

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING  
FEBRUARY 2, 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  
J. Robert Hunsicker  
Daniel P. Olpere  
Andrea Coaxum  
Shannon Drosnock  
Dan Gilbert  
Josh Aniskevich  
Ann Weiss  
Amy Montgomery  
News Herald  
Daily Intelligencer

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Finance Director:

Public Works Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

Press Representatives:

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**

Randy Walck of 600 Jefferson Drive was present voicing concerns about recreational all terrain vehicle (ATV's) being driven in his neighborhood. He asked if Council would consider an ordinance restricting ATV's on private property and cite individuals for disturbing the peace.

Martha Bennethum of 11 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street was present regarding a speeding problem on 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Chestnut and Market.

Arthur Swiatkowski of 608 Jefferson Drive asked Council to seriously consider an ordinance banning ATV's on residential and private property.

Present was Ian Brady of 17 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Brady reported vandalism to his wife's car and a suspicious person looking into people's cars and garages in the alley behind his home. He asked that the alley be better monitored by the police and possibly adding street lights.

**REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION**

There has not been a Perkasie Planning Commission meeting since the last Council meeting.

## **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for January 2009.

### Approval of Public Utility Committee Meeting Minutes January 12, 2009

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Gahman, Council considered the Special Public Utility Committee meeting minutes of January 12, 2009. All Committee members voted in favor of approving the minutes with the exception of Delaney who voted against them. The minutes were approved by a 3-1 vote.

### Authorize Bidding For Extended Electric Contract

Committee members discussed authorizing the electric consultant, Jim Havrilla to begin the process of obtaining bids for new electric contracts for 2014 and 2015. Manager Olpere explained that by beginning this process that Council can see whether the rates are trending up or down. Differing opinions were voiced. The Committee agreed to place the matter on the February 16 agenda.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for January 2009.

### Parking Restrictions-Parkridge Drive

The Committee reviewed an ordinance which would amend the Vehicles and Traffic chapter of the Borough Code to implement parking restrictions that have been place in the Parkridge Development stating "no parking" a number of years ago. The Committee agreed that an ordinance should be advertised to make these parking regulations legal. The ordinance will be placed on the February 16, 2009 agenda.

### Recycling Data Contract

Committee members reviewed a memo from the Borough Manager and Assistant Manager recommending the contracting of Hough & Associates to prepare the 2009 recycling grant application to the Department of Environmental Protection for a recycling grant. The Committee concurred with the recommendation and placed the matter on the February 16, 2009 agenda.

### Other Business

Councilman Ray Conville suggested seeking requests for proposals for borough engineering services. The Committee agreed with the suggestion. The Borough Manager was asked to prepare a request for proposals for engineering services for the February 16, 2009 meeting and placed on the Council agenda for approval.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

### Skatepark Issues

The Committee discussed what it wants to do with the deteriorating skate park, continue to repair and maintain the current park, and build a long term park (cement park), or get rid of current park and stop providing this recreation opportunity to the community. It was recommended by the Park and Recreation Board that the park be slowly closed as materials continue to deteriorate and ultimately close the park. However, it was further recommended that the \$3,500 budgeted should be used to feed the development of a new more durable skatepark to be built with donations, sponsorship and grant money without using dipping into the reserves. Committee members agreed with the Park and Recreation Board's recommendation and agreed to put the matter on the February 16, 2009 agenda.

### Appalachian Mountain Club

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Appalachian Mountain Club requesting to give a presentation regarding the club's support for their efforts to expand walking and hiking trails throughout the region. The Committee agreed the club could make its presentation at the March 3, 2009 Council Committee meeting.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

### Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for January 2009.

### Other Business

None at this time.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### Fee Schedule Update

The Committee reviewed an update to the fee schedule resolution due to increases in East Rockhill's rates that they charge for Perkasio for inspection services. The Manager also recommended adding a \$10.00 charge to reproduce an audio tape of Borough meetings. The Committee agreed with all the recommendations and placed the resolution on the February 16, 2009 Council agenda.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

### Recognize Rita's Water Ice

Committee members read an article in the recent News Herald about the staff at Rita's Water Ice of Perkasio receiving a commendation for exemplary service. It was agreed that the Borough should also recognize the staff and honor them with a plaque at the March committee meeting.

## POTA Hot Ribs, Cool Music

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Perkasio Olde Towne Association (POTA) requesting permission to hold their annual Hot Ribs/Cool Music event on Saturday, May 30, 2009. The event would be placed on the February 16, 2009 Council agenda for approval.

## Other Business

Chris Nicolosi commented that three businesses recently closed down in the Borough, those being the Ginger Tree on Market Street, Zen Java (which has been closed for a year) and the Avacado Café both on Walnut Street. The Three Wishes store on 7<sup>th</sup> Street will be closing shortly also. Nicolosi stated he would like to see money put in the 2010 budget for economic development. The Borough Manager was asked to set up a meeting between the Borough and POTA to work on implementing a plan to promote economic development in the Borough.

## **PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Sexual Predator Ordinance

The Committee reviewed a recommendation from the Police Chief regarding a sexual predator ordinance which would disallow any convicted sexual predator residing 1,000 feet from any schools that are in or adjacent to the Borough. The Chief was not present at the meeting so that matter was tabled until the March Committees meeting.

### Treasurer Appointment

The Committee discussed and recommended that the Finance Director Shannon Drosnock be appointed by Council as the Borough Treasurer. A resolution appointing her will be placed on the February 16, 2009 Council agenda for approval.

### Discuss Junior Councilor Vacancy

The Committee reviewed one application for the Junior Councilor position on Borough Council. Since only one applicant had been received the Committee agreed to table the matter until the March Committee meeting. The Mayor noted that he may be receiving a second application.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Gahman suggested looking at the sound system in the Council meeting room since it is very hard for audience members to hear board members when they are speaking.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Present was Florence Frei of 736 S. 9<sup>th</sup> who thought the skatepark should be a cement facility. She also stated she is in favor of economic development for the town and hopes the railroad service would run through Perkasio again some day.

Chris Cressman of 50 S.3rd Street supported continuing to have a skatepark in the community.

**PRESS FORUM**

No questions at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Daniel Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary