

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2008**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Marty Gahman
Eadie Burke
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney
Richard Hendricks
Harry McGonigal
Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik
J. Robert Hunsicker
Daniel P. Olpere
Joe Gura
Ann Weiss
News Herald
Morning Call
Daily Intelligencer
Bucks County Herald

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Police Chief:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hunsicker at 7:00 PM. Mr. Hendricks gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

Mayor Hunsicker presented Certificates of Election and administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Borough Council officials Martin Gahman, Chris Nicolosi, Jim Purcell and Maria Slowik. The newly appointed Borough Councilors took their seat at the Council dais.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mayor Hunsicker opened the floor for nomination for Borough Council President. Jim Purcell nominated Marty Gahman which was seconded by Rich Hendricks. Eadie Burke nominated Harry McGonigal, which was seconded by Bill Delaney. Upon roll call vote for Mr. Gahman's nomination, Councilmembers Nicolosi, Conville, Hendricks, Slowik and Purcell voted for Marty Gahman. Councilmembers Burke, Delaney and McGonigal voted NO. Marty Gahman abstained. By a 5-3-1 vote, Marty Gahman was appointed to the position of Council President.

The Mayor then opened the floor for nomination for Vice-President. Ray Conville nominated Rich Hendricks which was seconded by Chris Nicolosi. Harry McGonigal nominated Bill Delaney which was seconded by Eadie Burke. Upon roll call vote for Rich Hendricks nomination, Councilmembers Nicolosi, Conville, Gahman, Slowik and Purcell voted for Rich Hendricks. Councilmembers Burke and McGonigal voted no. Rich Hendricks and Bill Delaney abstained. By a 5-2-2 vote, Rich Hendricks was appointed to the position of Vice-President.

ANNOUNCE APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

President Gahman announced he would make committee appointments as well as liaisons to boards and commission at the January 21, 2008 Council meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

One (1) 1-Year Term to Vacancy Board

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously appointed Lloyd Rush to the Vacancy Board for a one year term.

One (1) 5-Year Term to the Perkasio Borough Authority Board

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council by an 8-0-1 vote, appointed Larry Gular to a five year term on the Perkasio Borough Authority Board. Ray Conville abstained from the vote since he is an employee of the PBA.

Other Business

Council President Gahman stated the decision to vacate PBA board member Ben Rainear's seat went against the Municipal Authorities Act which states that only the Court of Common Pleas can remove a seated Authority member and states further that borough council's do not have that ability.

Jim Purcell then made a motion to recognize Ben Rainear as a member of PBA's board, since the previous Council decision was declared illegal by the Municipal Authorities Act which was seconded by Nicolosi. By a 6-2-1 vote, with Burke and McGonigal voting no, Council reinstated Ben Rainear to the authority board. Ray Conville abstained because he is an employee of the PBA.

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council considered the previous appointment of Jim Boyer to the Perkasio Borough Authority invalid. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Delaney, Nicolosi, Hendricks, Gahman, Slowik and Purcell voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Burke and McGonigal voted against it. Ray Conville abstained because he is an employee of the PBA. By a 6-2-1 vote, Jim Boyer's appointment to the Perkasio Borough Authority Board December 17, 2007 was considered null and void.

Jim Purcell made a motion to reverse all appointments made by Borough Council at the December 17, 2007 meeting stating they did not follow proper procedure. The Solicitor noted that the appointments were made legally to fill existing vacancies on Borough Council and the Authority Board. There was no second and the motion failed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary