

MINUTES OF VOTING MEETING
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 16, 2009

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Marty Gahman
Eadie Burke
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney
Richard Hendricks
Harry McGonigal
Chris Nicolosi

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Police Chief:

Finance Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik
J. Robert Hunsicker
Daniel P. Olpere
Joe Gura
Shannon Drosnock
Josh Aniskevich
Ann Weiss
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer
Bucks County Herald

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

Present was Hope Fisher, President of Perkasie Olde Towne Association (POTA) who presented a check to the Borough from POTA to purchase trees in Borough parks.

Present was Perkasie's tax collector Judy Patton. Mrs. Patton raised concerns about the Pennridge School District's decrease in tax collector's compensation. She further explained how the school district wanted to proceed with a lockbox system which she thought would compromise the level of service to taxpayers.

Betty Jarrett of 601 North Ridge Road stated she felt the Borough or taxpayers funds should not be used to either maintaining the current skate park in Lenape Park or to build a new one. She stated she believed it should be self-funded by the private sector.

Lee Rush of 128 Ridge Avenue was present as Community Organizer for the Upper Bucks Healthy Communities Healthy Youth Coalition. He explained that the coalition's mission is to promote positive youth development and reduce the demand for youth to use alcohol and other drugs.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

No remarks at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Council Voting meeting minutes for January 19, 2009.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved the Committee minutes from February 2, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor asked that residents be cited if they put their trash out too early, before 6:00PM the day before.

Taxes Collected

There was no report for January 2009.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for January 2009

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's monthly report January 2009.

Planning Commission Report

There has been no meeting of the Perkasio Planning Commission since the last Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Ordinance #933, Parkridge Drive Parking Restrictions

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #933, legally implementing "no parking" restrictions in the Parkridge Subdivision.

Recycling Data Contract

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously agreed to enter into a

contract with Hough and Associates to prepare the 2009 recycling grant application to the Department of Environmental Protection for a grant in the amount of \$3,800.

Borough Engineer Request for Proposals

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Conville, Council considered approving a request for proposals for engineering services to be prepared by the Borough Manager and that bids are solicited from interested firms. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Burke, Delaney, and McGonigal. The motion passed by a 6-3 vote.

Revised Arnaduo Lease

Upon motion by McGonigal, seconded by Nicolosi, unanimously agreed to approve a new amended lease, removing paragraph #9 regarding insurance premiums and real estate taxes, with Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Arnaduo for property owned by the Borough at 501 S. 4th Street

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Authorize Bid for Extended Electric Contract

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council considered authorizing electric consultant Utility Engineers to begin the process of obtaining bids for new electric contracts for the years 2014 and 2015. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Burke, Delaney, and McGonigal. The motion passed by a 6-3 vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this committee.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Resolution #2009-1, Skatepark

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Purcell, Council considered approving Resolution #2009-1 closing the skatepark in Lenape Park slowly as needed, and to create a plan for a new updated facility. After much discussion, upon motion by Conville, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously agreed to table the matter. It was agreed to ask the Perkasio Parks and Recreation Board for a recommendation and invite a member of that Board to attend the next Council Committee meeting.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Resolution #2009-3, Treasurer Appointment

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously appointed Finance Director Shannon Drosnock as Perkasio Borough Treasurer and reaffirm the appointment of Borough Manager Daniel Olpere as Secretary.

Other Business

The Borough Manager invited Tim Eichlin to address Council regarding his interest in applying for the position of youth Councilor. He was interviewed and questioned by several Councilmembers. Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously appointed Tim Eichlin as youth Councilor for a term through August 2009.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Resolution #2009-2 Revise Consolidated Fee Schedule

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved revising the consolidated fee schedule due to increases in East Rockhill's rates that are charged to Perkasio for inspection services. Also an additional charge of \$10.00 should be added for the reproduction of audio tapes of Borough meetings. These fees will become effective February 17, 2009.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

POTA Hot Ribs, Cool Music

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Hot Ribs/Cool Music event held by the Perkasio Olde Towne Association on May 30, 2009.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Chris Nicolosi reported to Council that he had been in touch with Perkasio Olde Towne regarding economic development. He is working on getting a committee together to meet with Borough Council on this topic.

PUBLIC FORUM

Lee Rush of 128 Ridge Avenue congratulated the newly appointed youth Councilor. He asked Council to keep working on a solution to the deteriorating skate park in Lenape Park.

Present was Steve Eister of 2337 South 5th Street and an avid skateboarder. He stated the improper use of the material used at the skate park is why it is such a state of disarray. He informed Council that it was not the skateboarders vandalizing the park. It is actually a group of kids that just hang out down there and abuse the facilities.

James Dolan of 126 Dill Avenue asked if the skate park could stay open and keep fixing it up instead of closing it. He recommended using concrete instead of plywood.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Gahman announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss litigation and would not reopen the meeting. It attendance at the executive session were Marty Gahman, Richard Hendricks, Ray Conville, Chris Nicolosi, Jim Purcell, and Maria Slowik.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary