

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

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Eadie Burke
James Boyer
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney
Joan Handy
Richard Hendricks
Harry McGonigal
Randy Walck
Nickole Collins
Harrison McGonigal
J. Robert Hunsicker
Dr. Robert Romancheck
Joe Gura
Phil Ivins
Kate Harper
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 7:00 PM. Ms. Handy asked for a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of former Council Member John Gerner. Ms. Handy gave an invocation followed by a Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chris Nicolosi, President of Perkasie Olde Towne Association expressed disappointment that the Hot Ribs Cool Jazz Festival was not on the Council Agenda for the evening. He stated that he had many productive meetings with Mr. Ivins and hoped that the Council would put it on the agenda tonight under other business.

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive was present to express concerns regarding the council nominations held at the last Council Meeting and regarding trash dumpsters in the Borough.

Joseph Suitor of 111 S. Main Street was present to discuss his concerns about the South Perk Hotel opening for business on Sundays and the added parking problems and traffic that this would bring to the area on Sundays.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no report from the Planning Commission.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for February 2007.

Other Business

Mr. Boyer noted that the Borough budgeted money for new Christmas decorations and he would like to see the Borough begin to purchase them as the holiday season approaches rapidly.

Mr. McGonigal commended Mr. Ivins on the savings he has generated from the recycling program.

Mr. Hendricks also commended Mr. Ivins on the man hour savings but stated that he would like to see a better accounting of the savings so that they would be reflected in the budget reports.

Request from Good Time Motivators Car Club

The Committee reviewed a request from Good Time Motivators Car Club requesting permission to hold a car show in Lenape Park on May 27, 2007. This matter will be placed on the March 19, 2007 Council agenda for approval.

Review Bid #2007-2 Results, Landscape Material for Pool

The Committee reviewed the results of the bid opening for Landscape Materials for the Menlo Park Pool. Clarke's Landscaping was the low bidder. It was agreed to place award of the bid on the March 19 Council meeting agenda for approval.

Review Bid #2007-3 Results, Topsoil for Pool

The Committee reviewed the results of the bid opening for Topsoil. Clarke's Landscaping was the low bidder. Mr. Ivins noted that both the Topsoil and Landscaping Bids are under budget so the Borough will be saving money in both of those areas. It was agreed to place award of the bid on the March 19 Council meeting agenda for approval.

Evaluation of Bid #2007-1 Results, Concrete

The Committee reviewed the results of the Concrete Bids awarded at the Council Meeting held on February 19, 2007. Mr. Hendricks inquired about breaking out of the bids to two companies. Mr. Ivins explained that at the Pre-Bid Meeting all of the bidders were informed that the Borough may break out certain parts of the bid and award them to different companies and they agreed to that. He also said that it is difficult to estimate which homeowners will use their own contractors instead of the Borough Contractor making it difficult to determine the total amount of work. Mr. Delaney asked Mr. Ivins his opinion as to why some of the bids were almost 50% higher than others. Mr. Ivins said he believed it was due to dumping location. Some of the bidders have local places to dump debris whereas others would have to truck the debris further away.

Request to Use Park for Walk-A-Thon Community Home Services

The Committee reviewed a request from Community Home Services requesting permission to hold a Walk-A-Thon through Lenape Park on May 19, 2007. This matter will be placed on the March 19, 2007 Council Agenda for approval.

Request to Hold "Main Street Mile" Run

The Committee reviewed a request from Tricia Croyle to hold a "Main Street Mile Run" on S. Main Street on June 9, 2007. This matter will be placed on the March 19, 2007 Council Agenda for approval.

Request from Trinity Lutheran Church

The Committee reviewed a request from Trinity Lutheran Church to close the street for Easter Services on April 7, 2007. This matter will be placed on the March 19, 2007 Council agenda for approval.

Request for Handicapped Parking Space

The Committee reviewed a request for the placement of a "Handicapped" parking space at 401 S. Ninth Street. This matter will be placed on the March 19, 2007 Council agenda.

Request to hold Hot Ribs Cool Jazz Festival

The Committee reviewed a request from Perkasio Olde Towne Association to hold a Hot Ribs Cool Jazz Festival on May 19, 2007. Mr. McGonigal stated that during this event last year, roads were closed without permission resulting in a disruption to businesses and residents. Mr. Nicolosi stated that he does not want a repeat of what happened last year. He has contacted all of the businesses that will be affected and they have signed off on the road closures and they have also sent flyers to all of the homeowners that will be affected as well. Mr. Walck asked to see the list of the businesses that signed off that was referenced in Mr. Nicolosi's letter to Council. Mr. Conville stated that earlier in the meeting another group made a request to close a street for another event and they did not have to provide a sign off list from businesses and the Council should treat all applicants equally. This matter will be placed on the March 19, 2007 Council Agenda pending receipt of the sign off list.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2007 Tax Bills

Mr. McGonigal reported that the 2007 Real Estate Tax Bills were sent out incorrectly. The tax millage should be shown on the bills as 4.75 mills for Borough and 1.00 mill for the Fire Department. Dr. Romancheck was instructed to call the Real Estate Tax Collector and resolve this issue for future tax bills.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. McGonigal shared a website proposal from Atalanta Web Design that was received by the Borough and commented that the Borough is still conducting a search for a webmaster.

Mr. McGonigal commented that he received a complaint from a resident who did a search of Perkasio.com looking for the Borough's website and inappropriate material is displayed on that site. Mr. McGonigal is looking into the possibility of the Borough acquiring the site Perkasio.com in addition to Perkasio.org.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Committee had no business to conduct at this time.

CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE

Verizon Cable Franchise Agreement

Dr. Romancheck explained to the group that the Borough had received a cable franchise agreement proposal from Verizon. This agreement was drafted by the Bucks County Consortium which consists of 35 local municipalities and their attorney with the members sharing the cost of the legal fees. Mary Lou Frere of Verizon was present to answer any questions that the Council or public had. She explained the contract as having a 12 year term, 5% franchise fees annually and free channels for Fire, Police and the Borough as well as a bonus based upon the number of subscribers estimated to be over \$10,000.00. Mr. Hendricks stated that the Borough will not likely see an increase in revenue from Verizon's franchise fees as it will be fees that the Borough is already receiving from Comcast. This matter will be placed on the March 19 Council agenda.

HEALTH CARE AD HOC COMMITTEE

Dr. Romancheck informed the Committee that he had a meeting with Brown and Brown Insurance and they are in the process of visiting all of the Borough's buildings to put together a proposal for a blanket policy.

Ms. Handy told the group that she is very concerned about the rising cost of healthcare premiums for the Borough and feels that the employees should contribute more towards their premium costs.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Romancheck reported that the Senior Center will be closing and the Borough will lose a polling place. He is recommending that the Borough Hall be used as a polling place. This matter will be placed on the March 19 Council agenda.

PRESS FORUM

Questions were received and answered from the press.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Dr. Robert Romancheck
Interim Borough Manager/Secretary