

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
OCTOBER 15, 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
J. Robert Hunsicker
Dan Olpere
Ann Thornburg Weiss
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer
Morning Call
Bucks County Herald

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.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive who thanked Council for reopening the skate park.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Burke welcomed Borough Manager Dan Olpere back to work after a leave of absence due to illness. She also thanked the Parks and Recreation Board for a great Fall Festival October 7, 2007.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of September 17, 2007.

Upon motion by Delaney, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously approved the Council Committees meeting minutes of October 1, 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor read a Proclamation designating Halloween Night in Perkasie Borough on October 31, 2007 from 6:00PM to 9:00 PM.

Mayor Hunsicker also reported he recently presented a Certificate of Achievement to

Daniel Eichlin in recognition of obtaining the status of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

Upon motion by Delaney, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for September 2007.

Engineer's Report

The Borough Engineer's report was reviewed and accepted.

Planning Commission Report

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

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Resolution #2007-14, Zavitsanos Subdivision-Waiver of Driveway Width

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved a waiver from the Subdivision Land Development Ordinance Section 164-20.C, the 34 foot driveway width requirement in order to meet PennDOT requirements.

Approval of POTA Holiday Event

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Walck, Council unanimously approved the annual Perkasio Olde Towne Association holiday events.

Approval of Stormwater Management Ordinance #920

Upon by McGonigal, seconded by Walck, Council unanimously approved the amendments to the Stormwater Management Ordinance for both the Tohicken Creek and East Branch Perkiomen Creek Watersheds as recommended by the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Approval of Ordinance #921, Amend Pension Benefits for Police Officers

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by McGonigal, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #921 amending the pension benefits for police officers to include 1) killed in service benefits, 2) different calculation of salary, and 3) member contribution to pension plan changed to 0% instead of 5%.

Resolution #2007-15, Skatepark Regulations

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2007-15 which would rescind Resolution #2004-10, establishing skate park operation policies.

Ordinance #922, Establishing an Office of Emergency Management and Emergency Service Cost Reimbursement

Upon a motion by McGonigal, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved an ordinance establishing an Office of Emergency Management by Borough Council and provide for the recovery of costs incurred by any emergency service or related agency that provided emergency response to the Borough of Perkasio . Costs incurred would be charged to the person or entity that caused the need for an emergency response.

Accept Resignation from Parks and Recreation Board

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously accepted the resignation of Joyce Stemler as senior delegate to the Perkasio Parks and Recreation Board.

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously appointed Milly Bischoff of 309 Vine Street, Perkasio to fill the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Board through December 31, 2007.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE

HEALTH CARE AD HOC COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before these committees.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Hendricks asked if the Borough needed to amend the Emergency Services Tax ordinance since it will be replaced by the new "Local Services Tax". The item was placed on the November 5 Committees agenda.

Councilman McGonigal announced that the next meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss the 2008 budget would be Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at 12:00 PM in the Borough Hall meeting room.

PRESS FORUM

There were no questions from the press.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary