

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING  
JUNE 2, 2008**

620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin Gahman  
Eadie Burke (absent)  
Ray Conville  
Bill Delaney (arrived 7:30 pm)  
Richard Hendricks  
Harry McGonigal (absent)  
Chris Nicolosi  
Jim Purcell  
Maria Slowik  
J. Robert Hunsicker  
Daniel P. Olpere  
Andrea Coaxum  
Joe Gura  
Harold Stone  
Ann Weiss  
Amy Montgomery  
News Herald  
Morning Call  
Daily Intelligencer  
Bucks County Herald

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Police Chief:

Electric Superintendent:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

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**

No one from the public requested an opportunity to speak.

**REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION**

Rich Hendricks reported that the Perkasie Planning Commission members granted final approval to the Rosanelli and Algeo subdivisions.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Electric Superintendent's Interim Report for May 2008. Electric Superintendent Harold Stone updated Council on a recent power outage at the substation.

PMPA Electric

The Committee discussed the possibility of joining the Pennsylvania Municipal Power Agency (PMPA). Manager Olpere explained this organization is a group of municipalities that would investigate power supply opportunities and negotiate power supply agreements on its members' behalf. Committee members agreed it would be a good idea for the Borough to join this group. A resolution to authorize the execution of this agency agreement will be placed on the June 16 Council meeting agenda.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

The report was not available for review.

### Review Bid Results for 2008 Roadway Reconstruction

The Committee reviewed the results of the bid opening for the 2008 roadway reconstruction project. The Committee agreed with the recommendation of the Borough engineer to go with the low bidder, Harris Blacktopping Inc. Award of the bid will be placed on the June 16 Council meeting agenda, pending clarification of which bidders were PennDot qualified.

### Resolution #2008-25, Main and Callowhill Streets Intersection-Application for Traffic Signal

The Committee discussed the possibility of placing a flashing warning device at the intersection of Main and Callowhill Streets due to the recent installation of a 4-way stop sign at this busy intersection. Jim Purcell suggested a roundabout in lieu of a light stating it would make more sense than a traffic signal. The Borough Manager stated he was meeting with East Rockhill Township Manager and Representative Paul Clymer soon to discuss funding for either the traffic light or the roundabout. A resolution to apply for a permit from PennDOT to install a flashing warning device will be placed on the June 16 Council meeting agenda.

### Resolution #2008-26, Ridge Road and Market Streets Intersection-Application for Traffic Signal

The Committee reviewed a letter from PennDOT advising that a flashing warning device at the intersection of Ridge Road and Market Street is warranted. The Committee agreed to put a resolution to apply for a permit from PennDOT to install a flashing warning device on the June 16 Council meeting agenda for consideration

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

### Pennridge Community Day Special Event Coverage

The Committee reviewed a memo from Finance Director Heather Van Horn requesting approval to purchase a Special Events Policy for Pennridge Community Day held in Lenape Park. The Borough's general liability coverage does not apply to this event since it is sponsored by Pennridge Community Day. Committee members concurred with the request and agreed to place the matter on the June 16 Council meeting agenda pending receipt of the actual cost for the 2008 premium.

### Other Business

Ray Conville announced the next Parks and Recreation meeting on June 4 would be held at the pool.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

### Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

### Resolution #2008-27, Rosanelli Subdivision Approval

The Rosanelli subdivision plan on Summit Avenue was granted conditional/final approval at the May 28 Perkasio Planning Commission meeting. A resolution approving the subdivision will be placed on the June 16 Council meeting agenda.

### Resolution #2008-28, Algeo Subdivision Approval

The Algeo subdivision plan on North Ridge Road was granted preliminary/final approval at the Perkasio Planning Commission meeting on May 28. Present representing the plan was Attorney Michael Kracht, engineer Kevin Wolfe and Mr. Algeo himself. Mr. Kracht reviewed the list of requested waivers which were approved by the Perkasio Planning Commission. A resolution approving the subdivision will be placed on the Council agenda for June 16.

### Architect Review Board

The Committee reviewed a hand-out of examples of architectural review ordinances from the Bucks County Planning Commission. Committee members were asked to review this information for discussion at the July 7 Committees meeting.

### Other Business

Bill Delaney had questions regarding the traffic impact at the intersection at 5<sup>th</sup> and Blooming Glen with the new CVS opening soon and the expansion of the Bucks County Community College.

## **PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Hire Electric Lineman

The Committee discussed the need to hire an electric lineman to replace Matt Lynch who will be retiring next year. Borough Manager Olpere explained it would be necessary to hire a replacement for him now in order to train someone who can immediately take his place once he retires. Committee members agreed to place the matter on the June 16 Council meeting agenda.

### Hire Park and Recreation Director

The Committee discussed the recommendation to hire KeiichiroYoshida for the position of Park and Recreation Director to replace Andrea Brody who will be resigning at the end of June. Upon motion by Slowik, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously agreed to hire Mr. Yoshida, at a

salary of \$45,000 per year, contingent upon a successful reference and background check.

#### Accept Resignation of Pete Cusate from Zoning Hearing Board

Committee members reviewed the resignation letter from Pete Cusate who serves on the Zoning Hearing Board. It was agreed to place acceptance of the resignation on the June 16 Council meeting agenda.

#### Consider Appointment to Zoning Hearing Board

Due to the resignation of Pete Cusate, there is now one full time vacancy to the Zoning Hearing Board as well as an alternate position which has been vacant for some time. The Committee reviewed two applications that were received to fill these two positions. It was agreed to place these appointments on the June 16 Council meeting agenda.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### Other Business

Mr. Gahman asked Councilmembers to start thinking about the 2009 budget.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

There was no business to come before Economic Development.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Tom Bancroft, President of the Parks and Recreation Board was present and stated what a great pleasure it was working with Parks and Recreation Director Andrea Brody.

### **PRESS FORUM**

Questions from the press were received and answered.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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Daniel Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary