

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING  
FEBRUARY 5, 2007**

620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Eadie Burke  
James Boyer  
Ray Conville  
Bill Delaney  
Joan Handy  
Richard Hendricks (absent)  
Harry McGonigal  
Randy Walck  
Harrison McGonigal  
J. Robert Hunsicker  
Dr. Robert Romanchek  
Joe Gura  
Phil Ivins  
Ann Weiss  
News Herald  
Morning Call  
Daily Intelligencer  
Bucks County Herald

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Interim Borough Manager:

Police Chief:

Public Facilities Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Borough Council Vice-President Jim Boyer convened the meeting at 7:30 PM. Mrs. Handy gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Chris Nicolosi, President of the Perkasie Olde Towne Association (POTA) was present and updated Council on the reorganization of the group and its plans for the upcoming year.

**REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION**

Due to the absence of Councilman Hendricks, who also sits on the Planning Commission, there was no report on the commission's last meeting.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for January 2007.

Other Business

Dr. Romanchek advised Councilmembers that the electric utility market was not favorable to purchasers of electricity. He stated that the Borough needs to look at other options to bring electric into the community.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for January 2007. The Superintendent reviewed a report on the co-mingling of recyclables stating the Borough has saved \$251,497 in deferred costs by using the current program. It was the consensus of all Council members present to

continue with the current program.

#### Update on Park and Recreation Activities

Parks and Recreation Director Andrea Brody updated Council on the parks and recreation programs she would like to implement including additional events at the newly renovated Menlo Pool.

#### Update on Menlo Pool Renovation Project

Parks and Recreation Director Andrea Brody updated the Committee on the status of the Menlo Pool renovation project.

#### Consider Menlo Pool Membership Fees

The Committee reviewed a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Director regarding suggested pool fees for the 2007 season. Several questions were asked and answered including how the proposed rates compare to other pools. The Committee agreed to place the matter on the February 19, 2007 Council meeting agenda.

#### Proposed Skate Park Schedule

Committee members reviewed a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Director changing the hours of the skate park for the winter 2007 season. The Committee concurred with the adjusted hours and agreed to put the matter on the February 19 Council meeting agenda.

#### Review Bid #2007-1 Results, Concrete Work for 2007

The Committee reviewed the results of the bid opening for concrete work within the Borough. The Committee agreed to recommend the bid for sidewalks, curbing, aprons, monolithic, monolithic driveways aprons and around poles be awarded to Kramer Brothers. The Committee further recommended that the bid for handicap ramps and brick pavers be awarded to McCarthy Masonry. It was agreed to place award of the bid on the February 19 Council meeting agenda.

#### Resolution to Grant Final Approval to MJE Builders Subdivision

With the recommendation of the Perkasio Planning Commission, the Committee agreed to consider approval to the MJE Subdivision at 317 East Walnut Street. The resolution to grant final approval will be placed on the February 19 Council meeting agenda.

#### Request from Pennridge Community Day to Reserve Park

The Committee reviewed a request from Pennridge Community Day, Inc. to hold its annual event in Lenape Park on July 8, 2007 with a raindate of July 15, 2007. This matter will be placed on the February 19, 2007 Council agenda for approval.

#### Resolution #2007-2, Authorize Fire Police Assistance

The Committee reviewed a resolution authorizing Perkasio Fire Police Assistance for certain events for 2007. It was agreed to place the matter on the February 19, 2007 Council meeting agenda for approval.

#### Resolution #2007-3, Appoint Fire Police

The Committee reviewed a resolution appointing special Perkasio Fire Police for traffic and crowd control for any events the Perkasio Fire Company is in attendance. It was agreed to place approval of the resolution on the February 19, 2007 Council meeting agenda for approval.

#### HVAC Modifications

Interim Manager Dr. Romancheck explained significant problems with the Borough Hall's air conditioning and heating system. Dr. Romancheck presented a proposal to purchase equipment to regulate the meeting room and office areas more efficiently and economically. More information would be provided regarding the cost of the equipment and the matter was placed on the February 19 Council

meeting agenda.

#### Other Business

A concern about the placement of sheds in the open space of Penny Lane was discussed. It was asked that the Director of Planning and Zoning periodically verify that all structures within the Borough have the proper permits required.

### **PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

#### Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for January 2007.

#### Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Committee.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### Review Revised Emergency Municipal Services (EMS) Tax Ordinance

The Committee reviewed an amendment to the EMS Tax ordinance revising the exempt persons earning less than \$12,000 per year on earned income not all income. The Committee concurred with the amendment and agreed to place the ordinance on the February 19, 2007 Council meeting agenda.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

#### Discuss Website Update

Chairman Harry McGonigal asked that Councilmembers submit any suggestions or revisions to the Borough's website to him for consideration at the March 5 Committee meeting.

#### Approval of 2007 Perkasio Olde Towne Association Events

Committee members reviewed a request from Perkasio Olde Towne Association (POTA) for approval of their 2007 events schedule. Chairman McGonigal asked that each event be considered separately instead of Borough Council giving blanket approval. The Committee concurred with the Chairman's recommendation. POTA was asked to submit detailed information on each event that would be held.

### **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**

#### Health Care Options/Benefit Package

Dr. Romancheck stated he is in the process of working on a proposal regarding options for health care packages to reduce the costs of the Borough health insurance.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no further business to discuss.

**PRESS FORUM**

Questions from the press were received and answered.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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Dr. Robert Romancheck  
Interim Borough Manager