

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 21, 2010**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin Gahman
Matt Aigeldinger
Stephen Algeo (absent)
Florence Frei
Richard Hendricks
Barbara Krantz
Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik

Youth Councilor:

Joe Gilbert

Mayor:

John Hollenbach

Borough Manager:

Daniel P. Olpere

Assistant Manager:

Andrea Coaxum

Police Chief:

Joe Gura

Public Works Foreman:

Scott Miller

Electric Superintendent:

Harold Stone (absent)

Finance Director:

Shannon Drosnock

Parks and Recreation Director:

Josh Aniskevich

Borough Solicitor:

Josh Ganz

Press Representatives:

News Herald

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive said that he has seen an improvement in the Borough's trash collection program, but is concerned because he still has not received the bill for the new \$35 annual fee. He is also noted that he has noticed that residents are now setting out a Borough bag with their bulk waste. He is against privatizing trash in the Borough.

Barbara Tyson of 475 Deep Run Road is the mom of a skateboarder in the Borough. She noted that many kids and parents are in support of saving the Borough's skatepark and said that the skateboarding club would be holding a car wash in the park this weekend, an event at Wal-Mart soon, and another car wash along Route 309 to raise funding for fixing the park.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes from May 17, 2010.

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes from June 7, 2010.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor presented an award to Shirley Strothers, former President of the Borough's Town Watch program for her many years of service to the Borough.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for May.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for May.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Purcell made a correction to the date in the engineer's report. It was listed as December 19, 2010 and should have been 2009.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's monthly report.

Planning Commission Report

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Resolution #2010-4, Request for Handicapped Parking

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously adopted Resolution #2010-4, creating a parking space reserved for handicapped persons or disabled veterans southbound on North 7th Street, North of Vine Street in the area of the Perkasio Post Office.

Authorize Trash Bid Specifications

There was discussion at the request of Mr. Hendricks about leaving the Borough's Recycling Center open if trash was outsourced. Council members agreed to add an option for dumpsters at the Borough's public works building to the bid specifications.

Mr. Purcell clarified the intent of the Borough going out to bid for trash and recycling. He stated that the bid is for informational purposes and will help Council find the best option for the proper disposal of refuse and recycling. Mr. Gahman added to those comments, saying that the bid should give the Borough good solid numbers and added that the bid would be for 2011 and not 2010.

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the proposed bid specifications for outsourcing trash and recycling.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

None at this time.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Request for Fire Police Assistance – Trumbauersville Borough

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the request from Trumbauersville Borough for Perkasio Fire Police assistance for their Annual Carnival on July 22, 23, and 24 and again on July 29, 30 and 31.

Skatepark Equipment Costs

There was discussion by Council on what pieces of equipment were in disrepair and fundraising efforts by the club. Mr. Purcell questioned how much money had been budgeted for this year. Mr. Gahman and the rest of Council commended the group for their fundraising efforts.

There was further discussion about what the proposed dollar amount would include. It would only include fixing one of the units and not moving any of it inside the fence. Ms. Slowik asked Council members why they were changing the original plan, and other members of Council said that they had been influenced by the hard work put in by the kids.

The Mayor suggested that the club contact local service clubs about further funding for the project. Mr. Gahman stated that he hoped Council would stick with the original plan to provide the club with no more than the \$6,500 match that was previously agreed upon and encourage the club to fundraise for any additional funding that is needed. Mr. Nicolosi added that he didn't think anyone was expecting Council to spend more than that amount in 2010.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved the request to match the skateboarding club's funds for repairing the park.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

None at this time.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Perkasie Pride Award

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved the Perkasie Pride Award plaques to the five nominated properties:

Edward & Nancy Snyder, 818 W. Callowhill Street
Scott & Bonnie Gehman, 2 South 7th Street
Dennis Walters, 911 Arch Street
Joseph Hartz, 501 Vine Street
Linda McDowell, 809 North 7th Street

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

Upon a motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted payment of the bills as presented.

Ordinance #943, Request for Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Amendment

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously adopted Ordinance #943, as well as the municipal employee pension plan agreement clarifying that part-time employees are not included in the plan and, 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.

Approve Lease Signing – SPK Training

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved a five year lease agreement with SPK Training and Perkasie Borough.

Approve Curves Lease Agreement

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved a lease agreement with Curves and Perkasie Borough.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

None at this time.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nicolosi questioned whether the railroad tracks over Park Avenue would be getting fixed this summer with the other road projects. The Borough Manager confirmed that they would be fixed.

Mr. Gahman mentioned that there was a deer on Ridge Road that needed to be removed from the roadway.

Mr. Nicolosi asked Council about whether they would be looking into further replacing pavers in town center. Mr. Gahman responded that they would be addressed during budget meetings for next year. Mr. Olpere mentioned that stamped crosswalks had been added as an option to this year's road bid, and if reasonable, could be put in this year.

PUBLIC FORUM

Lee Ann Czerwonka of 624 East Walnut Street asked what the fiscal year of the Borough was. Mr. Gahman responded that the Borough ran on a calendar year (January to December). She also asked when the 2009 budget would be put on the Borough's web site. Mr. Olpere said that he expected the 2009 audit to be completed in the next few weeks and would go to Council for approval. After that happened and adjustments were made, the web site will be updated. Ms. Czerwonka then asked where to watch for advertising of the 2011 budget meetings. Mr. Olpere said they would be advertised in legal ads in the local paper.

Eric Tyson, 475 Deep Run Road, thanked Council for their support of the skatepark.

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive commented that he did not agree with Borough Council going out to bid for trash and recycling collection.

Tom Bancroft of 311 W. Market Street stated that he was proud of the kids and parents involved in the skatepark club for their hard work. He commented on how encouraging it was to see them work so hard. He also offered his services as a disc jockey for a future fundraising event.

PRESS FORUM

None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary