

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
JULY 6, 2009**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin Gahman
Eadie Burke (absent)
Ray Conville(absent)
Bill Delaney (absent)
Richard Hendricks
Harry McGonigal (absent)

Chris Nicolosi

Jim Purcell

Maria Slowik

Tim Eichlin

Youth Councilor:

Daniel P. Olpere

Borough Manager:

Andrea Coaxum

Assistant Manager:

Shannon Drosnock

Finance Director:

Dan Gilbert

Public Works Director:

Josh Aniskevich

Parks and Recreation Director:

Joe Gura

Police Chief:

Ann Weiss

Borough Solicitor:

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

PUBLIC FORUM

None at this time.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

Rich Hendricks reported at the June 24 Perkasie Planning Commission the revisions to the zoning ordinance were discussed as well as an update on changes to the Perkasie Square Shopping Center plan.

RECOGNITION OF TYLER KEEPING AND STEVEN BURG

Rich Hendricks as well as Fire Chief Dave Worthington and Deputy Chief Jason Trotter and Fire Captain Steve Reutlinger presented Certificates of Recognition to Steven Burg and Tyler Keeping for their prompt action in attempting to alert residents on Park Avenue in Perkasie of a potential fire and quickly notifying the fire company regarding the urgent situation.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Interview and Select Interim Mayor Candidate to Fill Vacancy

Committee members interviewed both John Hollenbach and William Palmer for the interim Mayor's vacancy.

Jim Purcell nominated John Hollenbach which was seconded by Chris Nicolosi. Maria Slowik nominated Bill Palmer which was seconded by Marty Gahman. Upon motion by Slowik, seconded by Nicolosi, nominations were closed. Upon roll call vote Councilmembers Nicolosi, Gahman, and Purcell voted for John Hollenbach. Councilmembers Hendricks and Slowik voted for Bill Palmer. By a 3-2 vote, John Hollenbach was appointed interim Mayor through the first Monday in January 2010.

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2009-21 appointing John Hollenbach to fill the Borough Mayor vacancy.

District Justice Charles Baum administered the Oath of Office to John Hollenbach. Mayor Hollenbach took his seat at the Council dais.

Approve Fire Police-Trumbauersville Carnival

The Committee reviewed a request from Trumbauersville Borough requesting Perkasio Fire Police assistance for their fire company's annual carnival. The carnival was not on the list of Council approved events. The Committee agreed to recommend approval of the event and placed it on the July 20 Council agenda.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for June 2009.

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Borough Engineer Selection

Manager Olpere explained the screening and interview process for selecting a new Borough engineer. He went on to state that the Public Works Committee along with Council Vice-President Rich Hendricks, Public Works Director Dan Gilbert and himself recommended CKS Engineers be considered for the appointment of Borough engineer.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Gahman, Council unanimously accepted the resignation of

Boucher and James Engineers.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Slowik, Council unanimously appointed CKS Engineers of Doylestown as Perkasio Borough's engineer effective immediately.

Roadway Reconstruction Bid Results

The Committee reviewed the bid results and recommendation for the 2009 roadway project.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously awarded the bid to Blooming Glen Contractors with alternates A&B in the amount of \$105,767.35.

Streambank Restoration Project

Manager Olpere explained how staff is in the process of applying for a Growing Greener Grant for the streambank restoration in Lenape Park along the bike path. Assistant Manager Andrea Coaxum further explained the project in detail stating that a cost estimate for the actual project was making it difficult for Borough staff to get Council approval for the grant application for which the deadline is July 17, 2009. It was the general consensus of all Councilmembers present to apply for the grant and maximize matching funds using volunteers and employee labor hours. Once cost figures are available the information would be forwarded to Council.

Trash and Recycling Update

Assistant Manager Coaxum gave a brief update on the progress of analyzing the Borough's trash and recycling programs. She stated MSW Consultants are doing technical assistance studies of the Borough's trash and recycling program. A report of this analysis should be completed by the end of August. At that point Council can decide if it wants to make any changes to the trash and recycling program.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Request to Hold Wedding in Lenape Park

The Committee reviewed a request to hold a wedding in Lenape Park on May 30, 2010 with live music and over 25 people which requires Council's approval. Committee members concurred with the request and agreed to put it on the July 20 Council meeting agenda.

Other Business

Marty Gahman read a letter from Ron Dietrich, Chairman of the Perkasio Fire Company Carnival Committee thanking Council for the use of Lenape Park and further stated how cooperative the police, water, public works and electric departments were.

The Manager referred to a request received earlier in the day to reserve the Skate Park Pavilion in Lenape Park on July 26, 2009 for a birthday party that would include music and a Moon bounce. With no objections to the event, Committee members agreed to place the request on the July 20 Council agenda.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

Fence Easement Ordinance

The Committee reviewed a proposed amendment to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance allowing for fences and similar structures in utility and drainage easements when approved by Borough Council. It was agreed to forward the amended ordinance to the Bucks County Planning Commission as well as the Perkasie Planning Commission for their review and recommendation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Menlo House Lease

After receiving 20 applications to rent the now vacant Menlo House, Borough staff has found tenants for the rental of the house. The Committee reviewed the perspective applicants application. It was agreed pending receipt of a credit check, the Committee would place approval of a lease with the recommended tenant on the July 20 Council agenda.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business at this time.

PUBLIC FORUM

Bill Palmer, applicant for Mayor spoke and congratulated John Hollenbach on his appointment as Mayor. He thanked Council for their consideration.

PRESS FORUM

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary