

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
AUGUST 18, 2008

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

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

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Police Chief:

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 who questioned who was allowed and not allowed to speak during public forum.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Gahman stated that the Perkasie Olde Towne Association's Under the Lights Car Show held Saturday, August 16 was a huge success.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of July 21, 2008.

Upon motion Conville, seconded by Purcell, Council considered approval of the Council

Committees meeting minutes of August 4, 2008. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the minutes with the exception of Burke and Delaney who voted against them. The minutes were approved by a 6-2 vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor also reported that he had a good time at the Car Show Saturday, August 16 as well as the 50 year anniversary celebration of the moving of the South Perkasi Covered Bridge, August 17.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Nicolosi, Council approved Boucher & James monthly report.

Planning Commission Report

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

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Trash and Recycling Costs-Timetable

Councilmembers reviewed and discussed an updated timetable for bid review and approval of the trash and recycling proposal.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Cable Contract Legal Advice

Manager Olpere reviewed a proposal submitted by Cohen Law Group to assist in negotiations for cable franchise renewal with Comcast Cable. It was suggested that other law firms or consultants also look at the contract and submit a proposal. Upon motion by Delaney, seconded by Nicolosi, the matter was tabled until the September Committees meeting.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before Planning and Zoning.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Donation Request from West Rockhill Township's Septemberfest

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved West Rockhill's Township's Park and Recreation Committee's request for a contribution of four daily pool passes for use in 2009.

Request from Goodtime Motorvators for 2009 Car Show

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved the Good Time Motorvators Car Club to use Lenape Park for their annual car show for Sunday, May 29, 2009.

Approval for Bucks County Commissioners for Use of Covered Bridge

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved the Bucks County Commissioners to hold their regular meeting on September 3, 2008 at 10:00 AM in the Lenape Park Covered Bridge.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Resolution #2008-30, Approve Public Forum Policy Guidelines

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council considered changing the Public Forum Policy Guidelines that appear on the back of Council and Committees agendas. All Councilmembers voted unanimously to approve the policy as written. Eadie Burke noted she voted in favor of the policy but not to the changes that were made back in June of 2007.

Resignation from Parks and Recreation Board

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously accepted the resignation of Nickole Collins from the Parks and Recreation Board. Upon a motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously agreed direct staff to advertise for the vacancy.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before Economic Development.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Eadie Burke stated she had several complaints regarding the Borough trash crews.

Bill Delaney had questions regarding the sketch plan and parking for the Habitat for Humanity project at 815 Chestnut Street.

Rich Hendricks asked that the Risk Control Report made by the Borough's insurance carrier be placed on the September Committee agenda for discussion.

PUBLIC FORUM

Debbie Krout of 610 W. Park Avenue was present to speak about the speeding on the 600-700 block of Park Avenue. She stated she has had her vehicle hit 3 times this year and has no off-street parking.

Bill Hettel of 1211 W. Park Avenue also said there was a problem with speeding on Park Avenue as well as a line of sight problem at 7th and Park Avenue.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary