

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING  
OCTOBER 6, 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 (absent)  
J. Robert Hunsicker  
Daniel P. Olpere  
Joe Gura  
Dan Gilbert  
Ann Weiss  
News Herald  
Morning Call  
Daily Intelligencer  
Bucks County Herald

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Police Chief:

Public Works 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**

Bill Hettel of 1211 W. Park Avenue was present and stated that meeting minutes should accurately reflect what happened at meetings. He also asked Council to think about how the electric rate increase would impact businesses and families.

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive commented that at several of the previous budget meetings there was no “public forum”.

Nancy Keenan of 601 E. Walnut Street thanked Council for redesigning the traffic pattern at Walnut and Constitution Avenue.

**PRESENTATION TO STEVE REICHMAN-PERKASIE BOROUGH EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

Harry Crohe of the Bucks County Emergency Management Agency publicly commended Steve Reichman for achieving his advanced certificate in emergency management.

## **PRESENTATION BY PENNRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER**

John Much, Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Pennridge Senior Center and Dr. Patricia Guth made a brief presentation to Council about the Senior Center's long range fiscal plans and asked for the Borough's continued support of the center.

## **REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION**

There was not a Planning Commission meeting last month.

## **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION**

The Mayor read a Proclamation designating Halloween Night in Perkasio Borough on October 31, 2008 from 6:00PM to 9:00 PM.

## **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

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

### Quad 3/Utility Engineers

Manager Olpere explained that Jim Havrilla and Norm Baron of the Quad 3 Engineering left to form their own consulting company called Utility Engineers, PC. but continued to work with the Borough through the electric supplier transition. Manager Olpere requested that since the Borough has dealt exclusively with Jim Havrilla that the Borough continue the relationship and recommended Perkasio Borough agree to name Utility Engineers PC as the Borough's electric consulting engineers. The Committee concurred with the request.

### 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 September 2008.

### Request from POTA for Christmas Event

The Committee reviewed a requested from the Perkasio Olde Towne Association to hold their annual Tree Lighting and holiday festivities December 6, 2008. It was agreed to place the matter on the October 20 Council meeting agenda for approval.

### Discuss Herbicide Use

Public Works Director Dan Gilbert reviewed his research on an herbicide called QuickPro by Round Up that is used by several municipalities. Committee members requested additional information and asked that the matter be placed on the November committee's agenda.

### Sixth Street Sign One Way

At a previous Council meeting a resident requested that a one-way sign be placed on 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Arch and Buttonwood Streets since the street is designated one-way by ordinance. Police Chief Gura stated a stop sign has been placed at Arch Street going "the wrong way" to catch anyone who inadvertently drives the wrong way.

### Bid #2008-8, Small Trash Bags

The Committee reviewed the results of the small trash bag bid. It was recommended to go with the low bidder Central Poly Corp. The matter will be placed on the October 20 Council meeting agenda.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

### Other Business

The Committee thanked Parks and Recreation Director Josh Aniskevich for a job well done on the recent Perkasio Borough Fall Festival.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

### Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for September 2008. Rich Hendricks stated he liked the new format of the Code Enforcement Officer's report.

## **PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### PBA Issues

Rich Hendricks reviewed a memo from the Borough Manager regarding issues raised by the Perkasio Borough Authority (PBA) that included extending PBA's Articles of Incorporation, an ordinance enforcing a drought contingency plan, and an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation. It was agreed to discuss these items in more detail at the November Committee meeting.

### Review Applications for PBA Vacancy

Committee members reviewed five applications received for two vacancies on the Perkasio

Borough Authority Board. It was agreed to place the appointments on the October 20 Council meeting agenda.

### Work Rule Amendments

The Committee reviewed suggested language from the Borough Manager to be inserted into the Borough employees work rules for a probationary period, overtime, compensatory time, conferences, training time, and travel expense reimbursement. Committee members concurred with the suggested amendments and agreed to place them on the October 20 Council meeting agenda.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### Budget Discussion

President Gahman gave an update on the status of the last two budget discussion meetings. He stated the next budget meeting would be a special meeting of Council on October 13, 2008.

### Electric Rates

The Borough Manager gave a brief summary on the proposed electric rate increase.

### Other Business

None at this time.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

There was no business to come before the Committee.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no further business to discuss.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Kathy Weirbach of Perkasio Florist at 5<sup>th</sup> & Arch Street was present. She questioned why businesses have to pay a higher electric rate than residents. She further stated with the electric rate increase it will be difficult for her to get tenants to rent vacant space in her building

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive thanked the police for an incident that occurred on North Lane in his development.

## **PRESS FORUM**

Questions were received and answered by the press.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Daniel Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary