

MINUTES OF VOTING MEETING
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
JANUARY 19, 2009

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Marty Gahman Eadie Burke Ray Conville Bill Delaney Richard Hendricks (absent) Harry McGonigal Chris Nicolosi Jim Purcell Maria Slowik (absent)
Mayor:	J. Robert Hunsicker
Borough Manager:	Daniel P. Olpere
Police Chief:	Joe Gura
Assistant Borough Manager:	Andrea Coaxum
Finance Director:	Shannon Drosnock
Borough Solicitor:	Ann Weiss
Press Representatives:	News Herald Daily Intelligencer Bucks County Herald

Perkasie Borough Council President Marty Gahman convened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Gahman gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Jim Purcell, seconded by Ray Conville, Council unanimously accepted the meeting minutes from the December 15, 2008 Borough Council meeting.

Upon motion by Chris Nicolosi, seconded by Ray Conville, Council unanimously accepted the meeting minutes from the January 5, 2009 Borough Council meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported that the Public Works Department has done a fantastic job on the roads this winter. He commended them on that.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Jim Purcell, seconded by Ray Conville, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for the month of December 2008.

Budget Status

Approval of the budget status was tabled until the next meeting to allow Council enough time to properly review the budget status documentation.

Engineer's Report

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

Planning Commission Report

No report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

None.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Manager Olpere described the program and the recommendation by the Utility Committee. He also explained that it is time-sensitive due to the fast approaching deadline set by AMP-Ohio. Mr. Purcell asked if there were any drawbacks, and Manager Olpere explained that the Borough would be adding a 15% administrative fee to help cover the cost of installing a meter which is required for the program. He also stated that if there is no curtailment, then we will be out a meter and will not collect any administrative fee, but the electric department is working on switching out all meters to the new "smart meters" despite the program.

Mr. McGonigal asked how this program will reflect on our revenue since we wouldn't sell the electric that is being curtailed by a participating business. Manager Olpere stated that the staff has not looked into that, and Mr. McGonigal added that he wanted to make sure that this doesn't cause the Borough to have a deficit. Mr. Gahman added that he believes the Borough should at least give the commercial customers the opportunity to take advantage of the program.

Before the vote, Mr. Purcell questioned how it could be in the budget if we don't have a customer eligible? Manager Olpere answered by stating that it is the loss of electricity that may affect the Borough, not the loss of the credit from this program. Mr. McGonigal clarified by saying that the Borough already guesses with electric revenue when they do the budget. Therefore, if customers use less than budgeted, we would lose revenue. Mr. Gahmen commented that the Borough could sell less electric because of the program.

Upon motion by Jim Purcell, seconded by Chris Nicolosi, Council approved the Reliability Pricing Model (RPM) by a vote of 6-1, with Bill Delaney voting against the program.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Upon motion by Chris Nicolosi, seconded by Ray Conville, Council unanimously approved the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for the Traffic Impact Study.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Upon motion by Ray Conville, seconded by Jim Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Perkasio Fire Company Carnival, with Bill Delaney voting against the program. The Carnival will be held Tuesday, June 23rd through Saturday, June 27th.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Conville nominated Lloyd Rush for the one year term to the Vacancy Board, and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Purcell. Upon motion by Jim Purcell, seconded by Chris Nicolosi, Council closed the nominations for the Vacancy Board. Council then unanimously appointed Lloyd Rush to the Vacancy Board.

Mr. Nicolosi nominated Steve Algeo for one of the five-year terms to the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority, and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Conville. Upon motion by Chris Nicolosi, seconded by Ray Conville, Council closed the nominations for the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority. Council then appointed Steve Algeo for one of the five-year terms to the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority with a vote of 6-1, with Bill Delaney voting against the appointment.

Mr. Conville nominated Bob Wasson for one of the five-year terms to the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority, and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Nicolosi. Upon motion by Ray Conville, seconded by Jim Purcell, Council closed the nominations for the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority. Council then appointed Bob Wasson for one of the five-year terms to the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority with a vote of 4-3, with Bill Delaney, Eadie Burke and Harry McGonigal voting against the appointment.

Mr. Nicolosi nominated Ben Rainear for the five-year term to the Perkasio Borough Authority, and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Purcell. Upon motion by Mr. Purcell, seconded by Mr. Nicolosi, Council closed the nominations for the Perkasio Borough Authority. Council then appointed Ben Rainear for the five-year term to the Perkasio Borough Authority with a vote of 3-3-1, with Bill Delaney, Eadie Burke and Harry McGonigal voting against the appointment and Ray Conville abstaining. The Mayor broke the tie by voting in favor of Mr. Rainear.

Mr. Nicolosi nominated Charlie Baum for one of the five-year terms to the Perkasio Industrial Development Authority, and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Purcell. Upon motion by Mr. Conville, seconded by Mr. Purcell, Council closed the nominations for the Perkasio Industrial Development Authority. Council then appointed Charlie Baum for the five-year term to the Perkasio Industrial Development Authority with a vote of 5-2, with Eadie Burke and Harry McGonigal voting against the appointment.

There were no applicants for the second five-year term to the Perkasio Industrial Development Authority, so the Borough will continue to advertise the position.

Ms. Burke nominated Barbara Hollenbach for the unexpired term through 2009 to the Perkasio Parks and Recreation Board, and the nomination was seconded by Mr. McGonigal. Upon motion by Mr. Nicolosi, seconded by Mr. McGonigal, Council closed the nominations for the Perkasio Parks and Recreation Board. Council then unanimously appointed Barbara Hollenbach to the Perkasio Parks and Recreation Board.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

None.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESS FORUM

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary