

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
OCTOBER 16, 2006

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

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

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Borough Engineer:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Perkasie Borough Council President Eadie Burke convened the meeting at 7:40 P.M. There was an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel. Rich Hendricks gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive was present and questioned Council about the cancellation of the Special Finance Committee meeting on October 9.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President remarks were deferred to Councilman McGonigal. Mr. McGonigal admonished Park and Recreation Board member Matt Aigeldinger for comments he made regarding the reconstruction of the Menlo Park Pool.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of September 18, 2006.

Upon motion Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously approved the Council Committees meeting minutes of October 2, 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor proclaimed Halloween night to be Tuesday, October 31, 2006 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously accepted the

report of taxes collected for September 2006.

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

Mr. Mark Eisold, P.E., from Boucher & James Engineers reviewed his report which included: First Savings Bank of Perkasio, B& D Custom Builders as well as the Menlo Pool project

Planning Commission Report

Manager Olpere stated he had given an update of the Planning Commission at the last Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Request from Perkasio Olde Towne Association-Holiday Tree lighting

Upon motion Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council considered a request from the Perkasio Olde Towne Association to sponsor the holiday tree lighting ceremony on December 2.

POTA also asked whether the street lights could be put up early prior to the tree lighting ceremony. Councilmembers concurred with the requests and approved the request unanimously.

Approval of 5K Race in Lenape Park

Upon motion by Handy, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved a request from the Healthy Hearts Foundation to sponsor a 5K race in Lenape Park on June 7, 2007.

Resolution #2006-66, Change Order Procedures

Upon a motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously approved an amended Resolution #2006-66 establishing procedures to handle change order requests concerning the new Menlo Park pool.

Skatepark-Consider Purchase of Pads

There was no motion made for this matter.

Consider Action on Electric Service Equipment Bid-Menlo Pool

Manager Olpere stated that no bids were received for Menlo Pool street light standards. Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously agreed to rebid the matter and waive the bid bond requirement.

Upon a motion by McGonigal, seconded by Hettel, Council considered awarding the bid for electric service equipment to Aggressive Power in the amount of \$18,340 despite the fact that they did not submit a bid bond as requested. All Councilmembers voted in favor of

the motion with the exception of Conville and Hendricks who voted against it. The motion carried by a 5-2 vote.

Consider Action on Transformers Menlo Pool

Upon a motion by McGonigal, seconded by Hettel, Council considered awarding the bid for transformers to Aggressive Power as outlined in the bid specifications submitted, despite the fact that they did not submit a bid bond as requested. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Conville and Hendricks who voted against it. The motion carried by a 5-2 vote.

Consider Action on Retaining Wall Bids-Menlo Pool

Upon a motion by McGonigal, seconded by Hettel, Council considered awarding the bid for retaining wall block to Landis Block and Concrete for a total amount of \$49,426.20. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion, with the exception of Hendricks and Conville who voted against it. The motion was approved by a 5-2 vote.

Continue Discussion on Permit Parking

This matter was tabled pending additional information from the Police Chief.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Personnel List

Upon motion by Hettel, seconded by McGonigal, Council considered the amended the personnel list as follows:

Deborah Sergeant	Permanently transferred from Public Works to Administration effective 10/17/06
Stephen McBride	Crossing Guard-Hired effective 10/4/06
Elizabeth van Beek	Park and Rec Coordinator-Terminated effective 10/3/06
Kyle Gorr	Terminated effective 10/10/06
Jim Rothrock	Promoted to Sergeant effective upon completion of physical and psychological exam

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Appointment of Auditor for 2006 Audit

Upon motion by Handy, seconded by Hettel, Council unanimously approved appointing Styer and Associates as auditor for 2006 by adopting Resolution #2006-68. Mr. Conville abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest since his wife is employed by Styer and Associates.

Consider Lease for Skid Steer-Resolution #2006-67

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Hettel, Council unanimously agreed, by approving Resolution #2006-67, to lease/purchase a 2006 John Deer Track Loader Skid Steer in the amount of \$67,217.

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Committee Meeting to Discuss 2007 Budget

As Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Hettel resided over this portion of the meeting. Mr. Hettel recommended, and Council concurred, that the Borough should avoid borrowing the extra money for the Menlo pool project until it is needed. He then went on to recommend, again which Council concurred, several cuts in the 2007 proposed budget that would almost bring the budget into balance. Mr. Hettel left Council with the task of cutting down a deficit of \$63,056.

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

The Committee had no business to conduct at this time.

CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE

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

Mr. Hettel announced that he was resigning his Council seat effective October 16, 2006 at 11:59 PM due to health reasons. Upon a motion by McGonigal, seconded by Delaney, Council unanimously accepted the resignation of Bill Hettel. It was noted that Council has 30 days to fill the vacancy.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Burke announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss police negotiations and would not reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:27PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary