

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 19, 2007

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Eadie Burke
James Boyer (absent)
Nickole Collins
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney
Joan Handy
Rich Hendricks (absent)
Harry McGonigal (absent)
Randy Walck
J. Robert Hunsicker
Daniel P. Olpere
Kate Harper
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. Ms. Handy gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Terry Benner of Perkasie attended to voice his disappointment with Council for the recent dismissal of Borough employee Donna Benner.

Luther Chontofalsky was present to bring to the attention of Council a manufacturer error on the Borough's small trash bags.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Eadie Burke announced the upcoming holiday events of the Perkasie Olde Town Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of October 15, 2007.

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously approved the Committee meeting minutes of November 5, 2007.

Upon a motion by Delaney, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved the Special Finance Committee minutes of November 7, 2007.

Upon a motion by Conville, seconded by Delaney, after brief discussion regarding purchasing skate park equipment and when it was voted on to relocate the skate park, Council unanimously approved the Special Finance Committee minutes of November 14, 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

No report.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

No report.

Planning Commission Report

A report was given at last meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Delaney made a motion to reinstate Donna Benner, seconded by Conville. After a brief discussion, Council President Eadie Burke announced that Council would go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Council took a roll call vote, which resulted in the unanimous decision to immediately re-instate recently dismissed Borough employee Donna Benner.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Ordinance #923, Bucks County Solid Waste Plan

Upon a motion by Handy, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously voted to approve Ordinance #923, adopting the Bucks County Solid Waste Management Plan.

Bucks County Redevelopment Plan

Mr. Olpere stated that he is open to any questions Council may have on the issue and stated that he had a meeting with Michael Kracht who brought him up to date on what has happened over the past year. He also stated that he has a letter prepared to send to Mr. Bob White requesting an update on the Bucks County Redevelopment Plan since there has been no response to a letter he sent Mr. White last October.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Resolution #2007-16 Participation of Regional Ambulance Service

Upon a motion by Walck, seconded by Handy, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2007-16, allowing Perkasio Borough to participate in regional ambulance services and appointing Eadie Burke as the official representative of Perkasio Borough to the newly proposed Board of Directors.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Local Service Tax Ordinance #924

Upon a motion by Handy, seconded by Collins, all Councilmembers present with the exception of Conville, voted in favor of Ordinance #924 replacing the Emergency Municipal Service Tax with the Local Service Tax Ordinance. The Ordinance was approved 5-1. Conville opposed the motion.

Local PMRS Excess Interest Distribution

Council President Burke explained that this will be on a percentage basis for the retired employees. Upon a motion by Walck, seconded by Delaney, Council voted to approve the interest distribution. The motion was approved 5-1 (Conville opposed).

Conville questioned why all of the \$188,000 would be disbursed between the retired employees, and not divided by the current employees as well being that they also contribute to the fund.

Resolution #2007-17, Reappointment of Auditor

Upon a motion by Handy, seconded by Walck, Council voted to approve Resolution #2007-17 appointing Styer and Associates as the independent auditor for Perkasio to perform the fiscal year 2007 financial audit with a 5-0-1 vote. Conville abstained from the vote. His reason for abstention is attached to the minutes.

Authorization to Pay Bills

Upon a motion by Conville, seconded by Walck, Council voted to pay the bills.

Approve Preliminary Budget

Upon a motion by Handy, seconded by Delaney, Council unanimously voted to approve the 2008 Preliminary Budget and advertise it for public review.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary