

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin Gahman
Eadie Burke (absent)
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney (arrived 7:07pm)
Richard Hendricks
Harry McGonigal (absent)
Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik
John Hollenbach (absent)
Daniel P. Olpere
Andrea Coaxum
Dan Gilbert
Joe Gura
Ann Weiss

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Public Works Director:

Police Chief:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

News Herald

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive who asked why a crosswalk sign was placed on the street at Prodesco's at 8th & Park Avenue.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

Vice-President Hendricks, who is the Chairman of the Perkasie Planning Commission, reported that at the August 26 Planning Commission meeting preliminary plans for the Perkasie Square Shopping Center and the Jelski Subdivision were reviewed. Also reviewed was a sketch plan for the Green Ridge Development on North Ridge Road.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

CDBG Grant

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Borough Manager regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding through Bucks County. The Borough Manager suggested using the funding for handicapped ramps on Walnut Street, West Market Street, 3rd Street and Race Street. In order to take advantage of the funding, the application must be submitted to the County by September 30, 2009. The grant application must also be accompanied by a proof that public comments were received at a public meeting of the Borough Council on the proposed funding plan. The public hearing will be held September 21 prior to the Borough Council meeting.

Comcast Agreement

The Committee reviewed a proposed cable franchise agreement between the Borough and Comcast. The current contract with Comcast expired in September 2007. The Borough Manager recommended consideration of adopting a new cable franchise agreement to be effective upon approval. The Borough Manager noted that there is a considerable amount of new language to tighten up some of the gray areas in the previous agreement. A public comment period is required to readopt the cable TV franchise ordinance. A public hearing to receive public comment will be held prior to the September 21 Council meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

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

Committee members reviewed PennDOT's 5-year winter maintenance agreement for the plowing and salting of various state roads within the Borough. This agreement is similar to ones the Borough has signed in the past. The Committee agreed to put consideration for approval of the Resolution on the September 21 Council agenda.

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

The Committee reviewed a recommendation from Police Chief Gura regarding a request to place a handicap parking space at 308 North 6th Street. The Committee agreed to recommend approval of a resolution making this designation.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Skatepark

Chris Nicolosi, chairman of the Park and Recreation Committee, reviewed the Borough's Skate Park Committee's "Mini Plan" which consisted of a cost analysis of how the leftover equipment would be dismantled and relocated to the original skate park location at an estimated cost of \$28,123.00. He further went on to explain how the fencing and storage shed that surrounded the original skatepark location could be used at other park locations or sold to aid in fundraising efforts toward the future "Skate Park Plaza" cost. Maria Slowik asked where the money would come from

to proceed with this plan. There was some general sentiment to close the park entirely until a funding plan could be established. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee requested a funding mechanism be put into place and that the matter be placed on the September 21 Council agenda for additional discussion.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

KIS Insurance

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Manager regarding a "Killed in Service" insurance policy for police officers. The Manager explained that the only agency that would provide this type of insurance was called MEIT (Municipal Employers Insurance Trust). He further recommended adding this insurance as soon as possible. The matter will be placed on the September 21 Council meeting agenda.

Other Business

The Manager stated he received a request from Doylestown Fire Company via Fire Chief Dave Worthington for Perkasie Fire Police assistance for the Bucks County Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service on the October 4, 2009. It was agreed to place this matter on the September 21 Council meeting agenda.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bicycle Donation and Destruction

Committee members reviewed a memo from Police Chief Gura regarding the Police Department accumulating a large amount of unclaimed bicycles in storage which has reached full capacity. Chief Gura recommended donating the bikes to schools or charitable organizations. He further explained some of the bikes should be scrapped because they were beyond repair. The Committee agreed with the recommendations and agreed to place the matter on the September 21 Council meeting agenda.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Other Business

There was no business to come before the Committee.

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There was no other business to come before any of the Committees.

PUBLIC FORUM

None at this time.

PRESS FORUM

No questions from the press.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hendricks announced there would be no executive session and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary