

MINUTES OF PERKASIE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 15, 2009

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Marty Gahman
Eadie Burke
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney (arrived 7:05 PM)
Richard Hendricks
Harry McGonigal (absent)
Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik (arrived 7:25 PM)
J. Robert Hunsicker
Daniel P. Olpere
Joe Gura
Andrea Coaxum
Shannon Drosnock
Ann Weiss
Amy Montgomery
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer
Bucks County Herald

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Police Chief:

Assistant Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

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

None at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Gahman presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mayor J. Robert Hunsicker for his 9 ½ years of service as the Mayor of Perkasie.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the Council meeting of April 20, 2009.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of May 18, 2009.

Upon motion by Conville, seconded Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Council Committee meeting minutes of June 1, 2009.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, the Public Utility Committee unanimously

approved the Public Utility Committee meeting minutes of June 8, 2009.

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Purcell, the Public Works Committee unanimously approved the Public Works Committee meeting minutes of June 10, 2009.

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Hendricks, the Economic Development Committee unanimously approved the Record of Meeting of the Economic Development Committee minutes of June 11, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor informed Council of a fire incident that occurred in May where two juveniles were riding their bikes past a residence on West Park Avenue and smelled smoke and heard a smoke alarm coming from the home. The juveniles called 911 since they discovered no one was home at the time. The fire company arrived on scene and extinguished a fire in the kitchen. If the juveniles had not called 911 the house would have been lost.

The Mayor asked that the two juveniles be asked to attend the July 6 Council meeting to receive a commendation for their actions.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for May 2009.

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's monthly report. Present was Amy Montgomery from Boucher and James who read a letter stating that Boucher and James was resigning its position as Borough Engineer.

Planning Commission Report

No report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Handicapped Parking Request

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved a motion to designate a handicapped parking space at 526 Race Street.

Trash Bag Award

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously awarded the bid #2009-5 for large trash bags to Fordian Packaging in the amount of \$16,900 for 100,000 or \$.169 per bag and \$3,460 for an expected subsequent order of 20,000 bags or \$.173 per bag.

Review Concrete Bids

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously awarded the bid #2009-4 to Kramer Brothers for concrete work including curb, sidewalk and handicapped ramps and other work as required and noted on their bid.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Perkasie Garden Club Sale at Menlo Park

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Perkasie Garden Club to hold a plant sale in Menlo Park on June 28, 2009.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

SEPTA Train Station Lease

Manager Olpere requested authorization to explore the details of a possible takeover of the lease from SEPTA for the property located at the Perkasie Train Station at the corner of Chestnut and 7th Streets. He further stated SEPTA is offering to sub-lease the train station to the Borough, rent free, if the Borough is willing to be responsible for all repairs and maintenance.

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council considered authorizing the Borough Manager to explore the possibility of leasing the Perkasie Railroad station from SEPTA, including the terms and conditions of the lease. All Council members present voted YES for the motion with the exception of Delaney and Burke who voted NO. The motion carried by a 5-2 vote.

Maria Slowik entered the meeting at 7:23PM.

Open Space Committee Agreement

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council considered approving Resolution #2009-16, appointing the following individuals to the Open Space Committee

Richard Packard, Perkasie Planning Commission representative

John Cornelius, Perkasie Planning Commission representative

Barbara Faust, Perkasie Planning Commission representatives

Rich Hendricks, Councilman and Perkasie Planning Commission representative

Tom Bancroft, Park and Recreation Board representative

Kate Knoble, Resident

All Councilmembers present voted in favor of the Resolution with the exception of Delaney who voted against it.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Approval to Initiate Promotional Testing for the Position of Police Sergeant

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Delaney, Council unanimously authorized the Civil Service Commission to proceed with the examination process to establish a list of eligible candidates for the position of police sergeant.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Tax Collection Committee-Resolution #2009-18

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2009-18, appointing a primary voting delegate, first alternate voting delegate and a second alternate voting delegate to the Bucks County Tax Collection Committee as follows:

Primary	Shannon Drosnock
First Alternate	Daniel Olpere
Second Alternate:	Heather Van Horn

Extension of Nova Lease

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved an extension of the lease with Perkasio Borough's tenant NOVA for one more year.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Other Business

Chairman Chris Nicolosi updated Council on the outcome of the meeting of the Borough's Economic Development Committee and Perkasio Olde Towne. He noted that Perkasio Olde Towne hoped to have Sellersville and Perkasio combine to acquire a joint Main Street Manager.

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously agreed to authorize the Borough Manager to approach Sellersville Borough for the purpose of discussing a joint partnership and possibly seeking a grant to fund a Main Street Manager.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Consider Extension of Electric Contract-Resolution #2009-20

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Nicolosi, Council considered Resolution #2009-20, amending the Borough's 2009 power sales schedule with AMP-OHIO to extend the contract into 2013 and 2014. All Councilmembers present voted YES with the exception of Burke and Delaney who voted NO. The resolution was approved by a 6-2 vote.

Consider Approval of PA Energy Harvest Grant

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved applying for a grant in the amount of \$167,000 to replace the decorative globe street lights in the Town Center with energy efficient LED lights.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

PRESS FORUM

None at this time.

PUBLIC FORUM

Tom Bancroft of 311 W. Market Street and Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board thanked Mayor Hunsicker for his years of service. Mr. Bancroft also questioned whether there was some way to recycle the old light fixtures in town center if they are replaced with globe street lights from the Harvest Grant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Gahman announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss personnel and would not reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 8:55PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary