

MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2006

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Eadie Burke
James Boyer
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney
Joan Handy
Rich Hendricks
Harry McGonigal
C. Lee Metzger, Jr.
J. Robert Hunsicker
Daniel P. Olpere
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer
Morning Call
Bucks County Herald

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Press Representatives:

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

PUBLIC FORUM

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

INTERVIEWS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL CANDIDATES

The purpose of the special meeting was to interview Borough Council candidates due to the resignation of Councilman Bill Hettel on October 16, 2006. Four applications were received from residents of the second ward. Interviewed were the following candidates: Jim Purcell of 15 South Sixth Street, Randy Walck of 600 Jefferson Drive, Nelson Hollenbach of 14 South 8th Street and Chris Nicolosi of 429 S. Ridge Road.

Questions were raised whether two applicants actually qualified for appointment since they did not file their statement of financial interest form with the Borough ten days prior to appointment. Councilman McGonigal produced a copy of the state ethics code which stated nominees for public office have to submit the financial form 10 days before appointment is made. Since applicants Hollenbach and Nicolosi filed their financial forms November 6 and November 10 respectively, they could not be considered for appointment and both were disqualified.

The floor was then opened for nominations for Borough Council. Ray Conville nominated Jim Purcell, which was seconded by Rich Hendricks. Harry McGonigal nominated Randy Walck which was seconded by Joan Handy. Upon voice vote, Councilmembers Delaney, Handy, McGonigal, Boyer, and Burke voted for Randy Walck. Councilmembers Conville, Metzger, and Hendricks voted for Jim Purcell. By a 5-3 vote, Randy Walck was appointed as Councilman for the 2nd ward through 2007.

Mayor Hunsicker administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Walck and he took his seat at the dias.

OTHER BUSINESS

Upon motion by Metzger, seconded by Boyer, Council considered splitting the excess interest from the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System Pension Fund with 50% going to current Borough employees and 50% going to retired Borough employees. Councilmembers Delaney, Handy, McGonigal, Burke, and Walck voted against the motion. Councilmembers Boyer, Conville, Hendricks and Metzger voted in favor of it. The motion failed by a 5-4 vote.

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Walck, Council considered allocating the excess interest from the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System Pension Fund to all the retired Borough employees only on a percentage basis. Councilmembers Delaney, Handy, McGonigal, Burke, Walck, Hendricks, and Metzger voted in favor of the motion. Ray Conville and Jim Boyer voted against it. The motion passed by a 7-2 vote to give the excess interest to retired Borough employees on a percentage basis.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary