

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

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

Chris Nicolosi

Jim Purcell

Maria Slowik

Joe Gilbert

Youth Councilor:

John Hollenbach

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Daniel P. Olpere

Police Chief:

Joe Gura

Public Works Director:

Dan Gilbert

Parks and Recreation Director:

Josh Aniskevich

Electric Superintendent:

Harold Stone

Finance Director:

Shannon Drosnock

Borough Solicitor:

Ann Weiss

Press Representatives:

News Herald

Daily Intelligencer

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

Christine Sauer of Hunters Run stated she is with the Perkasie D.O.G. group who are working on a plan and looking for a location to put a dog park. She said the group would like to present a plan to Council.

PRESENTATION BY PENNRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

Dr. Patricia Guth was present representing the Pennridge Senior Center. Dr. Guth along with the Manager of the Senior Center, Debbie Scallon. They explained how the organization meets the needs of the 55 and over members by offering educational programs, recreational activities and various services. Dr. Guth requested funding consideration be given to the Senior Center as part of the Borough's 2010 recreational budget.

REPORT FROM PERKASIE PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no meeting of the Planning Commission since the last Council meeting.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no business to come before this committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility's Superintendent's report for October 2009.

REVIEW BID #2009-7, DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE

The Committee reviewed the Borough Manager's memo on the tabulation of bid results for the disposal of regular trash. The Committee agreed with the Manager's recommendation to award the bid to J.P. Mascaro and Sons. The matter will be placed on the November 16 Council meeting agenda.

REVIEW BID #2009-8, CO-MINGLED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

The Committee reviewed the detailed bid results for the disposal of recycling materials. It was agreed to put award of the bid on the November 16 Council agenda with a recommendation to award the bid to Rapid Recycling for pick up at the recycling center and to Blue Mountain Recycling for delivery at their site.

CREEK DREDGING

Borough engineer Joe Nolan gave a brief presentation to Council updating the status of the Walnut Street bridge project. He stated the Borough has proposed to dredge the creek in this area after obtaining the appropriate permits and fees from the Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers. A question was asked whether a grant could be obtained for this project. Mr. Nolan said he would look into it.

ROAD DEDICATION FOR 12TH STREET

This matter was tabled until the December committee meeting pending receipt of additional information.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SOLID WASTE OPTIONS AND TRASH STUDY

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Borough Manager stating the results of the trash study and a recommendation. After lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION/WELL DRILLING ORDINANCE

The Committee reviewed a memo and amendment to the zoning ordinance regarding a ground water ordinance to prohibit drilling of wells for potable water in areas of potential groundwater contamination. The Committee agreed to send the ordinance to the Bucks County and Perkasie Planning Commissions for their review and recommendation back to Council.

CABLE ORDINANCE

The Cable Ordinance was tabled pending further review by the Solicitor.

CABLE AGREEMENT

The Cable Agreement was tabled pending further review by the Solicitor.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

SKATEPARK UPDATE

Chris Nicolosi updated the Committee on the 3-part plan for the “Skatepark Plaza” in Lenape Park as well as a fund raising plan. Mr. Nicolosi explained he is aware that there is no money allocated in the budget for this project. He further asked Council for a commitment to allow the “concept” of a skatepark plaza so that the committee could move forward, do more research and come back to Council with a plan.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer’s report for October.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the committee.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Maria Slowik asked that all the Borough Manager evaluations be returned to her by Friday, November 6. She asked Councilmember if they would be available to meet. It was agreed that Council would hold an executive session for this evaluation process Monday, November 9 at 6:00 PM to go over the Manager’s evaluations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL FOR PERKASIE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (PIDA) TO FUND A PROJECT FOR THE BUCKS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Present was Attorney Dave Comber representing the PIDA to fund improvements and

additions to the building for the Bucks County Historical Society at 84 South Pine Street, Doylestown.

Since Borough Council's approval of the tax-free funding for this project is required by law, a resolution approving the same is required. The Committee reviewed a resolution provided by the PIDA and agreed to place the matter on the November 16 Council meeting agenda.

2010 BUDGET

Finance Director Shannon Drosnock briefly reviewed a draft of the preliminary budget for 2010. The Committee agreed to place approval of the budget on the November 16 agenda for approval and public advertising.

CONTRIBUTION TO PENNRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

The Committee agreed to put the approval of the 2009 budgeted amount of \$8,828.00 for the Pennridge Senior Center on the November 16 Council meeting agenda.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

OTHER BUSINESS

Chris Nicolosi questioned what kind of account the money that is made through contributions and donations for the Skate Park Plaza should be created for. Mayor Hollenbach suggested that the skatepark group form an Association and open an account at a local bank.

Bill Delaney felt the speed limit should be lowered from 35 mph to 25 mph on Constitution Avenue since that section of roadway is near a recreational area. The Police Chief will look into it.

OTHER BUSINESS

Fire Chief Dave Worthington stated that the Technical Rescue Task force will be assisting Hilltown Township Historical Society in shoring and securing a water tower on a property in Hilltown on November 21.

PUBLIC FORUM

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive made remarks about the Borough's trash system and the use of stickers for bulky trash items

PRESS FORUM

There were no questions from the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary