

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
JULY 16, 2007

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Eadie Burke James Boyer Nickole Collins (absent) Ray Conville Bill Delaney Joan Handy Richard Hendricks Harry McGonigal Randy Walck
Mayor:	J. Robert Hunsicker
Interim Borough Manager:	Dr. Robert Romancheck
Borough Solicitor:	Ann Thornburg Weiss
Press Representatives:	News Herald Daily Intelligencer Morning Call

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 Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive who thanked Council for getting the trial wind turbine up and running in Lenape Park.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Burke commented that she was happy to see the Pennridge Gator Swim Team using the Menlo Pool for their swim meets.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Boyer, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of June 18, 2007 with revisions.

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved the Council Committee meeting minutes of July 9, 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor had nothing to report.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

Upon motion by Boyer, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for June 2007.

Engineer's Report

The Borough engineer's report for June was accepted.

Planning Commission Report

The next meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Perkasie Olde Towne Association Under the Lights Car Show

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously approved a request from the Perkasie Olde Towne Association to hold an "Under the Lights Car Show" on Saturday, August 18, 2007.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Use of Borough Facilities

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Delaney, Council unanimously agreed not to set a policy for the use of the Borough Hall Meeting Room. Requests would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Review Revised Citizen Board Application

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Delaney, Council unanimously approved a revised Citizen Board Application to include that Park and Recreation Board members must attend a majority of the Board's sponsored activities.

Reimburse for Tuition Officer Hillias

Upon motion by Delaney, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved a tuition reimbursement request for Perkasie Police Officer Hillias.

Reimburse for Tuition Officer DeLia

Upon motion by Boyer, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved a tuition reimbursement request for Perkasie Police Officer DeLia.

Revision to Work Rules-Sexual Misconduct

Upon motion by Handy, seconded by Boyer, Council unanimously agreed to revise the Employee Work Rules to change the Harassment Policy to a Sexual Misconduct Policy.

Personnel List

Upon motion by Handy, seconded by Walck, Council unanimously approved the personnel list as follows:

Pool Employees Resigned

Sarah Denard
Ben Marano

Lifeguards Hired
Michael Caro
David Ziegler
Zachary Knepp

Snack Bar Attendants Hired
Christopher McKenna

Bathhouse Attendants Hired
Leslie Brown
Chloe Stoop

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Approve 2008 Budget Meeting Schedule

Upon motion by Boyer, seconded by Walck, Council unanimously approved the 2008 budget meeting schedule as follows:

2008 BUDGET SCHEDULE

AUGUST 17	Department Head Budgets and Capital Requests due to Finance Director
AUGUST 20-24	Department Head Budget Meetings with Manager and Finance Director
AUGUST 27-29	Finance Director prepares Proposed Budget Draft and Five Year Capital Plan after Departmental Budget Meetings
AUGUST 30	Manager and Finance Director review and approve 2008 proposed budget draft.
AUGUST 31	First draft copy of 2008 proposed budget sent out in weekly packets to council.
SEPTEMBER 10	<i>Special</i> Finance Committee Meeting: Review Budget and Five Year Capital Plan
SEPTEMBER 24	Second draft copy of proposed budget sent out in weekly packets to Council including revisions/recommendations from September 10 FCM meeting
OCTOBER 1	Finance Committee Meeting Budget Discussion Recommend Adoption of Preliminary Budget to Council
OCTOBER 15	Regular Council Meeting Adopt Preliminary Budget
OCTOBER 29	<i>Special</i> Finance Committee Meeting Review proposed budget and discuss final changes
NOVEMBER 5	Finance Committee Meeting

Recommend Adoption of Final Budget to Council
Recommend Five-Year Capital Plan approval to Council

NOVEMBER 19

Regular Council Meeting
Adopt 2008 Budget and Five Year Capital Plan

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE

The Committees had no business to conduct at this time.

HEALTH CARE AD HOC COMMITTEE ITEMS

Approve Health Insurance Proposal from Delaware Valley Insurance Trust

Upon motion by Walck, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved a health insurance proposal from Delaware Valley Insurance Trust eliminating the Borough's other current plans and consolidating them into one plan. Interim Manager Romancheck stated that meetings would be set up with all Borough employees to review the new proposed plan.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Councilman McGonigal requested permission for a Borough employee pool party at the Perkasio Aquatic Center on August 17 from 8:00-11:00 PM. Councilmembers concurred with the request.

Councilman McGonigal informed Council that the Perkasio Square Shopping Center was recently sold for a higher amount than what it is assessed at. He suggested the Borough request a property value reassessment to match its most recent sale price. This could result in an increase to the Borough's tax revenue if the property was assessed at a higher amount. It was the consensus of all Councilmembers present to proceed with taking the necessary steps for the appeal process.

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Boyer, Council unanimously approved a request to hold the Annual Ryan's Race and Walk in Lenape Park on October 13, 2007.

Mr. Boyer made reference to a letter from Nelson Hollenbach of South 8th Street regarding handicap parking. The letter would be forwarded to the Perkasio Police Department for its recommendation.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Dr. Robert Romancheck
Interim Borough Manager