

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
JUNE 7, 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 (absent)
Maria Slowik
Joe Gilbert (absent)
John Hollenbach
Daniel P. Olpere
Andrea Coaxum
Shannon Drosnock
Joe Gura
Dan Gilbert
Harold Stone (absent)
Josh Aniskevich
Ann Weiss
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Finance Director:

Police Chief:

Public Works Director:

Electric Superintendent:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

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

Amy MacArthur 512 Spring Court addressed Council with questions regarding the 2010 budget. She thought the Borough should cut back on its excessive spending such as employee salaries. She stated she saw no mention of a wage freeze in the budget. She thought the budget was very misleading.

Ann Comiskey of 508 Grandview Avenue addressed Council with a problem she is having with snapping turtles. She said that the turtles have taken up residency on her property and have dug several holes in her mulch. She is concerned about the children in the neighborhood and an accident waiting to happen. She requested the Borough Manager call the Meadowood Homeowner's Association and they call the Fish & Boat Commission to enlist a commercial harvester to possibly remove these turtles.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

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 May 2010.

Award Concrete Bid

The Committee reviewed the results for the concrete bid for curb and sidewalk along with a recommendation from the Borough engineer. Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously awarded the concrete bid to the low bidder Trout Brothers in the amount of \$76,407. The engineer was asked to send the award letter.

Request for Handicapped Parking

The Committee reviewed a recommendation from the Police Chief to place a handicapped parking space in the area of the Post Office southbound North 7th Street, north of Vine Street. The Committee concurred with the request and agreed to place a resolution establishing the parking spot on the June 21 Council meeting agenda.

Trash Bid Outline

The Committee reviewed a refuse and recycling bid document outline for contracting with a private trash hauler in lieu of the Borough providing this service. The trash bid outline offered two options for trash removal. The first proposal, residents would have a 96 gallon toter container for trash disposal. Seniors above the age of 62 may be able to rent a 35-gallon toter at a cheaper price. The second option offers residents a 96 gallon bin or uses the pay as your throw bag system maintained by the hauling company. The contractor would retain the billing. The Borough would continue its leaf collection. After careful review of the outline, Committee members directed the Borough Manager to put a bid document together for Council review.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for May 2010.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for May 2010.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Penn Foundation-Request for Pool Memberships

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Special Events Coordinator for Penn Foundation Jen King. Ms. King requested the donation of a free membership to the Menlo Aquatics Center as a prize for their Family Fun Day scheduled for June 19, 2010. Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously agreed to donate 4 daily passes as an alternative to the Menlo Aquatic Center in order to stay consistent with what we have offered as a prize for other donation requests..

Request for Fire Police Assistance-Trumbauersville Borough

The Committee reviewed a letter from Trumbauersville Borough requesting Perkasio's special fire police assistance for their annual carnival in July. The Committee agreed to put it on the June 21 Council agenda for approval.

Skatepark Equipment

The Committee reviewed a memo from Public Works Director Dan Gilbert regarding the condition and usability of the skate park in Lenape Park. It was explained that the most popular equipment is on the verge of failing and Public Works is unable to salvage usable pieces from the other equipment. Council's directive was to remove damaged pieces from use. Councilman Chris Nicolosi and a member of the Skate Park Committee asked Council to consider allowing the skate park committee to temporarily fix the two pieces with plywood. The Skate Park committee is working to raise money to fix a portion of the park and move it to a new location. Marty Gahman suggested Council contribute around \$2,000 to buy quality materials to make the two pieces safe enough for skaters to use. Chris Nicolosi will bring figures for the cost of materials to the next meeting.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Proposal of Curfew for Minor within Borough

Police Chief Gura and Detective Eric Richter presented a proposal to adopt a curfew for minors ordinance. Sample ordinances were reviewed as well as various police reports regarding juvenile offenses. The curfew would make it illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to walk, bike, or drive in a public place from the hours of 11:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. Sunday night through Thursday night and midnight to 5:00 A.M. Friday and Saturday nights. Exceptions to the curfew include emergency situations, employment, accompanied by an adult or special events at a school, church, or club recognized by the Borough. The minor must be in compliance with the curfew within a half-hour of the event ending. Violating curfew will result first in a warning to the minor, then a written warning to the minors' parents, and finally a summary offense. Several Councilmembers asked for additional information and the matter was tabled until the July Committee meeting.

Perkasie Pride Awards

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Borough Manager along with a copy of all the properties that were nominated for the Perkasie Pride Award. Up to 5 properties can receive plaques according to the guidelines. The Committee agreed to recommend all 5 nominees be awarded a plaque and placed the matter on the June 21, 2010 agenda for approval.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Amendment

The Committee reviewed recommended language from PMRS to amend the non-uniform pension plan agreement. The amended plan would clarify that part-time employees are not included in the plan. Secondly, it would mimic the contribution language in the police contract so that contributions can be required (up to 5%) or waived annually if the plan is actuarially sound. This is the practice that the Borough has followed for both plans, but the language needs to match. The Committee agreed to place approval of an ordinance with the recommended changes as well as approval of a Municipal Employee Pension Plan Agreement on the June 21, 2010 agenda.

Other Business

President Gahman addressed the comments made in public forum in the beginning of the meeting stating that the Borough is in hard times and is continuing to look into spending and cutting costs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Other Business

Chris Nicolosi thanked the Perkasio Police, Public Works and Electric Departments for their help during the recent Perkasio Olde Towne Association event "Hot Ribs, Cool Music" event held the previous weekend.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmembers reviewed a request for a person asking permission to use a horse and wagon through Perkasio on August 7, 2010 around 3:00 P.M. beginning at the Perkasio Fire House for a birthday party plus give rides around the block at the fire house for guests. It was the consensus of Council to approve the request.

PUBLIC FORUM

Lee Ann Czerwonka of 624 East Walnut Street stated she thought the idea of a curfew was a good idea and that she couldn't see why any of her four children should be out after 11:00 P.M.

Howard McIlwraith of 509 S. 5th Street suggested increasing the yard waste drop off to more than once a month.

Amy MacArthur of 512 Spring Lane had questions regarding salary line items in the budget.

PRESS FORUM

There were no questions from the Press.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 P.M.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary