

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 15, 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  
Ann Weiss  
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**

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive commented on the missing plaque at the Menlo Pool. He felt a plaque should be put up containing the names of all the Councilmembers who served on Borough Council at the time.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

None at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Burke, seconded by McGonigal, Council considered changes to the Council meeting minutes of August 18, 2008 as proposed by Mrs. Burke. Upon roll call vote Councilmembers Hendricks, Nicolosi, Conville, Gahman, and Purcell voted against changing the minutes. Councilmembers Burke, McGonigal, Slowik, and Delaney voted to change them. By a 5-4 vote, the meeting minutes of August 18, 2008 were not changed as requested.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council considered approving the August 18, 2008 minutes as presented. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Harry McGonigal who voted No. The minutes of August 18 were approved by an 8-1 vote.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously considered approving the Council Committee meeting minutes of September 2, 2008 as presented. All Councilmembers voted to approve the minutes with the exception of Harry McGonigal who voted against them. By an 8-1 vote, the September 2, 2008 minutes were unanimously approved.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

### Mayor's Report

The Mayor had nothing to report at this time.

### Taxes Collected

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

### Budget Status

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

### Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the engineer's report for August.

### Planning Commission Report

There was no meeting of Perkasio Planning Commission since last Council meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

#### Resolution #2008-31, Handicap Park Space Request

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2008-31 to grant approval of a handicapped parking space in front of 411 W. Market Street.

#### Waste Management Contract Extension

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved an agreement with Waste Management to extend the co-mingled recyclable materials hauling and disposal agreement from month to month with a sixty day notice prior to termination for the upcoming calendar year.

### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Cable Contract-Legal Advice

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved a contract with cable TV attorney Dan Cohen to assist on an hourly basis in reviewing the draft cable TV agreements with Comcast and in making recommendations for improvements in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Metro PCS Lease

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved a lease agreement with Metro PCS to become third co-locator on existing cell tower owned by T-Mobile.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Approve MS Walk for 2009

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to hold its annual walk in Lenape Park on Sunday, April 26, 2009 and to reserve a pavilion to use as a rest stop.

Approve Ryan's Run in Lenape Park

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ryan's Run in Lenape Park on October 11, 2008 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Authorize Fire Police Assistance-Gallery of the Arts

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Slowik, Council unanimously approved the Perkasio Fire Police to assist Sellersville Borough with traffic/pedestrian control for Sellersville Borough's Gallery of the Arts Festival on Sunday, September 21, 2008.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Resolution #2008-32, Fraud Policy

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Slowik, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2008-32 adopting a Fraud Policy to be in compliance with GASB practices and to preserve the fiscal integrity and accountability of Perkasio Borough.

Electric Rates-Discuss Increase

Borough Manager Olpere explained why the Borough's residents could see an approximate 59% rate hike in their electric rates by the end of the year according to preliminary budget figures presented to Borough Council. President Gahman explained that the discussion was very preliminary and that the budget is by no means near final yet since there is a lot of work to be done by the Finance Committee and Council. Manager Olpere said with future budget meetings that percentage may be able to come down. Councilman McGonigal asked for a rate study on how the increase would affect the residents and businesses of with Perkasio electric. The Manager was asked to work with Quad 3 Group to put together this report. President Gahman also asked the Manager to check with other municipalities and PPL to see what type of rate increase they will be putting into effect.

#### Presentation off 2009 Mom's

Councilmembers acknowledged the funding requirements for the upcoming year through the Minimum Municipal Obligation Worksheets (MMO) for the Borough's pension plans for the uniformed and non-uniformed employees.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before Economic Development.

#### OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Councilman McGonigal asked where the dedication plaque for the Menlo Aquatic Center was located since it is not at its usual location on the wall at the pool. Borough Manager Olpere reported that the plaque has been missing for some time. Mr. McGonigal asked the Police Chief to look into the matter.

President Gahman read a letter from the Perkasio Borough Authority requesting the removal of Harry McGonigal and Brian Triplett from their Board due to lack of regular attendance. Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Nicolosi, Council considered removing Harry McGonigal from the Perkasio Borough Authority Board. Councilmembers Nicolosi, Hendricks, Gahman, Slowik and Purcell voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Burke and Delaney voted against it. Councilmembers Conville and McGonigal abstained. By a 5-2-2 vote, Harry McGonigal was removed from the Board of the Perkasio Borough Authority.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive was present with concerns about illegal parking in the Parkridge Development.

#### **PRESS FORUM**

Questions from the press were received and answered.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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Daniel P. Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary