

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
JULY 21, 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  
Andrea Coaxum  
Josh Ganz  
News Herald  
Daily Intelligencer  
Morning Call  
Bucks County Herald

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Borough Manager:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Perkasie Borough Council President Marty Gahman convened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Hendricks gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Present was Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive who raised concerns about residents not following trash disposal rules and regulations.

Susan Strickland Bowers of 301 Arch Street stated she had seen many people disobeying the rules and regulations regarding trash pick-up. She recommended educating the public on the policies of the Borough's trash and recycling system.

Present was Eric Lucas of 715 Hunters Run. Mr. Lucas also stated he felt the trash regulations were not being adhered to or enforced.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Gahman thanked and commended the Perkasie Lions Club for the work they performed restoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Baby Pool.

Mr. Gahman announced that at the next meeting of Borough Council, Council would discuss the Borough's trash and recycling program in greater detail.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Slowik, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of June 16, 2008.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the Special Finance Committee meeting minutes of July 16, 2008.

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved the Council Committee meeting minutes of July 7, 2008.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

### Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported that he had also seen Borough employees pick up items that did not have bulk waste stickers that “would have filled a moving van.”

### Taxes Collected

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

### Budget Status

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

### Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously accepted Boucher and James engineer report for June.

### Planning Commission Report

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

#### Trash and Recycling Costs

The Manager explained why the Borough’s trash and recycling programs should be analyzed in order to make any necessary changes to make it more efficient and cost effective.

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Purcell, Council agreed to table the matter in order to attain additional information.

### Trash and Recycling Request for Proposal

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously agreed to issue a request from professionals for proposals for a comprehensive study of the Borough's trash and recycling procedures.

### Trash Bag Bid Results-Consider Bag Award

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously awarded the bid for \$100,000 large trash bags to Inter-Borough Packaging Corporation in the amount of \$20,470.00.

### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

#### Special Counsel for Review of Electric Contracts

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council considered hiring Charles F. Wheatley Jr. to become special counsel to review electric contracts in an amount not to exceed \$4,500. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion with the exception of McGonigal, Burke. By a 7-2 vote, Charles F. Wheatley was engaged.

#### PMPA-Consider Membership

The Borough Manager had nothing new to present to Council on the Pennsylvania Municipal Power Agency membership. Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously agreed to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

#### Architectural Review Board

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Hendricks Council considered the possibility of establishing an architectural review board for the Towne Center area. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers McGonigal, Purcell, Delaney, Gahman, and Burke voted against the motion. Councilmembers Nicolosi, Conville, Hendricks, and Slowik voted in favor of it. The motion was defeated by a 5-4 vote.

### PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

#### Perkasie Historical Society Covered Bridge Parade Request

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the Perkasie Historical Society to hold a parade/celebration to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of moving the Covered Bridge from Main Street in South Perkasie to Lenape Park on Sunday, August 17, 2008 beginning at 1:30 PM.

#### Request for Wedding Ceremony in Lenape Park

Upon motion by Burke, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the

request of Sarah Maxwell and Jarod Rumer to set up a 20' by 30' tent on the right side of the Lenape Park island for four hours for their wedding ceremony September 7.

#### Fall Festival Walking Club

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved the Liberty Bell Wanderers Walking Club to hold a 10 kilometer walk-a-thon on October 5, 2008 during the Fall Festival event.

#### PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

##### Amend Work Rules-90 Day Waiting Period for Health Insurance

Mr. Purcell made a motion to amend the work rules to waive the 90 day waiting period for health insurance benefits for new employees. There was no second to the motion and the motion failed.

##### Revised Curves Lease

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the extension/renewal of the commercial lease with the Borough tenant Thomas Martini, owner of Curves.

##### Mission Statement

Manager Olpere asked Council if anyone had any suggestions for a Mission Statement for the Borough. The Manager was asked to prepare a statement for Council's consideration at the August 4 Committee meeting.

##### Public Forum Guidelines

Councilmembers reviewed a memo from the Borough Manager on Council's Public Forum policy explaining how the policy was amended back in June of 2007 to exclude non-residents from speaking during Public Forum.

Upon motion by Slowik, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously agreed to table the matter for further discussion at the August 4 Committee meeting.

##### Authorize Hiring Police Secretary

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously agreed to hire a police secretary in the annual salary amount of \$32,000.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

##### Authorization to Pay Bills

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

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business at this time.

## OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Hendricks thanked the Perkasio Lions Club for reconstructing the baby pool at Second Street.

Councilman McGonigal stated the Menlo Aquatic Club has approximately 1,800 members so far this year. He also asked that discussion of the Child Labor Law be discussed at the August Committee meeting.

Councilwoman Slowik asked that other Bucks County municipalities be surveyed for when new hires begin to receive health insurance benefits.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Luther Chontofalsky, 270 Parkridge Drive spoke regarding the illegal parking in his development.

## **PRESS FORUM**

Questions from the press were received and answered.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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Daniel P. Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary