

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 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 (absent)
Daniel P. Olpere (absent)
Andrea Coaxum
Joe Gura
Josh Aniskevich
Ann Weiss
News Herald

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Police Chief:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Dr. Patricia Guth was present on behalf of the Pennridge Senior Center. She requested an opportunity to speak during the Senior Center Contribution agenda item.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mr. Gahman noted several changes to the agenda and noted that the Council candidate interviews would be conducted at 8:00 PM in order to accommodate all the applicants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of September 20, 2010.

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Special Finance Committee meeting minutes of September 18, 2010. Barbara Krantz abstained since she did not attend the meeting.

The meeting Special Finance Committee minutes of October 11, 2010 and Committees meeting of October 4, 2010 were tabled until November since they were just received at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

In the Mayor's absence, President Gahman read a proclamation designating Halloween Night as Sunday, October 31, 2010 from 6:00-9:00 PM.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for September 2010.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for September 2010.

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's monthly report September 2010.

Planning Commission Report

There was no meeting to report on.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

No business.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

No business.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Resolution #2010-19, Approve Green Ridge Estates Subdivision

Motion to approve Resolution #2010-19 granting preliminary approval of the Green Ridge Estates at 28 North Ridge Road and granting certain waivers outlined in the resolution.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

No business.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Curfew Ordinance

Upon motion Frei, seconded by Krantz, Council motioned to approve an ordinance to establish a curfew in the Borough. Councilmembers Slowik, Krantz, Frei, and Aigeldinger voted in favor of it. Gahman, Algeo, Nicolosi, and Purcell voted against it. The vote was a 4 to 4 tie. The Mayor was not at the meeting in order to break the tie vote, so the vote on the ordinance did not carry. (See other business.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Senior Center Contribution

Dr. Patricia Guth and Debbie Scollon were present representing the Pennridge Senior Center to make a formal request for funding for the Senior Center.

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Krantz, Council approved a contribution to the Pennridge Senior Center in the amount of \$8,828.00 for the year 2010.

Berkheimer Agreement

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved the second Addendum to the Articles of Agreement to lower the earned income tax collection commission from 2.0% to 1.39% for the 2011 fiscal year.

Resolution #2010-20, Berkheimer Tax Hearing Officer

Upon motion by Algeo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously appointed Berkheimer Associates by Resolution #2010-20, as the Borough's Tax Hearing Officer for earned income taxes.

Resolution #2010-21, Berkheimer Delinquent Collection Costs

Upon motion Frei, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2010-21 to authorize and empower Berkheimer Associates to impose and retain the costs of collecting delinquent earned income taxes.

2011 Budget Discussion

It was noted that staff will have the 2011 Preliminary Budget for the November 1, 2010 Committee meeting for review.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

COUNCIL CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

President Gahman asked all 4 Council candidates, Joe Gilbert, Lee Ann Czerwonka, Bill Delaney and Suzanne Kravitz all sit in the first row of the audience area. Each applicant was asked several questions by various Councilmembers.

Mr. Gahman opened the nominations for the vacant position on Borough Council member in the third ward. Jim Purcell nomination Suzanna Kravitz. Chris Nicolosi nominated Bill Delaney. Maria Slowik nominated Joe Gilbert. Barbara Krantz made a motion to close nominations, which was seconded by Purcell. By a roll call vote, Councilmembers Matt Aigeldinger, Flo Frei, Jim Purcell, Barbara Krantz and Jim Algeo voted for Suzanne Kravitz. Marty Gahman and Chris Nicolosi voted for Bill Delaney. Maria Slowik voted for Joe Gilbert. By a 5-2-1 vote, Suzanne Kravitz was elected a new Councilmember.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Slowik, Council unanimously passed Resolution #2010-22 appointing Suzanne Kravitz as Councilmember from the third ward of Perkasio until the first Monday in January 2012.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Solicitor reported that due to the absence of the Mayor being able to break the tie vote from the curfew ordinance, that Council could either be reconsidered or table until a special meeting within 5 to 10 days.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council voted to reconsider the curfew ordinance. Councilmembers Aigeldinger, Nicolosi, and Algeo voting against reconsidering the ordinance. Frei, Purcell, Krantz, Gahman and Slowik voting in favor of a re-vote. By a 5-3 vote, the motion passed to reconsider the ordinance.

Adoption of the curfew ordinance was put on the table. Councilmembers Algeo, Nicolosi, and Gahman voted again approving the curfew ordinance. Councilmembers Krantz, Slowik, Purcell, Frei, and Aigeldinger voted in favor of passing it. By a 5-3 vote, Curfew Ordinance #945 was adopted.

Chris Nicolosi had questions regarding the zoning uses at 101 North 5th Street, Perkasio. It was suggested the owner of the property attend the November 1, 2010 committee meeting and place the matter on that agenda for discussion.

PUBLIC FORUM

Bill Delaney of 250 North Third Street, a Council candidate thanked members of Council for the opportunity to be interviewed. He also mentioned how residents are not able to afford the increases in electric rates.

Suzanne Kravitz of 114 Bramble Lane made a comment regarding the zoning at 101 North 5th Street. She stated to be aware of a non-conforming use versus a commercial use.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary