

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
DECEMBER 18, 2006

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Eadie Burke James Boyer Ray Conville Bill Delaney Joan Handy Richard Hendricks Harry McGonigal C. Lee Metzger, Jr. (absent) Randy Walck
Youth Councilor:	Harrison McGonigal
Mayor:	J. Robert Hunsicker
Borough Manager:	Daniel P. Olpere (absent)
Director of Planning and Zoning:	Keith Truman
Borough Engineer:	Mark Eisold, P.E.
Borough Solicitor:	Ann Thornburg Weiss
Press Representatives:	News Herald Daily Intelligencer Morning Call Bucks County Herald

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Sam Bader of 811North 5th Street. Mr. Bader had concerns regarding illegal dumping and activities in the open space behind his property.

Mr. Wayne Seifert of the Bucks County Covered Bridge Festival 2007 was present. Mr. Seifert requested permission to hold a fund-raising event inside the South Perkasie Covered Bridge Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9, 2007.

Tom Bancroft of 311 West Market Street was present and asked if the 6 foot fencing on the Borough's parking lot, that was torn town across from the library, could be used for the proposed Perkasie Dog Park.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Burke stated the renovation of the Menlo Pool is progressing well due to the mild weather conditions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Delaney, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of November 20, 2006.

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Walck, Council unanimously approved the Council Committee meeting minutes of December 4, 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor commented on the festive house decorating in the community for the Christmas holiday season.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

Mr. Mark Eisold, P.E., from Boucher & James Engineers reviewed his report which included First Savings/Silkworks project, CVS Pharmacy, and the progress on the Menlo Pool construction.

Planning Commission Report

Director of Planning and Zoning Keith Truman reported that at the December Planning Commission meeting the following items were discussed: the CVS Pharmacy preliminary plan, First Patriot minor subdivision, and the MJE Builders plan.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Request for Fund Raising Event-Covered Bridge in Lenape Park

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Boyer, Council unanimously approved a request from the Bucks County Covered Bridge Festival requesting permission to hold a fund-raising event inside the covered bridge in Lenape Park the weekend of June 8-10, 2007.

Zoning Hearing Board Case-Herzstein

Solicitor Weiss stated she would update Council in executive session on the Herzstein Zoning Hearing Board case.

Parking Spaces at Menlo Pool

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Boyer, Council considered authorizing the proposed parking lot plan for the newly renovated Menlo Park pool for a cost of \$24,819.88. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Conville and Hendricks, who voted against. The motion passed by a 6-2 vote.

Approve MS Walk for 2007

Upon a motion by Handy, seconded by Delaney, Council unanimously approved a request by the Multiple Sclerosis Society to hold an annual walk in Lenape Park on April 22, 2007.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Presentation of Perkasio Emergency Operations Plan

Perkasio Emergency Management Coordinator Steve Reichman presented the Borough's Emergency Operations Plan. Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Boyer, Council unanimously approved the plan.

Appointments to Board and Commissions

Five Year Term to the Perkasio Borough Authority

The floor was opened for nominations to the Perkasio Borough Authority. Harry McGonigal nominated Bill Hettel which was seconded by Bill Delaney. Rich Hendricks nominated Robert Wasson and nominations were closed. Upon voice vote, Councilmembers with the exception of Hendricks voted for Bill Hettel. Ray Conville abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. Bill Hettel was appointed to the Perkasio Borough Authority for a five year term through 2011.

Four Year Terms to the Perkasio Planning Commission

The floor was then opened for two nominations to the Perkasio Planning Commission. Rich Hendricks nominated Barbara Faust which was seconded by Conville. Mayor Hunsicker nominated Dennis Hurchalla which was seconded by Conville. Jim Boyer nominated Eileen Bradley, which was seconded by Handy. Nominations were closed.

Upon roll call voted, Councilmembers Walck, Delaney, Handy, Boyer, Burke and McGonigal voted for Eileen Bradley. Councilmembers Hendricks and Conville voted for Dennis Hurchalla. By a 6-2 vote, Dennis Hurchalla was appointed to a four year term to the Perkasio Planning Commission through 2010.

Upon a second roll call vote, Barbara Faust was appointed to a four year term through 2010 on the Perkasio Planning Commission by acclamation.

Five Year Term to the Zoning Hearing Board

The floor was then opened for nominations to the Zoning Hearing Board. Joan Handy nominated Jeff Crozier which was seconded by McGonigal. Ray Conville nominated Bill Davis which was seconded by Hendricks. Harry McGonigal nominated Dennis Hurchalla which was seconded by Boyer. Nominations were closed.

By roll call vote, Councilmembers Walck, Handy, McGonigal, Boyer and Burke voted for Jeff Crozier. Bill Delaney voted for Dennis Hurchalla. Hendricks and Conville voted for Bill Davis. Jeff Crozier was appointed by a 5-2-1 vote for a five year term on the Perkasio Zoning Hearing Board through 2011.

Three Year Terms as alternates on the Zoning Hearing Board

Upon a roll call vote for an appointment as alternate to the Perkasio Zoning Hearing Board, all Councilmembers present voted for Dennis Hurchalla with the exception of Hendricks and Conville who voted for Davis. Dennis Hurchalla was appointed as an alternate to fill a three year unexpired term through 2007.

Upon a third roll call vote, all Councilmembers voted unanimously to appoint Bill Davis as a second alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill a three year unexpired term through 2008.

One Year Term to the Vacancy Board

This appointment will be made the first meeting in January 2007.

Three Year Terms to the Perkasio Parks and Recreation Board

Nominations were opened for a three year term to the Perkasio Parks and Recreation Board. Harry McGonigal nominated Nickole Collins which was seconded by Randy Walck. Joan Handy nominated Larry Snyder which was seconded by Bill Delaney. Upon roll call vote, all Councilmembers unanimously appointed Nickole Collins to the Parks and Recreation Board through 2009.

Upon a second roll call vote, Larry Snyder was appointed by acclamation for a three year term to the Perkasio Parks and Recreation Board through 2009.

Upon a third roll call, all Councilmembers, with the exception of Hendricks and Conville who voted for Robyn Rapp, voted to appoint Elizabeth Jarrett to the Perkasio Parks and Recreation Board for a three year term through 2009.

Four Year Term to the Civil Service Commission

Upon a motion by Handy, seconded by Walck, Nancy Keenan was appointed unanimously to a four year term through 2010 to the Perkasio Civil Service Commission.

Five Year Term on the Perkasio Industrial Development Authority Board

Upon motion by Boyer, seconded by Handy, Dan West was appointed by acclamation for a five year term through 2011 on the Perkasio Industrial Development Authority.

Five Year Term on the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, John Scott was appointed by acclamation for a five year term through 2011 on the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority.

Resolution #2006-70, Establishing 2007 Council Meeting Dates

Upon motion by Boyer, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-70 setting the Council meeting dates for 2007.

Resolution #2006-71, 2007 Wage and Salary Schedule

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Boyer, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-71 establishing the wage and salary schedule for Borough employees for 2007.

Resolution #2006-72, Reduce Pension Contributions for 2007

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Boyer, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-72 waiving the required member contributions to the non-uniformed pension plan for calendar year 2007.

East Rockhill Township Building Inspection Contract

Upon motion by Boyer, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously agreed to approve the Building Inspection Contract with East Rockhill Township.

Request from Police Officer Delia-Vacation Carryover

Upon a motion by Boyer, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved a vacation carryover request from 2006 to 2007 for Perkasio Police Officer Delia since he was unable to use all of his accrued time after returning from duty in Iraq.

Approve Personnel List

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Boyer, Council considered approving the personnel list as follows:

Joseph DePhillipo/Skate Park Hired effective 12/2/06
Brian Wooler/Public Works Hired effective 12/18/06
Andrea Brody-P&R Coordinator Hired effective 1/8/07

All Councilmembers voted in favor of the list, with the exception of Hendricks and Conville who voted against it.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Resolution #2006-73, Budget Amendments and Interfund Transfers

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Walck, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-73 amending the 2006 budget appropriations and authorizing the 2006 interfund transfers.

Resolution #2006-74, Recommend Adoption of Final 2007 Budget

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-74, adopting the final 2007 budget.

Approve Five Year Capital Plan

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Walck, Council unanimously approved the five year capital plan.

Resolution #2006-75, Consolidated Fee Schedule for 2007

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-75, approving the 2007 consolidated fee schedule.

Consulting Financial Assistant Approval

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously agreed to hire former Assistant Borough Manager Maureen Doyle for consulting work to help the office with year end budget balancing and paperwork and to assist in the training of the new Finance Director at a rate of \$50.00 per hour.

Approve Ordinance #916, Establishing the Tax Rate for 2007

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously adopted Ordinance 916 establishing the tax rate at 5.75 mills—4.75 mills for general fund purposes and 1.00 mill for fire protection services.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Council members discussed two proposals for website revitalization/management from the Kayden Group and Mr. Barry Weinstein. Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Delaney, Councilmembers considered contracting with Barry Weinstein to update and maintain the Borough's website at a cost lower than Kayden Group. Mr. Hendricks asked for additional information before Council voted on this issue. The matter was tabled pending receipt of additional information.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this committee.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE ITEMS

There was no business to come before this committee.

CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE ITEMS

There was no business to come before this committee.

HEALTH CARE AD HOC COMMITTEE ITEMS

There was no business to come before this committee.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion by Boyer, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2006-76, authorizing Keith Truman, Director of Planning and Zoning to apply for and execute an agreement on the Borough's behalf to obtain financial disaster relief assistance for a flooding event in June of 2006.

Lori Wychakinas of the Perkasio Ambulance was present and gave an update on the financial status of the Perkasio Community Ambulance (PCA). She inquired as to when the Borough would be able to loan them the money to pay off their IRS debts. President Burke stated that the Borough wanted to consult with the Perkasio Community Ambulance's CPA before moving forward.

Councilman McGonigal stated that the trial mini-wind turbine in Lenape Park is up and working.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Burke announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation and may reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager