

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
MAY 5, 2008**

620 W Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin Gahman
Eadie Burke
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney (absent)
Richard Hendricks
Harry McGonigal (absent)
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:

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

Present was Lisa Jones of 609 Shadywood Drive who questioned why the concerts in the park scheduled for Tuesday nights in July was scheduled the same night as the Pennridge Gator swim team meets.

Council Vice-President Hendricks recognized the recently hired new position of Assistant Manager Andrea Coaxum in the audience

PRESENT CERTIFICATE TO DALE PETERS-PERKASIE PLANNING COMMISSION

Rich Hendricks acknowledged a plaque to be given to Dale Peters, who was not able to attend the meeting, for 20 years of service for volunteering on the Borough's Planning Commission.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

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

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Other Business

Councilman Purcell recognized Borough employee Harold Stone for a job well done as Electric Foreman and Acting Electric Superintendent

RFP-Supply of Wholesale Capacity & Energy

With the consensus of Council, it was agreed to authorize the Borough Manager to move forward and ask the Quad 3 Group to prepare a request for proposal for a new wholesale power contract for the Borough in accordance with the terms of their letter dated March 8, 2008.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Review Ordinance for Stop Signs at Main Street and Callowhill and Callowhill and Main Street

The Committee reviewed an ordinance for the placement of stop signs on Main Street at Callowhill. In checking the Borough Code, it was noticed that the stop signs at Callowhill Street were never officially designated as stop intersection, so that was also added to the ordinance. The Committee agreed to recommend an ordinance designating both as stop intersections and place the matter on the May 19 Council meeting agenda.

By a consensus of all Councilmembers present, it was agreed that a "STOP" bar should be placed on the road at the intersection of Main Street and Callowhill in order to warn drivers that there is a newly erected stop sign.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Request from Blooming Glen Mennonite Church

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Blooming Glen Mennonite Church to hold an outdoor church worship service and baptism in the creek on Sunday, August 24, 2008 from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM. The church also requested permission to park on both sides of the street that day. The Police Chief indicated he did not have a problem with the request for parking. It was agreed to place this request on the May 19 Council agenda.

Request from POTA to Hold Annual Car Show

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Perkasio Olde Towne Association requesting permission to hold their annual Under the Lights Car Show on August 16, 2008. The Committee concurred with the request and agreed to place the matter on the May 19 Council meeting agenda

Other Business

Councilman Conville had a question about the upcoming Parks and Recreation Board meeting scheduled for May 7 and changing the location to the park.

Planning and Zoning Committee

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

Permit Fees

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Borough engineer amending the consolidated fee schedule to include structural alteration fees, electric reconnections fees, and clarification on the free pool membership given to Borough employees and Council. A revised resolution will be placed on the May 19, 2008 for consideration.

Sketch Plan For Subdivision/Land Swap

The Committee reviewed a sketch plan from Allied Home Builders for an exchange of land involving the parcels at the corner of North Main Street and Coventry Way. This plan would require a simple lot line change. The offer would provide the Borough 12,418 square feet of open space in exchange for 7,488 square feet of the Borough's land. Committee members liked the concept and agreed to forward it to the Perkasio Planning Commission for their review and recommendation.

Other Business

Chris Nicolosi raised concerns about the apartment complex next to his business on Walnut Street. He explained that trash bags were constantly out on the sidewalk causing unpleasant conditions for the properties surrounding the apartments. He asked if a letter could be sent to the landlord asking them to either obtain a dumpster for the rear of the property or to get trash containers for their tenants to use.

Rich Hendricks discussed concerns about the impact the expansion of the Bucks County Community College and the almost newly built CVS will have on the intersection of 5th & Blooming Glen Road. The Borough Manager was directed to contact East Rockhill Township to discuss this issue.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Council Liaisons

The Committee discussed a resolution approved in 2005 regarding the authority of Council liaisons to speak on behalf of Borough Council. A majority of Councilmembers disagreed with the approved resolution and recommended it to be rescinded. The matter will be placed on the May 19 Council meeting agenda.

Resolution #2008-16, Promote Dan Gilbert to Public Works Director and Approve Bonus

The Committee reviewed a resolution promoting Dan Gilbert who has been acting as temporary Public Works Director to the permanent position of Public Works Director. The Committee also recommended a bonus of \$1,500 for acting in this capacity since December 2007. The resolution will be placed on the May 19 Borough Council agenda.

Resolution #2008-17, Bonus for Electric Department foreman Matt Lynch

The Committee reviewed a resolution recommending a bonus for Electric Foreman Matt Lynch of \$1,500 for acting as temporary Electric Superintendent since December 2007. This resolution will be placed on the May 19 Council meeting agenda.

Resolution #2008-18, Promote Harold Stone to acting Foreman and temporary Acting Electric Superintendent

and Approve Bonus

The Committee reviewed a resolution recommending First Class Lineman Harold Stone who has been acting as Electric Department Foreman for the past couple months to permanent foreman and promote him to the temporary position of Acting Electric Superintendent. The Committee also recommended a \$1,500 bonus for acting in this capacity. This resolution will be placed on the May 19 Council meeting agenda.

Resolution #2008-19, Promote Scott Miller to Public Works Foreman

The Committee reviewed a resolution promoting Scott Miller to Public Works Foreman. This resolution will be placed on the May 19 Council meeting agenda.

Review Applications for Appointment to Perkasio Planning Commission

The Committee reviewed the applications received by interested residents applying for the vacancy on the Perkasio Planning Commission vacated by Dale Peters. It was the consensus of the Committee to put the appointment on the May 19 Council meeting agenda.

Memorandum of Understanding between Perkasio Police and Pennridge School District

Committee members reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the Pennridge School District and the various municipalities including Perkasio that serve the district. Police Chief Gura stated he was still waiting for additional information from the school district. Once the information was received he would forward it to the Solicitor for review.

Memorial Tree for Debbie Traubel

The Committee reviewed a request from Borough staff about planting a tree in the park in memory of long time Borough employee Debbie Traubel. The Public Works recommended planting an Okame Cherry Tree and a location in the park to plant it. The Manager also suggested a bronze plaque to accompany the tree. Committee members ask the Manager to get a price quote for the plaque. The matter will be placed on the May 19 Council meeting agenda.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fund Balance Policy

Committee members reviewed a fund balance policy prepared by the Finance Director and reviewed by the Borough auditor Styer Associates who suggested one change. The policy will be placed on the May 19 Council meeting agenda.

Fund Transfer Policy

The Committee reviewed a fund transfer policy also prepared by the Finance Director and reviewed by the auditor who also endorsed it. This policy will be placed on the May 19 Council meeting agenda.

Hot Ribs/Cool Jazz -Authorize Donation

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved a \$200 donation to help the Perkasio Olde Towne Association with their operating budget for the Hot Ribs/Cool Jazz event May 17.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Hot Ribs/Cool Jazz-Use SEPTA Lot for Children's Activities

It was the consensus of all Councilmember present to allow the POTA to use the lot on 7th Street (owned by SEPTA) for the Hot Ribs/Cool Jazz event to set up for children's activities.

OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the public requested an opportunity to speak.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hendricks announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss litigation and would not reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary