

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2006**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Eadie Burke James Boyer Ray Conville Bill Delaney (arrived 7:05 pm) Joan Handy Richard Hendricks Harry McGonigal C. Lee Metzger, Jr. (absent)
Youth Councilor:	Harrison McGonigal
Mayor:	J. Robert Hunsicker
Borough Manager:	Daniel P. Olpere
Police Chief:	Joe Gura
Public Facilities Director:	Phil Ivins
Borough Solicitor:	Ann Weiss
Borough Engineer:	Mark Eisold
Press Representatives:	News Herald Morning Call Daily Intelligencer Bucks County Herald

Borough Council Vice-President Jim Boyer convened the meeting at 7:05 PM. Joan Handy gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Sam Bader of 811 North 5th Street who voiced concerns over the illegal dumping and maintenance of the open space behind his property.

Present was Ron Schulberger of 203 East Walnut Street who questioned the status of the Moulton Builders (Constitution Square) property on East Walnut Street.

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive was present and spoke regarding the Borough's trash program.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

Manager Olpere stated there was no recent meeting to report on.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Electric Power Purchase

Phil Ivins, Public Facilities Director/ Electric Superintendent updated Council on a recent meeting with Excelon regarding future electric power purchases.

Other Business

The Committee discussed placement of a proposed wind turbine on a trial basis at the Pennridge Airport on Ridge Road. The Borough Manager reported that the lease amount to place the wind turbine at the airport would be approximately \$2,580 per year. After brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to place the wind turbine in Lenape Park which would be less costly and more readily available for public viewing.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Discuss Trash Collection Route Changes

Public Facilities Director Ivins outlined a proposal to change to the trash collection route schedule to spread out from two days to four days with the same work load. The Committee concurred with the suggested changes and agreed to put the matter on the November 20 Council meeting agenda.

Pool Update

Public Facilities Director Ivins updated and gave a status report on the progress of the Menlo Park pool project. Public Facilities Director Ivins presented two change orders for consideration which Council approved by consensus.

Piper Group Presentation of Revised Plan

Present were representatives of the Piper Group. George Donovan the architect presented a revised plan for the subdivision now called Valley View. Councilmembers were pleased with the revised plan and suggested they submit their plan to the Perkasio Planning Commission for review.

Ordinance to Establish Permit Parking Regulations

The Committee reviewed information from the Police Chief regarding parking tickets issued near the Pennridge High School since the parking restriction ordinance was enacted. With the recommendation of the Police Chief, the Committee agreed to wait on instituting permit parking regulations in this area to monitor if the adopted ordinances are effective.

Pennridge Little League

Little League President Ken Trauger was present along with member Blair Rush. Mr. Trauger outlined proposed changes to the building at the Little League field on Walnut Street. Changes are proposed to be funded by the Little League but require Council approval. The Committee agreed to place approval of the changes on the November 20 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 October 2006.

Appointment to Police Negotiations Committee

President Eadie Burke appointed Joan Handy to the Police Negotiation Committee to replace former Councilmember Bill Hettel.

Appointment to Finance Committee

President Eadie Burke appointed Harry McGonigal as Chairman of the Finance Committee to replace former Councilmember Bill Hettel.

Appointment to Personnel and Policy Committee

President Eadie Burke appointed herself as Chairperson of the Personnel and Policy Committee to replace former Councilmember Bill Hettel.

Building Inspection Program

Borough Manager Olpere gave an update on the proposed changes to the building inspection program regarding East Rockhill Township. He asked Committee members to consider raising the entire fee schedule related to building permit fees for 2007 to provide enough funds for the Borough to pay East Rockhill and to cover costs and overhead. The Committee agreed with this suggestion and agreed to place the matter on the November 20 Council meeting agenda.

Sellersville Police Contract

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Borough Manager regarding the proposed contract with Sellersville Borough for police services. It was agreed to forward the contract to Sellersville Borough for their Solicitor to review. The Committee agreed to put the matter on the November 20 Council meeting agenda pending review by Sellersville Borough.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider PMRS Excess Interest Distribution

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Borough Manager regarding allocating excess interest from the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System Pension Fund. Committee members agreed to recommend allocating 50% to current Borough employees and 50% to retired Borough employees. This matter will be placed on the November 20 Council meeting agenda.

Discuss 2007 Budget

Manager Olpere reviewed suggested additional changes to the 2007 budget which included reducing the amount for Christmas decorations and leasing a Brine Machine in lieu of outright purchase. Committee members concurred with these changes and agreed to place the matter on the November 20 Council agenda. Since the proposed budget is still in a deficit by approximately \$22,000, the Committee was also asked to review the budget for additional changes for the November 20 meeting to bring the budget into balance.

Discuss Perkasio Ambulance

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Borough Manager regarding a recent meeting with the Perkasio Community Ambulance (PCA) regarding its latest financial status. Committee members asked the PCA to come up with a plan of action to recover from its financial situation for the November 20 Council meeting.

Building Inspection Fees

Information was not available for discussion.

Reimbursement for Tuition-Anthony DeLia

The Committee reviewed a request from Police Officer DeLia for tuition reimbursement for a Masters of Science Degree in Justice Administration at Columbia South University. It was agreed to place this request on the November 20 Council meeting agenda for approval.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this committee.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this committee.

CABLE BROADBAND COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this committee.

HEALTH CARE AD HOC COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this committee.

PRESS FORUM

There were no questions from the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Boyer announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss personnel and would not reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary