

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MARCH 17, 2008

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

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

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Perkasie Borough Council President Marty Gahman convened the meeting at 7:05 P.M. Mr. Hendricks gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive was present voicing concerns about the water (ice) freezing up in the Perkasie Square Shopping Center.

Denise Tygielski of the Kayden Group, the Borough's webmaster updated Council on the status of the Boroughs website.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mr. Gahman asked the Mayor Hunsicker to present a proclamation to volunteer fire companies and rescue squads as follows:

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Medical Services, the Office of the State Fire Commissioners and the Rescue Task Force of the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council have created a new level of recognition for local fire companies and rescue squads who achieve this Advanced Level Response, and

WHEREAS, Rescue 26 of the Perkasie Volunteer Fire Company is the first apparatus in Bucks County to achieve this distinction, and,

WHEREAS, the Bucks County Emergency Health Services Department and the Bucks County Fire Marshall's Office will be recognizing the Perkasio Fire Company for this achievement this evening.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Perkasio that we hereby recognize the Perkasio Volunteer Company No. 1-Rescue 26 and congratulate them and the achievement of attaining the Pennsylvania Volunteer Rescue Service Recognition for Advanced Response Level.

**Mayor J. Robert Hunsicker
March 17, 2008**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of February 18, 2008.

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Council Committee meeting minutes of March 3, 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor also recognized the Perkasio Fire Police volunteers who donate many hours to direct traffic during fundraising and special events.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for February 2008.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for February 2008.

Engineer's Report

The engineers report was unanimously accepted.

Planning Commission Report

There was no meeting of the Perkasio Planning Commission since the last Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PARKS AND RECREATION

Bid #2008-2, Tile Bid Award

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council considered awarding a tiling bid for to Wright Flooring Company for tiling of the Perkasio Aquatic Center bathhouse floor in the amount of \$75,999. All Councilmembers voted in favor of awarding the bid with the exception of Mr. Delaney who voted against. The bid was awarded by a 6-1 vote.

Request to Use Covered Bridge in Lenape Park

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Delaney, Council unanimously approved a group of square dancers to dance in the historic covered bridge in Lenape Park for approximately 30 minutes on May 10, 2008.

Request from Goodtime Motorvators to Hold Car Show

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Goodtime Motoravors Car Club to use Lenape Park and reserve the skatepark pavilion for a car show May 25, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

Request from Simon Butler Elementary School

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the contribution of two adults and two children's tickets for one day to the Menlo Aquatic Center for a PTA Spring fair at Simon Butler Elementary School.

Easter Egg Hunt at 2nd Street

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved the Boing Gym Center to hold an Easter Egg Hunt at 2nd Street Park in the morning on March 22, 2008.

Pool Survey Results

Councilmembers discussed the responses of a pool survey sent out to pool members last year. Several of the patrons comments were discussed.

Parks and Recreation Director Andrea Brody also gave an update on the color selections for the new renovations to the interior of the bathhouse at the Menlo Pool

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Website Update

Manager Olpere updated Council on the status of the Borough's website stating it was 99% done. Council asked that the website be up and running by the end of the week.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Consider Revised Road Paving Projects 2008

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Purcell, Council considered amending the 2008 road paving project list to remove 10th Street from Race Street to Vine Street. 5th Street from Walnut Street to the Borough line will remain as the only project for the year 2008. All Councilmembers concurred with the motion with the exception of Bill Delaney who voted against it. The motion passed by a 6-1 vote.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Resolution #2008-8, Expectations

Upon motion by Slowik, seconded by Purcell, Council considered adopting Resolution #2008-8 outlining the expectations of Borough Council, the Borough Manager, Department Heads and Borough Staff . All Councilmembers voted in favor of the Resolution with the exception of Bill Delaney who voted against. The Resolution passed by a 6-1 vote.

Revised Consolidated Fee Schedule Resolution #2008-9

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Delaney Council considered approving a revised consolidated fee resolution schedule adding the newly established parks and recreation fees. Mr. Conville stated he would like to see similar fees charge for Perkasio that Sellersville charges its residents to use the ball fields. Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously agreed to table the resolution pending receipt of additional information.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Consider Lippincott Rezoning Ordinance #926

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #926, re-designating zoning the Lippincott property at parcels #33-4-15 and 33-4-16 from I-1 to R1B.

Resolution #2008-10, Consider Conditional/Preliminary Approval of Rosanelli Plan

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2008-10 granting conditional/preliminary approval to the Rosanelli subdivision plan.

Bucks County Community College-Review and Comment on Plans

Councilmembers reviewed information regarding the proposed expansion of the Bucks County Community College behind the Glenwood Shopping Center located in East Rockhill Township. Chris Nicolosi questioned whether a response was received from PennDOT regarding the intersection of Callowhill Street and Main Street/Branch Road since additional traffic would be generated from this expansion. The Manager stated that no response was received to date East Rockhill Township would be meeting to vote on the expansion the next night, so Council agreed to wait for the outcome of that meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Resolution #2008-11, Authorization to Participate in PA Capital City (PACC) Automotive and Equipment Contract

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2008-11 authorizing the participation in the PA Capital City Vehicle and Equipment Contract to purchase vehicles and equipment through a contract with PACC.

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

The Committee had no business to conduct at this time.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Chris Nicolosi made reference to an article about open space funds that may be available to municipalities in Bucks County. One idea he suggested would be for the Borough and SEPTA to work together on making the SEPTA lot at 7th Street across from the Borough Hall some kind of small recreational park. This park could include benches, picnic tables and a path that would lead through the railroad tunnel over to 9th Street to and connect with First Savings Bank of Perkasio.

The Mayor stated he has \$6,000 in funds (\$1,000 from him and his wife and \$5,000 from an anonymous donor) to put toward a bandshell for the Borough parks. Ray Conville stated that the Parks and Recreation Board was putting together a five year plan and would include a bandshell in the discussion.

Maria Slowik requested that discussion on the Borough consultants be discussed at this time. The first consultant discussed was the electric engineer, Dr. Robert Romancheck. Mr. Olpere stated he was anxious to get started on the electric contract negotiations since the Borough's current contract expires at the end of December. The Manager further stated that he had contacted Dr. Romancheck on several occasions and has not gotten any response. Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, it was suggested that the Manager seek proposals from the Quad 3 Group, also an electric consulting group to negotiate a contract for electric service. Council unanimously agreed to discontinue using Dr. Romancheck as its electric consultant.

Councilmembers began preliminary discussion on the Borough engineer Boucher and James. Rich Hendricks suggested that each Councilmember evaluate each consultant for discussion at the April Committees meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no additional questions from the public.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary