

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING  
OCTOBER 4, 2010**

620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

**ATTENDANCE:**

Council Member:

Martin Gahman  
Matt Aigeldinger  
Stephen Algeo  
Florence Frei  
Barbara Krantz  
Chris Nicolosi  
Jim Purcell  
Maria Slowik  
Joe Gilbert  
John Hollenbach  
Daniel P. Olpere  
Andrea Coaxum  
Joe Gura  
Dan Gilbert  
Harold Stone  
Josh Aniskevich  
Ann Weiss  
News Herald  
Daily Intelligencer  
Bucks County Herald

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Police Chief:

Public Works Director:

Electric Superintendent:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Borough Council Vice-President Maria Slowik convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Mr. Gahman gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Luther Chontofalksy of 270 Parkridge Drive thanked Borough Council for keeping the current trash system instead of outsourcing.

Present was Norm Godshall of 115 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Godshall stated he addressed Council during public forum at the July 6, 2010 Committees meeting but never received a response to his inquiry. Mr. Godshall was told that staff will contact him to address his concerns.

**REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Manager reported that the Perkasie Planning Commission granted conditional preliminary approval to the Green Ridge Estates at the last meeting of the Perkasie Planning Commission. Commissioners also reviewed and approved amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding airport hazard regulations.

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

### Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for September 2010.

## PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

### Review of Superintendent's Report

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

### Other Business

Jim Purcell updated the Committee as well as Council on the two new potential candidates for the Electric Department since the recent departure of two employees.

## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

### Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

### Approval of Green Ridge Estates Subdivision-Preliminary Approval

The Committee reviewed plans for the Green Ridge Estates Subdivision, on North Ridge Road, which was granted conditional final approval by the Perkasio Planning Commission at their meeting on June 23, 2010. Present was Mark Giacomelli and his engineer Rod Chirumbolo of Bolo Engineering who requested several waivers and conditions from the subdivision and zoning ordinances. The applicants stated they were willing to comply with the conditions outlined in the Borough engineer's letter dated September 23, 2010. The Solicitor was asked to prepare a resolution to seeking approval of the subdivision, with conditions, for consideration at the October 18, 2010 Council meeting.

### Cell Tower

Representatives from Liberty Towers, a cell phone tower company, who would be interested in placing a cell tower on the Borough property on Spruce Street adjacent to the lot there. The Manager told Council that the upside of considering the tower could provide approximately \$15,000 in rent to the Borough annually. On the down side, negative public reaction to a cell tower may be an issue. Several Councilmembers spoke in opposition of placing a tower in a residential neighborhood. The Manager stated he would send notices to surrounding residents and seek feedback at the November 1 Committees meeting. The matter was tabled pending receipt of additional information.

## Amendment to Zoning Ordinance-Airport Hazard Regulations

The Committee reviewed a draft ordinance regarding airport hazard regulations which every township and borough within a certain radius of an airport must have. The draft ordinance has been reviewed and approved by the Perkasi Planning Commission. Before the ordinance can be forwarded to Borough Council for advertising and its review, it must be sent to the Bucks County Planning Commission for their review and approval. The Borough engineer and solicitor have already approved the ordinance. The matter was tabled pending receipt of additional information.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

### Request for Donation-Guth Elementary School

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Co-Coordinator's of the "Race for Education" at Guth Elementary School. Since the event is held October 15, 2010 which is before the voting meeting on October 18, 2010, the Council unanimously approved a motion to donate 8 daily 2011 pool passes to the Perkasi Aquatic Center to the Guth Elementary School for their event

### Other Business

Matt Aigeldinger had an idea to create a conservancy to raise funds for parks, trees, benches, flowers or a bandshell. He said he will prepare a presentation for the next meeting.

## **PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Curfew Ordinance

Committee members reviewed a curfew ordinance prepared by the Borough solicitor with direction from Police Chief Gura and Detective Eric Richter. The ordinance would establish a curfew for minors as a way to deter vandalism, graffiti and theft. Exemptions to the curfew were noted. Borough Council will vote on whether to establish a curfew at its October 18, 2010 meeting.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### Police Department Budget

Police Chief Gura was present to review the Police Department's 2011 budget. The general fund line items as well as the capital plan were discussed. The Chief noted that the department was in need of one new car, a new radio system, and the data terminals in the police vehicles needed to be upgraded. The Chief also noted the incident reporting system was in need of an upgrade.

### Senior Center Contribution

The Committee reviewed a request from the Pennridge Senior Center requesting a donation. Since this is a line item in the budget, it was agreed to recommend giving the annual \$8,828.00 contribution. The matter will be placed on the October 18 Council meeting agenda.

## Berkheimer Agreement-Berkheimer Tax Hearing Officer-Berkheimer Delinquent Collection Costs

The Borough Manager explained that Berkheimer has agreed to lower their commission rate to 1.39% for 2011. To finalize the contract, the Committee reviewed the amended articles of agreement, recommended authorizing Berkheimer to serve as Tax Hearing Officer and for them to establish delinquent tax fees. The Committee agreed with all the recommendations and agreed to place the matter on the October 18 agenda.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### Other Business

Chris Nicolosi stated he would like to hold an Economic Development Summit with the Pennridge Chamber of Commerce attending as well as Perkasio Olde Towne Association, and business owners. He stated he is looking for organizations to stir up economic development. Nicolosi asked staff to look at what dates would be available for an evening meeting to be held from 7:00PM to 9:00 PM.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Matt Aigeldinger asked staff to start tracking issues raised in public forum in a spreadsheet type format to take care of questions or issues that need to be taken care of on a weekly basis.

## PUBLIC FORUM

Susan Green of 624 East Walnut Street was present and thought a curfew for the town was a good idea. She also asked Council to cut back on the budget spending for 2011.

Tom Meyers of Fairview Avenue also thought a curfew was a good idea and that parents should know where their children are at.

## PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Maria Slowik announced Council was going into executive session to discuss personnel and would not reopen the meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.

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Daniel Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary