

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin Gahman
Eadie Burke (absent)
Ray Conville (absent)
Bill Delaney
Richard Hendricks
Harry McGonigal (absent)
Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik
John Hollenbach
Daniel P. Olpere
Andrea Coaxum
Shannon Drosnock
Dan Gilbert
Joe Gura
Ann Weiss
Josh Aniskevich
News Herald

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Public Works Director:

Police Chief:

Borough Solicitor:

Park and Recreation Director:

Press Representatives:

HEARING CONVENES

Borough Manager Olpere that the Borough would be applying for a Community Development Block Grant to use the proposed funding for ADA compliant handicapped ramps at crosswalks throughout the Borough.

The floor was opened for public comment on this topic. No one requested an opportunity to speak.

Being no public comments on this matter, the public hearing on the Comcast Cable Franchise Renewal was opened.

Again, Manager Olpere explained how the current Comcast agreement has expired and a new agreement had been prepared. The floor was then again opened for public comment which there was none.

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Hearings were adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary

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Borough Council Vice-President Rich Hendricks convened the meeting at 7:06 PM. Mr. Gahman gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Gahman announced that item 9A2-Comast Agreement was being removed from the agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Ralph Ruth of 516 Arch Street asked Council not to spend any money on a dog park. He stated senior citizens are having a hard enough time in trying to pay the increase in their electric bills.

Jake Muller of 502 Concord Place asked Council to support the new skate park since the one the skateboarders are using is falling apart.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved the Public Hearing meeting minutes of August 17, 2009.

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of August 17, 2009.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Slowik Council unanimously approved the Council Committee meetings of September 8, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor thanked everyone for their support and cooperation with him getting his new Seeing Eye dog "Darrow". He also stated he had recently attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Gallery of the Arts Show in Sellersville and in speaking with the Mayor of Sellersville noted that they are very pleased with the Perkasie Police Force covering the Sellersville area.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

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

Planning Commission Report

No meeting since the last Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

CDBG Grant

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously agreed to allow staff to apply for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the current three year cycle in the amount of \$66,800 to install ADA compliant handicap ramps at the following locations:

Walnut Street- between 5th & 7th Street. This area contains 11 handicap ramps.

West Market Street between 6th Street and railroad. This area contains 6 handicap ramps.

3rd Street between Market and Race. This area contains 12 handicap ramps.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Winter Services Agreement-PennDOT Approval of Resolution #2009-27

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved a resolution executing an agreement with PennDOT to perform snow and ice clearance on various state roads within the Borough to include:

1. Market Street-Bridge to 7th Street
2. Callowhill Street-5th Street to Borough line
3. Constitution Avenue-borough line to Walnut Street
4. Main Street-Walnut Street to Callowhill Street
5. Fifth Street-Market Street to borough line

Further, this agreement is during the winter seasons of 2009-2010; 2010-2011; 2011-2012; 2012-2013, 2013-2014.

Resolution #2009-28, Handicapped Parking Place for 308 North 6th Street

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Slowik to approve resolution #2008-28 allowing the placement of a handicapped parking sign at 308 North 6th Street.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Skatepark Plan-Resolution #2009-29

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council considered Resolution #2009-29 adopting the Skatepark Committee's mini plan which provides for the use of remaining available 2009 funds, adding another \$6,500 from the Borough's general fund (fund balance) and authorizes the sale of fund raising stickers. Councilmembers Delaney, Nicolosi, Purcell, and Slowik voted in favor of the resolution. Councilmembers Gahman and Hendricks voted against it. The Resolution was passed, as amended, by a 4-2 vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this committee.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Request from Doylestown Fire Company for Bucks County Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service on October 4, 2009

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Slowik, Council unanimously approved a motion to allow the Perkasio Fire Police to assist the Doylestown Fire Company with traffic/pedestrian control at the Bucks County Fallen Firefighters memorial service on Sunday, October 4, 2009.

Request for Perkasio Fire Police Assistance from First Savings Bank

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Maria, Council unanimously approved the Perkasio fire police to assist the Silverdale Fire Company with traffic/pedestrian control at the Annual Senior Fair and Forum at the Pennridge Senior Center October 15, 2009.

KIS Insurance

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Maria, Council unanimously agreed to add "Killed in Service Insurance" for Police Officers to the Borough's Insurance Policy as soon as possible.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Bicycle Donation and Destruction

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Slowik, Council unanimously agreed to donate 29 bicycles to General George Meade School. Bicycles that are beyond repair would be discarded.

Approve IT Consultant

This matter was tabled pending receipt of additional information.

Presentation of 2010 MMO's

Finance Director Shannon Drosnock reviewed the Minimum Municipal Obligations information that was included in their packet for both Perkasio Borough Police and Perkasio Borough Non-Uniformed Pension plans.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this meeting.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Chris Nicolosi noted that Lee Rush of Healthy Communities has agreed to donate his time and money to help with the renovation/reconstruction of the Borough's skatepark.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Christian Quiring of 393 Essex Court, Travis Coleman of 212 Wyckord Drive, and Brian Barto who all came to the meeting to speak in support of keeping the skatepark up and running. Travis Coleman stated that the current group of skateboarder's volunteer keep the park clean and tidy and that they are not the ones vandalizing the park.

Luther Chontofalksy of 270 Parkridge Drive thanked Council for not throwing anyone out during the meeting. He further stated this experience gives the kids a good view of local government and that Council should keep up the good work on renovating the skatepark.

PRESS FORUM

There were no questions from the Press.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Gahman had one further comment and stated that he did not vote against the skatepark itself. He is an advocate for the skatepark. He voted against spending any money on it right at the present time.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no executive session and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary