

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING  
JANUARY 4, 2010**

620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin Gahman  
Matt Aigeldinger  
Stephen Algeo  
Florence Frei  
Richard Hendricks  
Barbara Krantz  
Chris Nicolosi  
Jim Purcell  
Maria Slowik (absent)  
Joe Gilbert (absent)  
John Hollenbach  
Daniel P. Olpere  
Andrea Coaxum  
Shannon Drosnock  
Josh Aniskevich  
Ann Weiss  
News Herald  
Daily Intelligencer  
Bucks County Herald

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Finance Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor John Hollenbach.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION**

District Justice administered the Oaths of Office to Mayor John Hollenbach, Council officials Matthew Aigeldinger, Stephen Algeo, Florence Frei, Richard Hendricks, Barbara Krantz and Tax Collector Judy Patton. The newly appointed Borough Councilors took their seat at the Council dias.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mayor Hollenbach opened the floor for nomination for Borough Council President. Chris Nicolosi nominated Marty Gahman. All Council members present unanimously voted for Marty Gahman as Council President.

The Mayor then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President. Jim Purcell nominated Rich Hendricks. All Council members present unanimously voted for Rich Hendricks as Vice-President.

**ANNOUNCE APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND  
LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Vice-President Hendricks announced that the Council President would make committee appointments as well as liaisons to boards and commissions at the January 18, 2010 Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The reorganization meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

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Borough Council Vice-President Rich Hendricks convened the meeting at 7:15 PM. Mr. Gahman gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Hendricks asked everyone present for a moment of silence in honor of Fire Police Chief Ron Dietrich who recently passed away.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Present was Bob Wasson of 222 Parkridge Drive and President of the Perkasie Borough Authority (PBA) Board. Mr. Wasson was present to speak on behalf of reappointing Dave Watts to the Authority Board stating the PBA needed someone with his knowledge and expertise.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE FOR YEARS OF SERVICE**

Longtime Perkasie Electric Department employee Matt Lynch was honored with a certificate of appreciation after retiring from 35 years of service with the Borough.

**REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION**

No meeting to report.

## **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

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

### Other Business

Electric Superintendent Harold Stone and Councilman Jim Purcell also thanked Matt Lynch for his dedication and expertise to the Borough.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

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

### Approve Easements for Walnut Street Bridge

Manager Olpere stated that the County has requested both temporary and permanent construction easements to accommodate the Walnut Street bridge reconstruction. The Committee agreed to place the matter on the January 18, 2010 agenda.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

### Request from MS Society to Use Park for "Walk MS" Event

The Committee reviewed a request from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society requesting use of Lenape Park and a small pavilion on April 25, 2010 to hold the annual Walk MS event. The Committee concurred with the request and agreed to put the matter on the January 18, 2010 Council meeting agenda.

### Dog Park Presentation

Present was Christina Sahr representing the Perkasio Dog Owners Park (DOG) group. Ms. Sahr presented a business plan to Council. In the plan the DOG group is requesting Council's approval for the park location and asked Council to serve as a fiscal sponsor which would allow the group to apply for grant money. Members of Council generally supported the locations recommended by the group and the Parks and Recreation Committee. The Committee agreed a resolution should be prepared supporting the proposed dog park plan. The resolution would be placed on the January 18, 2010 Council meeting agenda. The Solicitor was also asked to begin drafting a lease agreement for the approved site.

### Other Business

Chris Nicolosi updated the Council on the status of the Skate Park Committee. He stated they applied for 501(C)3 status to make them a non-profit organization

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

### Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

### Ordinance #939, Road Dedication for 12<sup>th</sup> St Easements

The Solicitor stated she is still waiting for additional information. The Committee agreed to put the matter on the January 18, 2010 agenda anticipating the right information.

### Waiver of Land Development Frye Body Arts

The Committee reviewed a letter from Cowan Associates requesting a waiver of land development requirements. Scott McMacken of Cowan Associates was present to give a brief overview of the project. After some discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend granting the waiver and placed the matter on the January 18, 2010 Council meeting agenda.

## **PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Appointment to Boards and Commissions

The Committee reviewed the appointment list included in their packet for appointments to the Vacancy and authority boards that are done in January. It was agreed to make the appointments at the January 18, 2010 Council meeting.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### Letter to Commissioners-Radio System

The Committee reviewed a draft letter to the Bucks County Commissioners from Chief Gura requesting funding assistance for a newly required radio system by the FCC for all fire, law enforcement and EMS services. The Committee agreed to place the matter on the January 18, 2010 Council meeting agenda for approval.

### Other Business

Rich Hendricks asked the Committee to consider voting to reopen the 2010 budget and set a date for the meeting to discuss it.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

There was no business to come before the Committee

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

None at this time.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

No one from the public requested an opportunity to speak.

## **PRESS FORUM**

There were no questions from the press.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

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