

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2009**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Martin Gahman Eadie Burke Ray Conville Bill Delaney Richard Hendricks Harry McGonigal (absent) Chris Nicolosi Jim Purcell Maria Slowik (arrived 7:15 PM)
Mayor:	J. Robert Hunsicker
Borough Manager:	Daniel P. Olpere
Police Chief:	Joe Gura
Assistant Manager:	Andrea Coaxum
Finance Director:	Shannon Drosnock
Parks and Recreation Director:	Josh Aniskevich
Electric Superintendent:	Harold Stone
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

No one from the public requested an opportunity to speak.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

There was not a Perkasie Planning Commission meeting in December.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Mr. Hendricks introduced a new employee John Pierson who started as a lineman in the Electric Department.

Set Dates for Committee Meeting

The Committee discussed setting a date to meet with the electric consultant Jim Havrilla to begin discussion on long-range plan for the electric contract and on cost saving ideas. Manager Olpere stated he would set up a meeting in the next two weeks and notify Committee members of the date.

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for December 2008.

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Committee.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Skatepark Issues

This matter was tabled until the February committee meeting.

Approve Perkasio Fire Company Carnival

The Committee reviewed a request from the Perkasio Fire Company seeking permission to hold its annual carnival in Lenape Park June 23 through June 27, 2009. The Committee agreed to recommend approval of the event and placed the matter on the January 19, 2009 Council meeting agenda.

Plumbers and Tile Bid-Menlo Aquatic Center

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously awarded bid #2008-10 for bathhouse plumbing and lavatory fixture installation work to Slatts Mechanical Inc. in the amount of \$11,500.00 contingent upon receipt of all appropriate bonds.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously awarded bid #2008-11 for bathhouse lavatory floor tile work to Wright Flooring Company Inc. in the amount of \$6,445.00 upon receipt of all appropriate bonds.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for December 2008.

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance for Traffic Impact Study

The Committee reviewed an amendment to the zoning ordinance regarding transportation impact studies for rezoning, variances, special exceptions, and conditional uses. Also reviewed was a draft review letter from the Bucks County Planning Commission suggesting several changes to the ordinance. The Committee agreed to hold a public hearing on the zoning ordinance amendment with the revisions suggested by the

Bucks County Planning Commission at the January 19 meeting and consider adoption of the same.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Appointment to Boards and Commissions

Committee members reviewed an updated list (below) of the following board and commission appointments listing the incumbents as well as the applicants:

- 1-OneYear Term to the Vacancy Board
- 2-Five Year Terms to the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority
- 1-Five Year Term to the Perkasio Borough Authority
- 2-Five Year Terms to the Perkasio Industrial Development Authority

It was agreed to make these appointments at the January 19, 2009 Council meeting.

Meeting Attendance Policy/Guidelines

This matter was moved to the February Committees agenda.

Deed Registration Ordinance

The Committee reviewed an ordinance amending the Uniform Municipal Deed Registration Act whereby deeds no longer are required to be pre-registered with the Borough prior to the deed being accepted by the Recorder of Deeds at the Doylestown Courthouse. However property owners are still required to register their deeds with the Borough. Borough Manager Olpere suggested raising the recording fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Committee members concurred with both recommendations and the approval of the ordinance would be placed on the January 19, 2009 Council agenda.

Authorization to Sell Vehicles

Manager Olpere reported to Council that the Borough has two police cars and one pick up truck that are ready to be put up for sale. He suggested using JJ Kane Auction in Plymouth Meeting since they auction municipal vehicles and equipment. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with placing these items up for auction.

Sexual Predator Ordinance

The Committee reviewed a draft ordinance to address concerns about convicted sexual offenders, after serving prison time, to relocate to the Borough to live. Several items were discussed including whether playgrounds and parks should be added to the list of locations within 1,000 or 2,000 feet that a predator could not reside. The Solicitor and Police Chief were asked to relook at the ordinance and come back with further recommendations for the February Committee meeting.

Menlo House Revised Lease

The Committee reviewed a revised lease for the Menlo Park house rented by Jerry & Betty Arnaudo. The Manager reviewed several changes to the lease one including an annual inspection by the Borough. The Solicitor stated she would prepare a new lease for Council review and consideration for approval for the January 19, 2009 Council meeting.

WELCOME PACKET

Assistant Manager Andrea Coaxum handed out a sample Welcome Packet that would be given to new residents moving into the Borough. Councilmembers expressed support for the Welcome Packet.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this committee.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilwoman Burke questioned why the Herzstein property at 208 Ridge Avenue was an executive session item. After much discussion on the matter, it was agreed the matter would not be discussed in executive session at this time.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive who stated that the no parking signs on North Lane still have not been put up.

Joan D'Auito of 1015 Race Street questioned why Mr. Herzstein, who owns the property at 208 Ridge Avenue, has not complied with repairing the house.

Bill Swope of 141 Ridge Avenue stated he is tired of looking at the run down property at 208 Ridge Avenue.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary