different plans that are offered, increasing employee contribution, double coverage by spouse and an "opting out" reimbursement to the employee.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Hettel mentioned a letter received by the Borough from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources notifying the Borough that the grant for the Pool Feasibility Study was not selected.

## **PRESS FORUM**

There were no questions from the press.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Jim Boyer announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss personnel.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 PM.

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Daniel P. Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary