

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2010**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Martin Gahman Florence Frei Barbara Krantz Chris Nicolosi Jim Purcell Richard Hendricks (absent) Maria Slowik (absent) Matt Aigeldinger (absent) Stephen Algeo (absent)
Mayor:	John Hollenbach
Borough Manager:	Daniel P. Olpere
Finance Director:	Shannon Drosnock
Press Representative:	News Herald

Borough Council President Marty Gahman convened the meeting at 9:03 AM. Mr. Gahman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the 911 event. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke under public forum.

OVERVIEW OF 2011 BOROUGH BUDGET

The Manager reviewed the contents of the budget binders that were presented to Council and gave an overview of the information presented in the binders. He then announced that a slide presentation had been prepared for the first time in order to allow the Council and public to get a complete overview of the budget situation for 2011. Finance Director Shannon Drosnock and the Borough Manager then proceeded to narrate the slide presentation.

OVERVIEW

The first part of the slide presentation dealt with an overview of the budget including major revenue sources and major expenditure items. Under the discussion of public safety, Councilman Nicolosi questioned the trend of public safety expenditures as compared to taxes received prior to 2006. Councilwoman Flo Frei also requested additional information on the trends of expenditures and taxes. Flo Frei also asked about a breakdown of overtime expenditures spent by the police on publicly sponsored events.

MENLO AQUATIC CENTER

When the subject of Menlo Aquatic Center budget was raised, Councilman Purcell asked about the total debt service for the Borough and when the pool debt service would increase. Shannon replied that it would increase to \$473,000 in 2022.

During the review of the financial forecast, Council President Gahman addressed the fact that responsible fiscal planning was evident as occurring in this proposed budget. He further noted that the budget has switched from a capital projects fund to a capital reserve fund in an attempt to be more fiscally responsible for the large capital items to be purchased in future years. It was noted that if this plan is kept in place, it should lay the framework for the Borough to operate in a more fiscally responsible manner in years to come.

ELECTRIC CONTRACT

The Manager discussed the electric contract changes and how today's contract is different than the previous ones. Councilman Purcell then asked whether the changes were due to deregulation or changes in transmission. The Manager replied that deregulation has a lot to do with the changes in contract.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Council also addressed the Sellersville contract, the pool loan, the rate of the various loans, road construction and handicap ramp requirements. Jim Purcell questioned why the pool debt was never incorporated with a tax increase for a real estate tax.

Under discussion of the capital budget there were questions that arose about replacement of the roof at the Public Works garage and the floor at the Electric Department building.

PRESS FORUM

There were no questions from the press.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned approximately 11:00AM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary