

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 18, 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
J. Robert Hunsicker
Daniel P. Olpere
Joe Gura
Andrea Coaxum
Shannon Drosnock
Dan Gilbert
Josh Aniskevich
Amy Montgomery
Ann Weiss
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer
Bucks County Herald

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Police Chief:

Assistant Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Public Works Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Boucher and James:

Borough Solicitor:

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

No one from the public requested an opportunity to speak.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Gahman reminded all present that Tuesday, May 19, 2009 is Election Day and encouraged every to get out and vote. Mr. Gahman also read a letter from Mayor Hunsicker resigning his position as Mayor effective June 17, 2009.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council considered approving the Council minutes of April 20, 2009. Questions came up on a motion regarding the weed spraying portion of the minutes. Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously agreed to table approval of the minutes pending clarification on the motion/approval of the weed spraying resolution.

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously agreed to approve the Council Committees minutes of May 4, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor had nothing to report.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for April 2009.

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

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

Planning Commission Report

No meeting this month.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Councilman Delaney asked the Borough Manager to place House Bill #1474 proposing to give the State Public Utility Commission oversight of municipal electric authorities on the June 1 Council Committee agenda for discussion.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Public Works Committee.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Request from Dublin Borough for Fire Police Assistance for Community Day

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved a request from Dublin Borough requesting the assistance of Perkasié's Fire Police for Dublin Borough's Community Day event on Sunday, June 7, 2009.

Approval of Fundraiser Dog Walk for "Last Chance Ranch"

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved a request from Gina Decker representing the "Last Chance Ranch" to use the bike path in Lenape Park for a fall dog walk fundraiser on October 17, 2009.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Resolution #2009-16, Appoint Open Space Committee

This resolution was tabled at the last meeting. Since the Borough still has not received many volunteers for this Committee and upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously agreed to table the resolution until the June 1 Committee meeting.

Resolution #2009-19, Amend Consolidated Fee Schedule

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously agreed to approve Resolution #2009-19, amending the 2009 fee schedule to adjust fees for non-residential building alterations by adding the following language “Alterations-\$600 for first 1,000 square foot, \$200 per 1,000 square foot, additional except that for work valued under \$5,000 there shall be a fee cap of 10% of the total cost of construction and minimum fee of \$50.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Personnel and Policy Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Tax Collection Committee, Resolution #2009-18

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously agreed to table Resolution #2009-18, appointing a delegate to the newly formed county wide, tax collection committee pending receipt of additional information. The matter will be placed on the June 1 Council Committee agenda.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman Chris Nicolosi announced that Council’s Economic Development Committee would be meeting with members of the Perkasio Olde Towne Association on June 11, 2009 at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall to discuss future economic development plans.

Chris Nicolosi gave a brief update to Council on the first meeting of the Borough’s Skate Park Committee which was held on May 14, 2009. He asked that Council’s Park and Recreation Committee discuss the outcome of the Skatepark Committee’s first meeting including relocation of the park, needed repairs, funding, and obtaining grants at the Council Committee’s June 1, 2009 meeting.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Rich Hendricks as well as other Councilmembers thanked Mayor Hunsicker for all his years of service as Perkasio Borough’s Mayor.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the public requested an opportunity to speak.

PRESS FORUM

No one from the press had any questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary