

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 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 (absent)
Youth Councilor:	Joe Gilbert
Mayor:	John Hollenbach
Borough Manager:	Daniel P. Olpere
Police Chief:	Joe Gura
Finance Director:	Shannon Drosnock
Public Works Director:	Dan Gilbert
Electric Superintendent:	Harold Stone
Parks and Recreation Director:	Josh Aniskevich
Borough Solicitor:	Ann Weiss
Borough Engineer:	Joe Nolan
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

Luther Chontofolsky of 270 Parkridge Drive asked the Borough not to consider going private for trash collection. He stated he thought the Borough had a good program for waste management.

Hope Fisher, President of Perkasio Olde Towne Association thanked Council and all Borough staff involved in the 100th Anniversary of the Perkasio Tree Lighting on December 5, 2009.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no meeting in November and will not have a meeting in December.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Other Business

None at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Road Dedication for 12th Street

The Committee reviewed an ordinance accepting dedication of right-of-way of 12 Street in Hillside estates as well as consideration of various easements in the development. It was agreed to put approval of the ordinance on the December 21 Council meeting agenda.

Cable Agreement

The Committee reviewed a proposed cable franchise agreement between the Borough of Perkasio and Comcast of Southeast PA LLC. It was agreed to put approval of the agreement on the December 21 Council meeting agenda.

Cable Ordinance

The Committee reviewed a draft cable television ordinance for grants of license and franchise to Comcast of Southeast Pennsylvania LLC and Verizon Pennsylvania Inc. The Committee agreed to advertise the ordinance and put it on the December 21 Council meeting agenda for approval.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Interview for Youth Delegate to Parks and Recreation

Perkasie resident and high school student James Gant was present to be interviewed for the youth delegate position to the Parks and Recreation Board. Several questions by Councilmembers were asked of him and answered.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

Groundwater Contamination/Well Drilling Ordinance

The Committee reviewed an amendment to the Borough's zoning ordinance prohibiting drilling of wells for potable water in areas of potential groundwater contamination. The Manager noted that the Borough had not received an official review from the Bucks County Planning Commission. It was agreed to hold a public hearing to hear comments regarding this amendment to the zoning ordinance and consider the ordinance at the December 21, 2009 Council meeting.

Re-Approve Lippincott/Jacoby Subdivision

Present was Ed Wild representing the applicants. Manager Olpere explained that reconsideration of the Lippincott/Jacoby Subdivision was needed to approve the plan without the required easements for the adjoining property. The Committee agreed to place the matter on the December 21, 2009 Council agenda.

Consider Extension of Approval for Constitution Square

The Committee reviewed a request from Moulton Builders, developer, of the Constitution Square community asked the Borough to grant them an extension of the preliminary approval for one year. After some brief discussion, the Committee agreed to place the matter on the December 21 Council agenda without a recommendation.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Resolution #2009-33, Establishing 2010 Council Meeting Dates

The Committee reviewed a resolution that would establish all the official Council meeting dates for the year, taking into account holidays, and other conflicting dates. The Committee agreed to place the resolution on the December 21 Council agenda.

Resolution #2009-34, 2010 Wage and Salary Schedule

The Committee reviewed Resolution #2009-34 setting the 2010 wage schedule for Borough employees. It was agreed to put the resolution on the December 21 Council meeting agenda.

Review Civil Service Commission Sergeant Position

The Committee reviewed a recommendation from the Civil Service Commission recommending appointment of Alec Sprouse as Sergeant. The Committee agreed to place this promotion on the December 21 Council meeting agenda.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

The Committee reviewed a list of names to appointments to boards and commissions. It was agreed to put those appointments on the December 21 Council agenda.

Re-approve Safety Manual by Resolution #2009-35

The Committee reviewed a resolution re-adopting the American Public Power Association (APPA) Safety Manual Revision #14, 2007. It was agreed to place approval of this resolution on the December 21 Council meeting agenda.

Resolution #2009-36, Reduce Pension Contribution for 2010 Non-Uniformed Employees

The Committee reviewed a resolution for the non-uniformed employees to allow a reduction of pension contributions. The Committee agreed to put the resolution on the December 21 Council meeting agenda.

Resolution #2009-36, Reduce Pension Contribution for 2010 Uniformed Employees

The Committee reviewed a resolution for the uniformed employees to allow a reduction of pension contributions. Uniformed employees contribution will be 4.96%, thus the resolution only reduces it by .04%

from the 5% maximum. The Committee agreed to put the resolution on the December 21 Council meeting agenda.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tax Collector's Law Suit

The Committee reviewed a resolution from East Rockhill regarding support for the local real estate tax collectors. The Committee agreed to do a similar resolution and place it on the December 21 Council agenda.

Resolution #2009-38, Recommend Adoption of Final 2010 Budget

The Committee reviewed a resolution recommending adoption of the final 2010 budget. This resolution will be put on the December 21 Council meeting agenda.

Ordinance #938, Establish Tax Rate for 2010

The Committee reviewed and agreed to place Ordinance #938, establishing the tax rate at 5.75% for 2010 on the December 21 Council agenda.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Other Business

Chairman Chris Nicolosi stated he would like to see a 10-year plan for Perkasié next year. He would like some serious discussion on bringing new business into town and to see where the town is going.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the public requested an opportunity to speak.

PRESS FORUM

No members of the press had any questions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary