

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2008**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin Gahman
Eadie Burke
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney
Richard Hendricks
Harry McGonigal
Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik
J. Robert Hunsicker
Daniel P. Olpere
Joe Gura
Andrea Coaxum
Josh Aniskevich
Harold Stone
Ann Weiss
News Herald
Morning Call
Daily Intelligencer

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Police Chief:

Assistant Borough Manager:

Parks and Recreation Director:

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

Present was Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive who felt the decline in trash bags sales was due to residents not following trash disposal rules and regulations.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

It was reported that the Planning Commission reviewed a sketch plan for the Habitat for Humanity for the development of six condominium apartments at 815 West Chestnut Street.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Purchase of Electric-Consider Bids

Rich Hendricks announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss electric contract pricing bids at 7:10PM. The public meeting reconvened at 7:55 PM.

Jim Havrilla of the Quad 3 Group, the Borough's electric consultant, explained the process of receiving preliminary pricing bids for six potential electric suppliers for the Borough's electric contract.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Gahman, Council considered accepting the bids as presented. Councilmembers Purcell, Slowik, Hendricks, Gahman, and Conville voted in favor of accepting the bids. Councilmembers Nicolosi, Burke, McGonigal, and Delaney voted against accepting them. By a 5-4 vote, the bids were accepted as presented.

Upon motion by Gahman, seconded by Purcell, Council considered awarding the bid for electric services to AMP of Ohio for a five year contract at an average price of \$94.26 per MWH. Councilmembers Purcell, Slowik, Hendricks, Gahman, and Conville voted in favor of the contract with AMP of Ohio. Councilmembers Nicolosi, Burke, McGonigal, and Delaney voted against it. By a 5-4 vote, AMP of Ohio was awarded the Borough's electric contract.

Other Business

None at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Trash and Recycling Costs

The Committee reviewed a memo prepared by Borough Manager Olpere regarding keeping the Borough's trash and recycling program cost-effective and affordable for residents of the Borough. He further recommended bringing in an environmental engineer to do a complete analysis of the Borough's program to help identify a cost effective way to manage the municipal waste and recycling. He reported a request for proposal for a trash study has been sent out and advertised. The Committee agreed to wait for the results of the trash program evaluation before proceeding further.

Other Business

None at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Donation Request from West Rockhill Township Septemberfest

The Committee reviewed a letter from West Rockhill Township's Park and Recreation Committee member Suzanne Clark requesting a contribution for the township's community Septemberfest held September 28, 2008. Manager Olpere recommended a contribution of 4 daily pool passes for use in 2009. The Committee concurred with the Manager's recommendation and agreed to place the matter on the August 18 agenda.

Request for Goodtime Motorvators for 2009 Car Show

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Goodtime Motorvators requesting the use of Lenape Park for the car club's annual car show for Sunday, May 29, 2009. It was agreed to place the matter on the August 18 Council meeting agenda.

Other Business

None at this time.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

Habitat for Humanity Sketch Plan

Attorney Ed Wild was present as well as Linda Andrews, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity and Sharon Dotts of Gilmore Engineering to review a sketch plan for a land development project for the Habitat for Humanity to convert the old senior center at 815 Chestnut Street into six apartments. Committee members were in favor of the sketch plan as presented. Attorney Wild requested waiver of the land development requirements for this project. Manager Olpere stated that the Perkasi Planning Commission reviewed this plan at their July 23 meeting and did not agree to recommend waiver of the land development process. The applicant was advised they could submit the plan for preliminary/final approval to speed up the land development process.

Other Business

None at this time.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Public Forum Guidelines

Committee members 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. The Committee recommended revising the policy to add the following language:

1. Change "*Borough residents*" may address Council.... to "*Borough residents and taxpayers*"
2. "The presiding officer of the Borough Council reserves the right to deviate from the standard policy to allow non-residents to speak during public comment or during any relevant portion of the agenda if it is deemed to be a matter of public importance and interest to the Borough Council."

The matter will be placed on the August 18 Council meeting agenda.

Other Business

None at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Other Business

Mr. Gahman announced that 2009 budget discussions will begin soon.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before Economic Development.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Delaney asked when the milling would be done on Walnut Street. The Manager replied that it was a PennDOT project.

Mr. Conville noted that the Bucks County Commissioners plan to hold their regular meeting in the Covered Bridge in Lenape Park on September 3, 2008 at 10:00AM.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jerry Arnaudo of 501 South 4th Street, and tenant of the Borough owned Menlo House questioned how much his electric bill would increase with the new contract.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary