

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

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin 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

Dan Gilbert

Harold Stone

Josh Aniskevich

Ann Weiss

News Herald

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Police Chief:

Assistant Manager:

Public Works Director:

Electric Superintendent:

Park and Recreation Director:

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

Joan Handy of 200 Branford Terrace inquired about the missing plaque honoring those who served on the Pool Committee and employees who helped to construct the Menlo Aquatic Center.

Tim Schoeller of 806 North 7th Street requested that a one-way sign be placed on 6th Street.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

There was not a Perkasie 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 August 2008.

Cable Contract Legal Advice

The Committee reviewed the expired cable contract with Comcast Cable as well as a recently approved agreement with Doylestown Borough. Copies of the contracts were sent to two attorneys requesting they submit a proposal to assist in negotiations for cable franchise renewal with Comcast Cable. As of this date, only one proposal was received and the matter was tabled until all proposals are received.

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 August 2008.

Herbicide Use

Public Works Director Dan Gilbert presented the results of a herbicide study. He was asked to make inquiries as to what other municipalities are using as well as PennDOT. The matter was tabled pending receipt of additional information.

Traffic Ordinance

The Committee reviewed an ordinance amending the subdivision and land development ordinance requiring major subdivisions to conduct traffic impact studies to assess the impact of the proposed development on Borough roads.

Handicapped Park Space Request

The Committee reviewed a request from a resident at 411 W. Market Street asking for a handicapped parking space in front of his residence. The Committee agreed with the request and will put a resolution on the agenda for approval.

Other Business

Mr. Hendricks commended Public Works Director Dan Gilbert for the information regarding the savings on the Borough disposing of its own recycling versus having it picked up.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Approve MS Walk for 2009

The Committee reviewed a request from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to hold its annual walk in Lenape Park on Sunday, April 26, 2009 and to reserve a pavilion to be used as a rest stop. The Committee concurred with the request and agreed to place the matter on the September 15 Council meeting agenda.

Other Business

Eadie Burke asked when the missing plaque at the Menlo Pool would be re-hung. It was requested that the names of two of the Councilmembers who were not included on the plaque be added to it before it was hung back up.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

Metro PCS Lease

Manager Olpere stated that the Borough was approached by Metro PCS requesting permission to sub-lease space on the existing cell tower behind Public Works and enter into a ground lease for space at the bottom of the tower. Committee members concurred with the request and agreed to put the approval of a lease with Metro PCS on the September 15 Council agenda.

Other Business

The Mayor question whether sheep were allowed to be raised within the Borough limits. The Solicitor was asked to research the matter.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Junior Councilor

The Committee discussed whether to readvertise for a junior councilor since there has not been one on Council since August of 2007. The Committee concurred with the request and asked that letters be sent out to surrounding school districts where students from Perkasio Borough would reside. It was also asked that the guidelines for selecting a junior councilor be copied to Council.

Risk Control Report from Delaware Valley Insurance Company

The Committee reviewed the 2008 Risk Control Report from its insurance carrier, Delaware Valley Insurance Trust. Rich Hendricks suggested adding a "contact us" to the Borough's website to report any problems with Borough roads, park equipment, etc.

The Borough Manager was asked for an updated list of what has been done so far on the 2008 Risk Control Report.

The Committee discussed the fact that the insurance company suggested moving the skatepark to a different location because it is in a flood zone. The Park and Recreation Board have been working on finding a new location for this sports park.

Maria Slowik provided copies of previous agendas that had the public forum policy on the back of them with the policy stating that residents and non-residents could speak during public forum.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fraud Policy

The Committee discussed and concurred with the auditor's suggestion that the Borough adopt a Fraud Policy. It was agreed to put the matter on the September 15 Council meeting agenda for approval by resolution.

Other Business

Marty Gahman reminded the Finance Committee of the upcoming budget meeting on September 6. Since a majority of the Finance Committee was not available on September 6, the meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for September 13 at the same time. All Councilmembers were invited to attend the meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before Economic Development

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Hendricks asked the police department to look at 6th Street regarding the request of a one-way sign.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the public requested an opportunity to speak.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary