

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2008**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin Gahman
Eadie Burke (absent)
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney (absent)
Richard Hendricks
Harry McGonigal (absent)

Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell (absent)
Maria Slowik

Mayor:

J. Robert Hunsicker

Borough Manager:

Daniel P. Olpere

Police Chief:

Joe Gura

Assistant Borough Manager:

Andrea Coaxum

Finance Director:

Shannon Drosnock

Park and Recreation Coordinator:

Josh Aniskevich

Public Works Director:

Dan Gilbert

Borough Solicitor:

Ann Weiss

Press Representatives:

News Herald
Daily Intelligencer
Bucks County Herald

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

Present was Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive who stated there are still residents that do not follow the trash program correctly.

PRODESCO COMMUNITY DAY

Rich Hendricks congratulated Prodesco on the occasion of its 65th Anniversary. He also thanked Prodesco's employees for volunteering for the Borough to help with community activities such as cleaning up some areas of the parks and swimming pool as well as a number of office tasks and responsibilities.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

There was not a meeting of the Perkasie Planning Commission in November.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

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 November 2008.

Other Business

Manager Olpere reviewed his memo regarding restructuring trash collection. He explained that by raising trash bag prices, requiring yard waste to be placed in Borough bags and expanding the number of "stickered" items, the Borough could increase fund revenue.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Skatepark Issues

Councilman Conville gave an update on the damages at the skatepark in Lenape Park. Discussion among Council and Borough staff ensued regarding repairs and a long term plan to keep the park in useable condition. It was agreed to ask the Park and Recreation Board for a recommendation as to what to do going forward.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Code Enforcement Officer's report for November was reviewed and accepted.

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance for Traffic Impact Study

The Committee reviewed an amendment to the zoning ordinance which requires a traffic study for rezoning applications and applicants for variances, special exceptions, and conditional uses. It was agreed to forward the ordinance to the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Perkasi Planning Commission for their review and comment.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

PBA Issues

This matter was removed from the agenda.

Perkasie Fire Company

Fire Chief Dave Worthington was present requesting permission to initiate a Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest response unit within their coverage area of Perkasie Borough and East Rockhill Township. Mr. Worthington asked for a letter of support from the Borough to initiate this program by the fire company. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with this program. The Borough Manager was asked to prepare a letter to the Bucks County Emergency Communication Department.

Hire Lineman

Manager Olpere requested permission to hire a first class lineman to replace Matt Lynch who will be retiring next year. The Committee concurred with the request and agreed to place the matter on the December 15 Council meeting agenda.

Approve Revised Emergency Management Plan

Steve Reichman, the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator prepared a revised Emergency Management Plan. Mr. Reichman reviewed several small changes throughout the document compared to the last approved one. The Committee agreed to put approval of the plan on the December 15 Council meeting agenda.

Resolution #2008-6, Establishing 2009 Council Meeting Dates

The Committee reviewed a resolution that would establish all the official Council meeting dates for the year, taking into account holidays and other conflicting dates. The Committee agreed to place the revised resolution on the December 15 Council meeting agenda.

Resolution #2008-37-2009 Wage and Salary Schedule

The Committee reviewed Resolution #2008-37 setting the 2009 wage schedule for Borough employees. It was agreed to put the resolution on the December 15 Council meeting agenda.

Resolution #2008-28, Reduce Pension Contribution for 2009 Non-Uniformed Employees

The Committee reviewed a resolution for the non-uniformed employees to allow a reduction of pension contributions. The Committee agreed to put the Resolution on the December 15 Council meeting agenda.

Resolution #2008-29, Reduce Pension Contribution for 2009 Uniformed Employees

The Committee reviewed a resolution for the non-uniformed employees to allow a reduction of pension contributions. The Committee agreed to put the Resolution on the December 15 Council meeting agenda.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

The Committee reviewed a list names to appointments to boards and commission. It was agreed to put these appointments on the December 15 Council agenda.

1. 1-4-Year Term to Civil Service Commission
2. 1-4-Year Term to Perkasio Planning Commission
3. 1-5-Year Term to Perkasio Zoning Hearing Board
4. 1-3-Year Term as alternate to Perkasio Zoning Hearing Board
5. 2-3-Year Terms to Park and Recreation Board
6. 2 Vacancies-Board of Appeals for Uniform Construction Code
7. 5 Vacancies Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals

Other Business

Mr. Hendricks asked if a procedure or policy for attending Borough meetings could be placed on the next Committees meeting for discussion.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Approve Pennridge Senior Center Fund Transfer

The Committee considering approving a donation request from the Pennridge Senior Center in the amount of \$8,828.00. It was agreed to place the matter on the December 15 Council meeting agenda.

Rental Increase for Menlo Center

Manager Olpere updated Council on the status of the conditions of the Menlo House. He asked that consideration be given to raising the rent rate from \$700 a month to a \$725 per month. It was agreed to put this matter on the agenda for the December 15 meeting.

Resolution #2008-40, Budget Amendment and Interfund Transfer

This resolution is no longer necessary. A transfer request will be put before Council in January to clarify the exact amount of transfer needed in 2008.

Resolution #2008-41 Recommend Adoption of Final 2009 Budget

The Committee reviewed a resolution recommending adoption of the final 2009 budget. The resolution will be put on the December 15 Council meeting agenda.

Approve 5 Year Plan

The Committee agreed to recommend the 5 year capital plan for adoption at the December 15, 2008 Council meeting,

Resolution 208-42, Consolidated Fee Schedule

The Committee reviewed a newly revised 2008 consolidated fee schedule and asked that it be approved at the December 15, 2008 Council meeting.

Ordinance #930, Establish Tax Rate for 2009

The Committee reviewed and agreed to place Ordinance #930, establishing the tax rate for 2009, on the December 15 Council agenda.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Other Business

Chris Nicolosi asked when the Welcome Packets would be available for public distribution. He also reminded everyone that this coming Saturday, December 6, 2008 was Perkasio Olde Towne's Christmas Tree Lighting and holiday festivities beginning at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC FORUM

Bill Searight of 312 E. Walnut Street was present and suggested getting teenagers together to get involved in the skatepark repair and upkeep. He also felt rules should be established.

PRESS FORUM

There were no questions from the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary