

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
JANUARY 15, 2007

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
Harrison McGonigal (absent)
J. Robert Hunsicker
Dr. Robert Romancheck
Ann Thornburg Weiss
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer
Morning Call
Bucks County Herald

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Interim Borough Manager:

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 the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Chris Nicolosi of 429 South Ridge Road. Mr. Nicolosi made comments regarding last year's proposed takeover of the Perkasie Borough Authority.

Lori Wychankis of the Perkasie Community Ambulance (PCA) was present and asked Council what the status of the loan was the PCA had requested.

Present was Chuck Davis of 140 North 7th Street who had questions regarding former Councilman Bill Hettel being appointed to the Perkasie Borough Authority Board.

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive made comments regarding the Borough's new trash system.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Burke announced that the warm weather has kept the renovation project for the Menlo Pool on schedule.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Upon motion by Handy, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously approved the Council Committee meeting minutes of January 2, 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor had nothing to report.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

Boucher & James monthly engineer report was reviewed and accepted.

Planning Commission Report

There was not a Planning Commission meeting since the last Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Public Works Committee.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Personnel List

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

Heather Van Horn/Finance Director	hired effective 1/8/07
Carole Murray/Perkasie Pool	hired effective 1/15/07

All Councilmembers voted to approve the list with the exception of Hendricks and Conville who voted against it. By a 6-2 vote, the list was approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Emergency Municipal Service Tax

Councilmembers discussed establishing a refund policy for exempt persons earning less than \$12,000 per year for the Emergency Municipal Service Tax. Upon a motion by McGonigal, seconded by Hendricks, Council agreed to amend the tax ordinance so that only earned income would be taxed and not all income as reflected on a 1040 tax form.

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Delaney, Councilmembers directed the Interim Borough Manager to send a letter to the tax collector Berkheimer Associates notifying them of this change.

Mr. Hendricks asked that a revised ordinance be placed on the Finance Committee agenda for February 5. It was also requested that this information be placed in the next

newsletter to notify employers regarding exempt employees and refunds.

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Economic Development Committee.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

The Committee had no business to conduct at this time.

CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Cable Committee.

HEALTH CARE AD HOC COMMITTEE

The Committee had no business to conduct at this time.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved the following Perkasio Police Officers to carry over unused vacation time from 2006 to 2007:

Officer Anthony DeLia	32 hours
Officer Thomas Brun	4 hours

Interim Borough Manager Romancheck noted that the Borough had received a conditional use permit application for the Perkasio Dairy Queen. It was agreed to schedule a public hearing before Borough Council.

Councilmembers addressed the Perkasio Community Ambulance (PCA) regarding their request for a loan to pay back taxes owed to the IRS. Councilmembers discussed the financial status of the Corps noting that the PCA had no collateral to secure a loan. President Burke requested to see a financial plan that would guarantee the loan would be paid back. She also requested meeting with other municipalities to discuss a solution.

President Burke addressed the issue of Bill Hettel's resignation from Borough Council and his appointment to the Perkasio Borough Authority Board.

Lastly, President Burke announced that she had received an e-mail from Councilman Lee Metzger resigning from Council effective January 31, 2007. Upon a motion by McGonigal, seconded by Boyer, Council unanimously accepted the resignation.

It was announced that Council has 30 days to fill the vacancy. Interviews and the appointment for the vacancy would be done at the February 19 Council meeting. All interested parties were advised to apply and fill out a financial statement of interest form by February 9, 2007.

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 would not reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Dr. Robert Romancheck
Interim Borough Manager