

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 17, 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 (arrived 7:10PM)
J. Robert Hunsicker
Daniel P. Olpere
Andrea Coaxum
Shannon Drosnock
Dan Gilbert
Joe Gura
Ann Weiss
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer
Bucks County Herald

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Public Works Director:

Police Chief:

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

No one from the public requested an opportunity to speak.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of October 20, 2008.

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the Council Committee meeting minutes of November 3, 2008 as corrected.

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved the Special Council meeting minutes of October 29, 2008.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved the Special Council meeting minutes of November 12, 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor had nothing to report.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Nicolosi, Council considered the budget status report for October 2008. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the report with the exception of McGonigal who voted against it. The report was accepted.

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the engineer's monthly report.

Planning Commission Report

There was no Perkasio Planning Commission meeting this month.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Resolution #2008-34, Snow Removal Policy

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2008-34, amending the snow removal policy to add additional blocks on Fifth Street in the snow removal area.

Review Bid Results and Approve New Contract for Recycling of Newspaper and Cardboard

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously agreed to award the bid for a contract for recycling newspaper and cardboard to Rapid Recycling and to approve a new contract to replace the current one which expires at the end of November.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

The Committee had no business to conduct at this time.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Resolution #2008-35, Preliminary Approval for Habitat for Humanity

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Hendricks, Council considered a resolution granting preliminary/final approval to the Habitat for Humanity Project at 815 Chestnut Street. Rich Hendricks requested that the organization provide a financial contribution to parks and recreation in lieu of providing open space or public recreation facilities as part of the condition of approval. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Nicolosi, Conville, Hendricks, Slowik and Purcell voted in favor of the resolution. Councilmembers Burke, Gahman, McGonigal and Delaney voted against it. The motion passed by a 5-4 vote and the resolution was approved.

Traffic Ordinance #929, Traffic Impact Study for Subdivisions

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #929 requiring a traffic impact study for major subdivisions.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this Committee.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this Committee

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Perform Audit 2008

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Slowik, Council unanimously authorized Styer Associates to perform the audit for the Borough of Perkasio for the year ending December 31, 2008. Ray Conville abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Adopt Preliminary 2009 Budget

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Nicolosi, Council considered adopting the 2009 preliminary budget and advertise it for public inspection. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Nicolosi, Conville, Hendricks, Gahman, Slowik, and Purcell voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Burke, McGonigal, and Delaney voted against. The motion passed 6-3 and the 2009 preliminary budget was approved.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the committee.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Chris Nicolosi asked that discussion about the unsafe condition of the skatepark be put on the December 1 Committee agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the public requested an opportunity to speak.

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 7:25PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary