

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 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 (arrived 7:25 pm)  
J. Robert Hunsicker  
Daniel P. Olpere  
Joe Gura  
Andrea Coaxum  
Shannon Drosnock  
Ann Weiss  
News Herald  
Daily Intelligencer  
Bucks County Herald

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Police Chief:

Assistant Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

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 Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of November 17, 2008.

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved the Council Committee meeting minutes of December 1, 2008.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

Mayor's Report

The Mayor had nothing to report.

### Taxes Collected

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

### Budget Status

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

### Engineer's Report

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

### Planning Commission Report

There was no Perkasio Planning Commission meeting for November.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Public Works Committee.

### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Public Utility Committee.

### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Planning and Zoning Committee

### PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Park and Recreation Committee.

### PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

### **Hire Lineman**

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council considered a motion to hire John Pierson for the lineman position in the Borough Election Department effective January 5, 2009 with a starting wage of \$31.41 per hour for a second class lineman. He is to be re-evaluated in 6 months for consideration of a promotion to First Class Lineman. Councilmembers Nicolosi, Conville, Hendricks, Gahman and Purcell voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Burke, McGonigal, and Delaney voted against the motion. The motion passed by a 5-3 vote.

### **Approve Revised Emergency Management Plan**

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2008-44, the Perkasio Borough Emergency Management Plan.

### **Resolution #2008-36, Establishing 2009 Council Meeting Dates**

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2008-36 establishing the Borough Council meeting dates for 2009.

### **Resolution #2008-43, Electric Superintendent Promotion**

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council considered appointing Foreman Harold Stone to the permanent position of Electric Department Superintendent effective November 20, 2008. Councilmembers Nicolosi, Conville, Hendricks, Gahman and Purcell voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Burke, McGonigal, and Delaney voted against the motion. The motion passed by a 5-3 vote.

### **Police Chief's Contract**

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved a 3-year employment contract with Chief Joe Gura for 2009, 2010, 2011.

### **Resolution #2008-37, 2009 Wage and Salary Schedule**

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council considered Resolution #2008-37 approving the 2009 wage and salary schedule for Borough employees. Councilmembers Nicolosi, Conville, Hendricks, Gahman and Purcell voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Burke, McGonigal, and Delaney voted against the motion. The motion passed by a 5-3 vote.

### **Resolution #2008-38, Reduce Pension Contribution for 2009 Non-Uniformed Employees**

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2008-38 reducing the pension contribution for 2009 non-uniformed employees to zero.

### **Resolution #2008-39, Reduce Pension Contribution for 2009 Uniformed Employees**

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2008-39 reducing the pension contribution for 2009 uniformed employees to zero.

### **Appointment to Boards and Commissions**

#### **1-Four-Year Term to Civil Service Commission**

The floor was opened for nominations to the Civil Service Commission. Hendricks made a motion to nominate Brian Black which was seconded by Purcell. Purcell made a motion to close nominations which was seconded by Nicolosi. Brian Black was unanimously appointed to the Civil Service Commission for a four year term ending December 2012.

#### **1-Four Year Term to Perkasio Planning Commission**

The floor was opened for nominations to the Perkasio Planning Commission. Hendricks nominated Richard Packard which was seconded by Nicolosi. Purcell made a motion to close nominations which was seconded by Conville. Richard Packard was unanimously appointed to the Perkasio Planning Commission for a four year term through December 2012.

### 1-Five Year Term to Perkasio Zoning Hearing Board

The floor was opened for nominations to the Perkasio Zoning Hearing Board. Hendricks made a motion to nominate John Yannaccone which was seconded by Nicolosi. Purcell made a motion to close nominations which was seconded by Conville. John Yannaccone was unanimously appointed to the Perkasio Zoning Hearing Board for a five year term through December 2013.

### 1-Three Year Term as alternate to the Perkasio Zoning Hearing Board

The floor was opened for nominations for alternate to the Perkasio Zoning Hearing Board. Conville made a motion to nominate Doug Taylor which was seconded by Nicolosi. Nicolosi made a motion to close nominations which was seconded by Purcell. Doug Taylor was unanimously appointed as alternate to the Perkasio Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term through December 2011.

### 2-Three Year Terms to the Parks and Recreation Board

The floor was opened for nominations to the Parks and Recreation Board. Conville made a motion to nominate Pat Kaempf which was seconded by Hendricks. Purcell made a motion to close nominations which was seconded by Nicolosi. Pat Kaempf was unanimously appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board for a three year term through December 2011.

The floor was then opened for a second position on the Parks and Recreation Board. There were no names placed into nomination. It was agreed to continue to advertise for the vacancy on the Board.

### 2 Vacancies-Board of Appeals for Uniformed Construction Code

The floor was opened for nomination to the Board of Appeals for Uniformed Construction Code. Hendricks made a motion nominating Faith Russ which was seconded by Nicolosi. Purcell made a motion to close nominations which was seconded by Conville. Faith Russ was unanimously appointed to the Board of Appeals for Uniformed Construction Code. This position has no term.

There were no other names placed into nomination for the additional vacancy on the Board of Appeals. It was agreed to continue to advertise for the vacancy.

### 5 Vacancies on Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals

There were no applicants to apply for this position. It was again agreed to continue to advertise for the vacancies on this Board of Appeals.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### **Approve Pennridge Senior Center Fund Transfer**

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved a donation request from the Pennridge Senior Center in the amount of \$8,828.00.

### **Rent Increase for Menlo House**

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Hendricks, Council considered raising the monthly rent from \$700 to \$725 at the Borough owned house at Menlo Park to be effective February 1, 2009. Councilmembers Burke and Delaney voted against the motion. Councilmembers Conville, Gahman, Hendricks, Nicolosi, McGonigal, Purcell voted in favor of the increase. By a 6-2 vote, the motion carried and the rent increase was set at \$725 per month.

### **Resolution #2008-41, Recommend Adoption of Final 2009 Budget**

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council considered adopting the final 2009 budget. Councilmembers Nicolosi, Conville, Hendricks, Gahman and Purcell voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Burke, McGonigal, and Delaney voted against the motion. The budget was adopted by a 5-3 vote.

### **Approve 5-Year Capital Plan**

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council considered approving the 5-year capital plan in the form as presented. Councilmembers Nicolosi, Conville, Hendricks, Gahman and Purcell voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Burke, McGonigal, and Delaney voted against the motion. The 5-Year Plan was approved by a 5-3 vote.

### **Resolution #2008-42, Consolidated Fee Schedule for 2009**

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Purcell, Council considered approving Resolution #2008-42 approving the consolidated fee schedule for 2009. All Councilmembers present voted in favor of the motion with the exception of McGonigal who voted against it. The 2009 fee schedule was approved by a 7-1 vote.

### **Ordinance #930-Establish Tax Rate for 2009**

Maria Slowik arrived at this point of the meeting at 7:25PM.

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council considered approving ordinance #930 establishing the tax rate for 2009 at 5.75 mills--4.75 mills for general fund purposes and 1.00 mill for fire protection services. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion with the exception of McGonigal who voted against it. The ordinance passed by an 8-1 vote.

### **Authorization to Pay Bills**

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

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

There was no business to come before Economic Development.

### **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Hendricks asked that the following items be discussed at future meeting: 4-day work week and a child predator ordinance.

Mr. Delaney asked that Council keep looking into other electric contracts. He further congratulated Chris Nicolosi for 100% attendance for the year 2008 despite health related issues.

Mr. Gahman stated that Council would again be looking into the electric contract and budgeting plans to make the Borough more financially stable.

Chris Nicolosi stated that the Perkasio Olde Towne Association tree lighting festivities the previous weekend had a great turn out.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Nelson Hollenbach of 14 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street thanked Council for doing a good job throughout the year for the community.

**PRESS FORUM**

Questions from the press were received and answered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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Daniel P. Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary