

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
MAY 4, 2009**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin Gahman (absent)
Eadie Burke
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney
Richard Hendricks
Harry McGonigal
Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik
J. Robert Hunsicker
Daniel P. Olpere
Joe Gura
Shannon Drosnock
Josh Aniskevich
Ann Weiss
News Herald
Bucks County Herald
Daily Intelligencer
Bucks County Herald

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Police Chief:

Finance Director:

Park and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Borough Council Vice-President Rich Hendricks convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. He gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Luther Chontofalksy of 270 Parkridge Drive who expressed problems with the Borough's trash disposal system.

PENNRIDGE AREA COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Members from the Penridge Area Coordinating Committee visited Borough Council to try to convince them of the benefits of working together with neighboring municipalities for an inter-municipal cooperation agreement. This agreement would allow municipalities to band together in an effort to cut costs on bidding projects, purchasing equipment or other projects. Due to the amount of paperwork that was handed out, Council agreed to review the information and discuss the proposal at the June Committee meeting.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no 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 April 2009.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Request from Dublin Borough for Fire Police Assistance for Community Day

The Committee reviewed a request from Dublin Borough requesting the assistance of Perkasio's fire police for Dublin's Community Day event on Sunday, June 7, 2009. This event is not on the resolution of Borough Council approved events so Council approval is required. The Committee agreed to recommend approval and placed the matter on the May 18 Council agenda.

Approval of Fundraiser Dog Walk for "Lance Chance Ranch"

Committee members reviewed an email from Gina Decker representing the "Last Chance Dog Ranch". Ms. Decker is requesting approval to use the bike path in Lenape Park for a Fall Dog Walk fundraiser on October 17, 2009. The Committee agreed to put the request on the May 18 Council agenda for consideration.

Request for Fire Police Assistance a Covered Bridge

The Chief of Police is requesting Council approval for Perkasio's fire police to assist for traffic control for the Covered Bridge Society annual breakfast held on May 9, 2009. Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved the use of Perkasio Fire Police at the Covered Bridge Society Breakfast on May 9, 2009.

Other Business

Councilman McGonigal noted that he was approached by Mr. Arnaudo, the Borough's former tenant at the Menlo House. Mr. McGonigal stated that Mr. Arnaudo was looking for reimbursement for the fuel oil that was left in the oil tank at the residence. The Borough Manager stated if Mr. Arnaudo could provide certification from the fuel company reconfirming the amount of oil in the tank, then the Borough would consider issuing Mr. Arnaudo a refund.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

Resolution #2009-16, Appoint Open Space Committee

The Committee reviewed a resolution appointing an Open Space Committee. The Manager reported that there have been no new names submitted for consideration. It was agreed to put the resolution on the May 18 agenda for consideration.

Resolution #2009-17, Appoint UCC Solicitor

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Borough Manager suggesting several names for appointment as Solicitor to the Uniformed Construction Code Appeals Board. Upon motion by Burke, seconded by

McGonigal, Council considered hiring Attorney Mark Hosterman of Wisler, Pearlstine, LLP of Blue Bell, PA as Solicitor for the UCC Board. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Burke, Slowik, Delaney, McGonigal, and Hendricks voted for Mr. Hosterman. Councilmembers Nicolosi, Purcell and Conville voted against Hosterman. By a 5-3 vote, Mark Hosterman was appointed Solicitor.

Amend Consolidated Fee Schedule

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Borough Manager recommending an adjustment to the fee schedule related to fees for non-residential building alterations. Committee members agreed to amend the fee schedule to reflect this change and put the resolution on the May 18 Council meeting agenda.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

ATV Issues and Borough Noise Ordinance

The Committee reviewed a letter from Solicitor Weiss and a memo from Chief Gura regarding ATV issues and the Borough noise ordinance as well as a memo from the Borough Manager regarding the same. Lengthy discussion occurred with various recommendations from nuisance issues to noise violations. In the end, it was agreed the Solicitor and Borough Manager should look into preparing an ordinance either banning ATV's altogether or limiting their use to certain size properties. The matter was tabled until the June Committee meeting.

Discuss COPS Grant

Police Chief Gura updated the Committee as well as Council of a federal grant he applied for to hire an additional police officer in Perkasio. He stated the grant would be fully funded for the first 4 years.

Other Business

Vice-Chairman Hendricks brought up the subject of the PACC's earlier presentation on the merits of participating in the Upper Bucks Municipal Cooperative stating he thought it was a good opportunity for the Borough.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Five Year Capital Plan

Committee members reviewed a memo from Finance Director Shannon Drosnock regarding a draft plan highlighting changes to the Five Year Capital Plan. In order to review the plan in more detail the Committee tabled it until the June Committee in order to provide feedback on its contents.

Tax Collection Committee, Resolution #2009-18

Manager Olpere reported that the Borough will be required sometime in the next year to appoint a delegate to the newly formed county wide Tax Collection Committee. The purpose of this committee is to consolidate all of the earned income tax collectors into one per county rather than per municipality or per school district. The resolution would name one delegate, an alternate as well as a second alternate to the committee from the Borough of Perkasio. Committee members agreed to place the resolution on the May 18 Council agenda for consideration.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chris Nicolosi stating he is putting together a meeting between Perkasio Olde Towne Association (POTA) members and the Borough to meet with representatives of POTA to discuss future economic

development plans. He will poll all involved and announce a meeting date shortly.

PUBLIC FORUM

Randy Walck of 600 Jefferson Drive was present and thanked Council for all their hard work and discussion on the all terrain vehicles dialogue.

Present was Tom Bancroft of Market Street who suggested the Borough reimburse former Menlo House tenant Jerry Arnaudo for the fuel oil he has leftover in his tank.

PRESS FORUM

There were no questions from the press.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary