

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MARCH 19, 2007

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Eadie Burke
James Boyer (absent)
Nickole Collins
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney
Joan Handy
Richard Hendricks
Harry McGonigal
Randy Walck
Harrison McGonigal
J. Robert Hunsicker
Dr. Robert Romancheck
Ann Thornburg Weiss
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer
Morning Call
Bucks County Herald

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

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.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Burke congratulated the Electric Department and Public Works departments on their recent awards for achieving First Place in the American Public Power Association's 2006 Safety Contest. This was the 13th year the Electric Department received an award and the first year for the Public Works Department. President Burke also commended the Public Works department for an excellent job of clearing the streets during the recent snow and ice storm.

PUBLIC FORUM

Richard Holland of 214 Vine Street wanted to bring the condition of Constitution Avenue to the attention of the Council. He stated that the condition of the road has deteriorated to the point that it is a safety hazard for drivers. He stated that the road has over 15 potholes and recently he has witnessed drivers avoiding potholes almost collide with oncoming vehicles. He is asking the Council to please contact PennDOT and try to get the state to address the roads in Perkasie.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Handy seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of February 19, 2007 with one correction that the award of the concrete bid was not unanimous it was opposed by Hendricks and Conville.

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved the Special Council meeting minutes of March 5, 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor stated he didn't have a report tonight but would like to express that he is happy to

see the public turnout at the meeting tonight and it is pleasure to see residents interested in the Council Meetings.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for February 2007.

Engineer's Report

Dr. Romancheck told the Council that there is an Engineer's report in their packet and if the Council had any comments or questions please contact him and he will look into it for them. Also he presented a list of width measurements of Borough streets as requested by a resident at the last Council meeting that addresses the issue of the street next to the South Perk Restaurant becoming one way. The width of the street does not support the requirements to make it one way.

Mr. Hendricks noted that he had seen Cheryleen Strothers in town and she has been unsuccessful getting in touch with Mark Eisold, Boucher and James to get a Use and Occupancy permit for the Zavitsanos project and he asked Dr. Romancheck to please follow up on that matter.

Planning Commission Report

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Request from Perkasio Olde Town Association- Hot Ribs Cool Jazz

Upon a motion by Conville, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the Perkasio Olde Towne Association Hot Ribs Cool Jazz festival on Saturday May 19, 2007.

Consider Borough Hall for Polling Location

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Walck, Council unanimously approved request to use the Borough Hall for a Polling Location.

CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE

Daniel J. Reavy, Director, External Affairs, of Verizon was present to answer any questions regarding the Verizon Cable Franchise Agreement.

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously authorized the approval of the Verizon Cable Franchise Agreement contingent upon the appropriate staff and consultant reviews.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Good Time Motorvators Car Club Request

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Delaney, Council unanimously approved request from Good Time Motorvators Car Club to hold a car show on May 27, 2007 in Lenape Park.

Award Bid #2007-2 Landscape Material for Pool

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Walck, Council unanimously approved award of Landscape Material Bid #2007-2 to Clark's Landscaping for \$32,888.73.

Award Bid #2007-3 Top Soil for Menlo Pool

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Delaney, Council unanimously approved award of Top Soil Bid #2007-3 to Jones at \$15.95 per cubic yard for 650 cubic yards totaling \$10,367.50.

Award Bid #2007-4 Liquid Asphalt for Menlo Pool and Walnut Street

Upon motion by Handy, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously approved award of Liquid Asphalt Bid #2007-4 to Bux-Mont Paving.

Consider Approval of Walk-a-Thon – Community Home Services

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the use of Lenape Park for Walk-A-Thon by Community Home Services on May 19, 2007.

Consider Approval of Main Street Mile Run

Mr. Hendricks asked if the Police Chief has reviewed the request and made any comments. Dr. Romancheck said that he had not received anything from Chief Gura.

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Walck, Council unanimously approved the request to hold a Main Street Mile Run on S. Main Street on June 9, 2007.

Resolution #2007-9, Handicap Parking Space

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2007-9 for the creation of a Handicap Parking Space at 401 South Ninth Street.

Approve Donation of Bicycles

Mr. Hendricks asked which organizations are to receive the bicycles. President Burke indicated that Chief Gura had not specified which organizations in his request. Dr. Romancheck was instructed to contact the Chief and provide Council with a list.

Upon motion by Walck, seconded by Delaney, Council unanimously approved the donation of bicycles.

Consider Request from Compassionate Friends of Quakertown Walk and Butterfly Release

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously approved request from Compassionate Friends of Quakertown to hold a Walk and Butterfly Release in Lenape Park on June 9, 2007 with a rain date of June 10, 2007.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Handy, to approved Personnel List dated March 12, 2007. 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 as follows.

Shane Huey/Public Works Dept. Hired 3/12/07

Consider Resolution #2007-8 Revised Consolidated Fee Schedule

Mr. Hendricks wanted to clarify that the revised fee schedule changes the family definition from two parents and two children to two parents and all children in household. He also expressed concern that by changing the fee schedule the pool revenue would not break even. Dr. Romancheck said that he is encouraged that memberships will be higher than previous years and he is optimistic that the revenue would cover the expenses.

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Walck, Council unanimously approved Resolution # 2007-8 Revised Consolidated Fee Schedule.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

The Committee had no business to conduct at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE ITEMS

The 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.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Burke announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation and would not reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Dr. Robert Romancheck
Interim Borough Manager/Secretary