

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
MARCH 3, 2008**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin Gahman
Eadie Burke
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney (arrived 7:30 PM)
Richard Hendricks
Harry McGonigal
Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik
J. Robert Hunsicker
Daniel P. Olpere
Joe Gura
Dan Gilbert
Matt Lynch
Ann Weiss
News Herald
Morning Call
Daily Intelligencer
Bucks County Herald

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Police Chief:

Public Works Superintendent:

Electric Superintendent:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Borough Council Vice-President Rich Hendricks convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Mr. Gahman gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Corin Froelich of 1134 N. 7th Street addressed Council regarding the fire siren alarm located on her property. She questioned that with today's modern communication technology whether a fire siren alarm was still necessary. She requested the alarm be moved to a different location.

PRESENT CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO PATIA SCHAEFER

Mayor Hunsicker presented a certificate of appreciation to Patia Schaefer for completing 39 years of employment with Perkasie Borough.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

Rich Hendricks reported at the last Perkasie Planning Commission recommended was conditional/preliminary approval for the Rosanelli Subdivision.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for February 2008.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for February 2008.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Request to Use Covered Bridge in Lenape Park

The Committee reviewed a request from a Lori Ross asking permission to hold a 20 minute square dance in the Covered Bridge in Lenape Park on May 10, 2008. The Perkasio Historical Society concurred with the request. The request will be placed on the March 17 Council agenda.

Request from Good Time Motorvators to Hold a Car Show

The Committee reviewed a letter from the "Good Time Motorvators" car club to hold a car show and reserve the skatepark pavilion in Lenape Park on May 25, 2008. President of the car club, Francis Whalan, was present to answer any questions. He requested permission to park the cars in the grass. It was requested that he provide a map of the layout of the cars prior to the next Council meeting. The matter would be placed on the March 17 Council meeting agenda.

Request from Simon Butler Elementary School

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Simon Butler Elementary School P.T.A. requesting a donation for a Spring Fair. The Borough Manager recommended contributing 2 adult and 2 children's tickets to the Menlo Aquatic Center. It was agreed to place the matter on the March 17 Council agenda.

Other Business

Ray Conville encouraged Councilmembers to attend the next Parks and Recreation meeting

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for February 2008.

Rosanelli Preliminary Plan

The Committee reviewed a resolution granting conditional/preliminary approval to the Rosanelli subdivision plan. The resolution approving the plan will be placed on the March 17 agenda for consideration.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Expectations

Chairman Maria Slowik asked for input on the document submitted by the Borough Manager regarding expectations of Borough employees, Department Heads, Borough Manager, and Councilmembers. No one offered any comments or opinions. This topic was discussed at a prior meeting. It was agreed to place the matter on the March 17, 2008 Council agenda.

Code of Conduct

The Committee reviewed a Code of Conduct policy. The Manager stated he would like to meet with the Committee to develop a more comprehensive policy.

Code of Ethics

The Committee reviewed a Code of Ethics policy.

It was agreed that after reviewing the code of conduct and code of ethics documents, that the Manager and Committee should meet to review and discuss them and develop a policy to present to Council.

Public Safety Issues

EMS LIASION (TASK FORCE)

There was no new update to report.

AMBULANCE UPDATE

There was no new update to report.

Consultant's Review

Manager Olpere reported that letters have been written to the consultants requesting further information. If all responses are received before the March 17 agenda, Council will review them at the meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board Fee Refund Policy

The Committee discussed a request from Bruce Costa owner of Tsunami Karate who was asking for a refund from Zoning Hearing Board fees since he cancelled the January 28, 2008 hearing. The Committee and Council reviewed different scenarios for offering refunds including offering a percentage, number of days before refund can be issued and refunding for actual costs incurred. It was the consensus of the Committee to deny the request for a refund.

Other Business

It was suggested that the Manager set up a meeting for employees to meet the Council members for sometime in March.

The Manager requested permission to offer a position to an applicant for the vacancy left by Patia Schaefer for a Police Secretary. The Committee concurred with this request.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fund Balance Policy and Fund Transfer Policy

Mr. Hendricks asked that the two policies be reviewed by the Borough Auditor. Both these items were tabled to the April 2008 committee meeting.

Other Business

The Manager updated Council on the Borough's website. He stated that some progress had been made, but could not explain why the Kayden Group was taking so long to

get it up and running. The solicitor was asked to draft a letter to the Kayden Group questioning the extensive amount of time it is taking the company to complete this project.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ray Conville asked that the paving project for 10th Street, Race to Vine be taken off the list of paved roads for the 2008 Road Project. He asked if it could be replaced with 5th Street from Walnut Street to Borough line since this road is in more need of repair. It was agreed to put the matter on the March 17, 2008 agenda.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before Economic Committee

PUBLIC FORUM

Fire Chief Dave Worthington was present to advise Council ,for their information that the disbanded Perkasio Ambulance is storing their equipment at the Perkasio Fire House.

Mr. Worthington also reported that at the Council's March 17 meeting the Bucks County Emergency Health Service Department and the Bucks County Fire Marshall's office would like to make a formal presentation to Perkasio Fire Company for being the first department in Bucks County to attain Pennsylvania State Voluntary Rescue Service Coordination.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rich Hendricks announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss litigation and personnel and would not be reopening the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary