

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
APRIL 20, 2009

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 7:35PM)  
J. Robert Hunsicker  
Daniel P. Olpere  
Joe Gura  
Andrea Coaxum  
Shannon Drosnock  
Josh Aniskevich  
Harold Stone  
Josh Ganz  
Amy Montgomery  
News Herald  
Daily Intelligencer  
The Morning Call

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Police Chief:

Assistant Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Electric Superintendent:

Borough Solicitor:

Boucher & James:

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**

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive was present regarding problems with trash collection.

Present was Jerry Arnaduo, tenant of the Borough's Menlo House at 501 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Arnaduo had several comments about the letter he received regarding return of the deposit to him for the termination of his rental agreement.

Randy Walck of 600 Jefferson Drive spoke regarding the use of all terrain vehicles near his property.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Mr. Gahman had no remarks at this time.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Council voting meeting minutes of March 16, 2009.

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the April 6, 2009 Committee meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously accepted the April 1, 2009 Special Public Utility Committee.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

### Mayor's Report

The Mayor made comments regarding residents placing their trash out too early the day prior to pick up.

### Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for March 2009.

### Budget Status

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report March 2009.

### Engineer's Report

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

### Planning Commission Report

There was no recent meeting to report on.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

#### Resolution #2009-10, Weed Spraying

Upon motion by Conville seconded by Purcell, Council considered approving Resolution #2009-10, granting Borough staff permission to use appropriate herbicides for weed control on Borough fence lines, streets, and sidewalks. Councilmembers Conville, Hendricks, Gahman, and Purcell voted in favor of the resolution. Councilmembers Nicolosi, Burke, McGonigal and Delaney voted against it. The vote was 4-4. The Mayor was asked to vote to break the tie. He voted in favor of the resolution. The resolution passed by a 5-4 vote.

### Ordinance #934, Approve PBA Extension Request

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council considered approving Ordinance #934 amending Perkasio Borough Authority's Articles of Incorporation to extend the life of the Authority another 50 years until 2059. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the ordinance with the exception of Harry McGonigal who voted against. Ray Conville abstained since he is an employee of the Authority. The ordinance passed by a 6-1-1 vote.

### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

#### Resolution #2009-11, Electric Meter Program

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council considered approving Resolution #2009-11, consenting to the upgrade of the electric meters for Borough residents and further approving the program for load profiling meters. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the resolution with the exception of Harry McGonigal who voted against it. The resolution passed by a 7-1 vote.

#### Resolution #2009-12, Electric Service to other Communities

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council considered approving Resolution #2009-12 allowing expanded Electric Department Services to neighboring municipalities. All Councilmember voted in favor of the resolution with the exception of Harry McGonigal who voted against it. The resolution passed by 7-1 vote.

#### Review Results of Bid #2009-2, LED Traffic Signal Modules

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously awarded Bid #2009-2 for LED traffic signal modules to Signal Services at the prices listed in their bid, which are calculated to be \$14,116.

#### Review Results of Bid #2009-3, Purchase Bucket Truck

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council considered approving the purchase of an Electric Department truck from Altec Industries for a base price of \$142,363 which does not include trade-in. Further motion to approve borrowing money from Univest Bank to lease purchase the truck over a five year period in the amount of \$142,363 at an annual interest rate of 4.1%. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the purchase with the exception of McGonigal, Delaney and Burke. The motion passed 5-3.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council considered authorizing the Borough Manager to sell the old truck through competitive bidding. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the sale of the truck with the exception of McGonigal, Delaney and Burke. The motion passed 5-3.

#### Approve Loan for Backhoe

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council considered ratifying the purchase of a 2009 John Deere loader backhoe under a joint bid of the Harrisburg PACC (PA Capital City) Automotive and Equipment Contract administered by the City of Harrisburg. Further motion to approve borrowing money from Univest Bank to lease purchase the loader backhoe over a five year period in the amount of \$66,916, at annual interest rate of 4.1%. All Councilmembers voted in favor

of the purchase with the exception of McGonigal, Burke, and Delaney. The motion was approved by a 6-3 vote. (Maria Slowik arrived 7:35 PM)

## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

### Resolution #2009-13, Open Space Plan Authorization

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2009-13, as amended, approving a proposal from the Bucks County Planning Commission to prepare an open space plan for the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$5,780.

It was the consensus of all Councilmembers present to discuss appointment of an Open Space Committee at the May Committee meeting.

### Appoint UCC Appeals Board

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Purcell, Council considered appointing Jeff Crozier, Cheryleen Strothers and Faith Russ to the Uniformed Construction Code Board of Appeals. By roll call vote, Councilmember Nicolosi, Hendricks, Gahman, Delaney and Purcell voted in favor of the appointments. Councilmembers Conville, Burke, McGonigal, and Slowik voted against it. The motion passed by a 5-4 vote.

President Gahman noted that there would be an upcoming hearing on an appeal the Borough received and that Council would need to appoint a Solicitor for that board at the May 4 committee meeting.

## PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

### Request from Blooming Glen Mennonite Church

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Delaney, Council unanimously approved Blooming Glen Mennonite Church's request to use Kulp Park for an outdoor church service and baptism in the creek on Sunday, June 28, 2009 from 9AM to 1PM. Permission to park on both sides of the Second Street that day is also granted.

### Request from Bucks County Covered Bridge Society

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Bucks County Covered Bridge Society to hold its second annual "Breakfast" on the covered bridge in Lenape Park on May 9, 2009 from 9AM to 12:00 PM.

### Skate Park Committee Charge

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously agreed to approve Resolution 2009-14, as amended, approving the Skate Park Committee Charge Policy which would investigate all methods to maintain an active, viable skate park in Lenape Park for the youth and families in the community and surrounding area.

## Appointment of Skate Park Committee

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Nicolosi, Council considered appointing the following individuals named in Resolution #2009-15 to the Skate Park Committee. All Councilmember voted in favor of the resolution with the exception of McGonigal and Burke who voted against it. The resolution was approved by a 7-2 vote.

## PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

### Resolution #2009-6, Authorize Fire Police Assistance

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Slowik, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2009-6, authorizing Perkasio Fire Police to assist in certain events for traffic and/or crowd control.

### Resolution #2009-7, Appointing Fire Police

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2009-7, appointing certain individuals as Perkasio Fire Police to regulate traffic and keep crowds under control.

### Resolution #2009-8, Identity Theft Prevention Program

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2009-8 approving an identity theft prevention program to detect, prevent, and mitigate identity theft related to covering accounts of the Borough's electric utility.

### Resolution #2009-9, Revised Fee Schedule

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2009-9, amending the fee schedule to include increasing the current deposit for all loaned keys and adding a charge of \$500 plus \$1,000 escrow (above \$500) to come before the Uniformed Construction Code Board of Appeals.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Authorization to Pay Bills

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

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### Request by Perkasio Olde Towne for Hot Ribs Cool Music Festival-Additional Street Closing

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously granted permission to the Perkasio Olde Towne Association to close Walnut Street between Penn Alley and Sixth Street to allow the Walnut Street businesses to participate in the Hot Ribs Cool Music event on May 30, 2009.

Perkasie Olde Towne Association-Approval of Under the Stars Car Show

Upon motion by Purcell seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously granted permission to the Perkasie Olde Towne Association to hold its annual Under the Stars Car Show event on August 15, 2009 with a raindate of August 16, 2009.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Councilmembers reviewed a request from Seylar Elementary School for a Menlo pool donation for the “Race for Education” walk/run event to raise money for school programs. The students were encouraged to get sponsors and for every 15 sponsors the student receives a raffle ticket. The school would like to offer a pool membership as the top raffle prize. Upon motion by Burke, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously agreed to offer 4 daily admission pool passes to the event.

Chris Nicolosi requested the Borough’s Economic Development Committee meet with Perkasie Olde Towne regarding economic development.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive spoke again regarding types of plastics the Borough accepts and problems with residents not adhering to the waste disposal rules.

**PRESS FORUM**

There were no questions from the press.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

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Daniel P. Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary