

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 20, 2006

620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Eadie Burke  
James Boyer (absent)  
Ray Conville  
Bill Delaney  
Joan Handy  
Richard Hendricks  
Harry McGonigal  
C. Lee Metzger, Jr. (absent)  
Randy Walck  
Harrison McGonigal  
J. Robert Hunsicker  
Daniel P. Olpere  
Mark Eisold, P.E.  
Ann Thornburg Weiss  
News Herald  
Daily Intelligencer  
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 7:00 P.M. Mr. Hendricks gave an invocation followed by a Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Present was Edward Fox of 1121 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street who presented a petition from the neighbors in the vicinity of the Pennridge High School requesting "no parking" signs be removed from in front of their properties.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Burke reminded all present that Perkasie Olde Towne Association would begin holiday festivities beginning the weekend of December 1 with the arrival of Santa on a fire truck.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Handy, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of October 16, 2006.

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously approved the Committee meeting minutes of November 6, 2006.

Upon motion by Handy, seconded by Walck, Council unanimously approved the Special Council meeting minutes of November 13, 2006.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported that he had attended, on behalf of Perkasio Borough, a Welcome Home celebration at the Sellersville National Guard Armory over the past weekend.

#### Taxes Collected

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

#### Budget Status

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

#### Engineer's Report

Mr. Mark Eisold, P.E., from Boucher & James Engineers reviewed his report which included: First Savings Bank of Perkasio, the NPDES MS4 Phase II project, and the MJE Subdivision.

#### Planning Commission Report

Manager Olpere reported that the Perkasio Planning Commission had reviewed the Algeo minor subdivision and Perkasio Square conceptual plan at their meeting on November 8th.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

##### Review Bid for Menlo Pool Lighting #2006-14

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Handy, Council considered awarding the bid for Menlo Pool light standards to Aggressive Power in the amount of \$29,718.55. All Councilmembers present voted in favor of awarding the bid with the exception of Conville and Hendricks who voted against it. The motion passed by a 5-2 vote.

#### Trash Collection Route Changes

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Delaney, Council unanimously approved the change in trash collection routes from two days to four days. The changes will be placed in the winter/year end Borough newsletter and residents notified by letter.

#### Penridge Little League

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Walck, Council unanimously approved the Penridge Little League's tentative plans to refurbish some of the buildings at the Little League field on Walnut Street.

#### PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

##### Building Inspection Program

Upon a motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved a building inspection program proposed by East Rockhill Township.

### Consider Revision to Fee Schedule

It was the consensus of all Councilmembers present to revise the annual consolidated fee schedule to include changes to the building inspection fees. The fee schedule will be placed on the December 4 Committee agenda.

### Sellersville Police Contract

It was the consensus of all Councilmembers present to approve the proposed police contract with Sellersville Borough and continue negotiating with Sellersville.

### Authorize Advertising for New Public Works Employee

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Delaney, Council considered authorizing the advertising of a vacant position in the Public Works Department created by the transfer of Public Works employee Justen Horn to the Electric Department. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Conville and Hendricks who voted against it. The motion passed by a 5-2 vote.

### Personnel List

Upon a motion by McGonigal, seconded by Handy, Council considered approving the following personnel list:

Robert Bolsover/Skate Park	terminated effective 10/29/06
Paul Alger/Public Works	hired effective 11/6/06
Justen Horn	permanently transferring from Public Works to Electric Dept. effective 1/1/07

All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Hendricks and Conville who opposed it. The motion passed by a 5-2 vote.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Authorization to Pay Bills

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

### 2007 Budget

Councilmembers reviewed a 2007 preliminary budget amendment with changes effective as of October 16, 2006 leaving a deficit of \$10,573. Councilman McGonigal presented some suggested budget amendments prepared by Public Facilities Director Phil Ivins that would reduce his budget by \$22,000 thus balancing the 2007 budget with a surplus amount of \$16,427. It was the consensus of all Councilmembers present to include these changes into the budget and prepare an updated version for review at the December 4 Committees meeting.

### Perkasie Ambulance

The Perkasie Ambulance Squad was represented by Lori Wychakinas who reviewed an outline of a financial plan that would show the company had a sound plan to recover from its financial difficulties

Ms. Wychakinas presented the idea of moving the ambulance headquarters to a substation on Ridge Road behind the East Rockhill Township Building, (which is partially owned by the Perkasio Fire Company) which would allow the ambulance corps to sell its Ninth Street headquarters and use the money to pay off its debt. Councilmembers stated they would take the matter under advisement and get back to the ambulance company regarding the loan for \$87,000.

#### Reimbursement for Tuition

Upon a motion by Delaney, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously approved a request from Perkasio Police Officer Anthony DeLia for tuition reimbursement for a Master of Science in Justice Administration at Columbia University.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this committee.

#### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

##### Placement of Wind Turbine

Upon motion by Handy, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously agreed to place a trial size wind turbine in Lenape Park.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Committee had no business to conduct at this time.

#### CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE

This 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

There was no new business to discuss.

#### **PRESS FORUM**

There were no questions from the press.

#### **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 8:00PM.

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Daniel P. Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary