

MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 17, 2009

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Marty Gahman Eadie Burke Ray Conville Bill Delaney (absent) Richard Hendricks Harry McGonigal (absent) Chris Nicolosi Jim Purcell Maria Slowik John Hollenbach (absent)
Mayor:	Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager:	Joe Gura
Police Chief:	Andrea Coaxum
Assistant Borough Manager:	Shannon Drosnock
Finance Director:	Josh Aniskevich
Park and Recreation Director:	Dan Gilbert
Public Works Director:	Harold Stone
Electric Superintendent:	Ann Weiss
Borough Solicitor:	News Herald
Press Representatives:	Daily Intelligencer

Perkasie Borough Council President Marty Gahman convened the public hearing at 7:00 P.M. The Borough Manager explained the purpose of the public hearing was for residents to be given the opportunity to speak on the proposed amendment to the subdivision and land development ordinance regarding fences and similar structures in utility and drainage easements.

The floor was then opened for public comment. Present was Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive who had no objections to the ordinance. His only concern was that by allowing fences or structures in an easement, there would be the potential of blocking a neighboring swale.

There were no further comments and the public hearing adjourned at 7:07 PM.

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PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Roger Wenhold of 129 E. Walnut Street who reported there was no special insurance available in order to use solar panels for his electric supply according to his insurance company.

Gary Eschenburg of 1227 Ridge Road encouraged Council to pass an amendment to the electric ordinance regarding Customer Owned Generation.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the July 20, 2009 Borough Council meeting.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the August 3, 2009 Council Committees meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor was not present to make a report.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for July 2009.

Engineer's Report

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

Planning Commission Report

There was not a recent meeting to report on.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Ordinance #936, Amending Electric Ordinance-Customer Owned Generation

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously adopted ordinance #936, amending the Borough Code of Ordinances titled "Electric Service" stating that all customer owned generation is subject to the Borough of Perkasié's technical requirements for customer owned generation.

Resolution #2009-23, To Adopt the Technical and Administrative Requirements for Customer Owned Generation

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved a revised Resolution #2009-23, adopting the technical and administrative requirements for customer owned generation.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

There were no items to discuss.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Request from West Rockhill Township for Annual Septemberfest

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved a request from West Rockhill Township for their annual Septemberfest Community Day to donate four Menlo Aquatic Center daily passes for the 2010 season.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Amendment to Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance #935 Allowing Fences and Similar Structures in Easements

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #935 allowing fences and similar structures in easements where approved by Borough Council.

Approve Fence Easement Agreement for 344 Kent Lane

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved a fence agreement for residents at 344 Kent Lane to allow the property owner to fence in the portion of their yard that was affected by an easement.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Resolution #2009-24, Amend Civil Service Commission Regulations

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Slowik, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2009-24 amending the Civil Service Regulations regarding the promotion process.

Resolution #2009-25, Adopt New Safety Manual

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved a newly prepared Borough Workplace Safety Manual which was last approved in May 1983.

Authorization to Hire Administrative Intern

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council considered hiring a part-time administrative intern to fill in for the Assistant Borough Manager while she is out on a short term leave of absence. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Gahman who voted against it. The motion carried by a 6-1 vote.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Resolution #2009-22-Appointing Borough Manager Chief Administrative Officer of Borough Pension Plans

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously appointed Daniel Olpere, Borough Manager as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Borough's Pension Plans.

Resolution #2009-26, Consider Amendment to Fee Schedule to Include Fees for Customer Owned Generation

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously agreed to amend the consolidated Fee Schedule #2009-26 as follows:

Customer Generated Electrical Service

<i>Installation of net meter</i>	<i>\$375.00</i>
<i>Administrative fee</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>
<i>First inspection fee</i>	<i>\$125.00</i>
<i>Annual reinspection</i>	<i>\$125.00</i>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Economic Development Committee.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Chris Nicolosi brought up the topic of the deteriorating skatepark. Lengthy discussion occurred regarding it being a dangerous structure for the heavy usage and equipment that is using it. It was agreed to remove the unsafe pieces and try to salvage what is left until an actual plan is submitted, possibly from the Perkasi Parks and Recreation Board.

PRESS FORUM

There were no questions from the Press.

PUBLIC FORUM

Tom Bancroft of 311 W. Market Street as well as Park and Recreation Chairman was present. He addressed Council on an issue regarding the limited parking available on 2nd Street near Kulp Park. Mr. Bancroft had a complaint from a nearby resident who stated that people were parking in his yard because of the lack of parking due to the various sports activities in the park. The Police Chief was asked to look into it.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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