

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2010**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin Gahman
Matt Aigeldinger
Stephen Algeo
Florence Frei
Barbara Krantz
Suzanne Kravitz
Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell (arrived 7:05 PM)
Maria Slowik (absent)
Joe Gilbert
John Hollenbach
Daniel P. Olpere
Andrea Coaxum
Joe Berardi
Joe Gura
Dan Gilbert
Harold Stone
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:

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive who stated he objected to the idea of changing the name of the Perkasie Borough Authority to the Penridge Authority.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Gahman thanked Borough staff and Manager for their hard work throughout the year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously approved the public hearing meeting minutes from November 15, 2010.

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes from the November 15, 2010.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously accepted the Council Committee minutes from December 6, 2010.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hollenbach echoed Mr. Gahman's remarks and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for November 2010.

Engineer's Report

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

Planning Commission Report

The Perkasio Planning Commission discussed the rezoning of a property located at 101 North Fifth Street in Perkasio.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Authorize Disposal of Recycling Trailer

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Manager to dispose of the old recycling trailer by the best method possible to obtain a maximum value.

Transportation Grant Application

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved and ratified the grant application submitted by the Borough to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the funding of a pre-emption device for the traffic signal at Ridge Road and

Park Avenue. This application is to be coordinated with a joint effort with East and West Rockhill Townships for a program to coordinate all the traffic signals for pre-emption along Ridge Road.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Mutual Aid Agreement-Electric

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved the Mutual Aid Agreement between Perkasio Borough and Quakertown Borough for the sharing of electric department personnel and equipment in the event of an emergency. This will allow for a more formalized response to emergencies by Borough personnel and will be conditioned upon the availability of equipment and personnel for the actual event.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

No business at this time.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

MS Walk Approval

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to hold a MS Walk Event on April 17, 2011.

Indian Valley Soap Box Association Spring Rally Request

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved holding a Soap Box Derby Spring Rally on May 21 and 22, 2011.

Pennridge Little League Snack Bar Alterations

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2010-27 to authorize alterations to the snack bar facilities at the Pennridge Little League Park.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Resolution #2010-22, 2011 Council Meeting Dates

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2010-22 establishing the Borough Council meeting dates for 2011.

Resolution #2010-23, Wage and Salary Schedule for 2011

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2010-23, establishing the wage and salary schedule for Perkasio Borough employees for the fiscal year 2011.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously made the following appointments:

Civil Service Commission	Nancy Keenan	Four Year Term Thru 2014
Perkasie Planning Commission	Barbara Faust	Four Year Term Thru 2014
Perkasie Planning Commission	Eileen Bradley	Four Year Term Thru 2014
Zoning Hearing Board	Steve Pizzollo	Five Year Term Thru 2015
Zoning Hearing Board Alternate	Andrew Rumbold	Three Year Term Thru 2013
Perkasie Parks and Recreation Board	Tom Bancroft	Three Year Term Thru 2013
Perkasie Parks and Recreation Board (Elder Delegate)	Milly Bischoff	Three Year Term Thru 2013

Resolution #2010-24, Reduce Pension Contribution for 2010 Non-Uniformed Employees

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2010-24, reducing the pension contribution for 2011 for non-uniformed employees from 5% to zero.

Resolution #2010-28, Approve Pierce Library Lease Extension

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized an extension of the lease agreement with Pierce Library Association Inc. from the end of the original period ending June 30, 2012 for another 15 years until June 30, 2027.

Perkasie Borough Authority Articles of Incorporation

This matter was tabled for further discussion at the January 3, 2011 Committee meeting. Council asked that the Manager, Gary Winton, of the Perkasie Borough Authority be invited to attend that meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Resolution #2010-25, Fee Schedule Changes

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2010-25, adopting the 2011 consolidated fee schedule.

Resolution #2010-26, Adoption of the Final 2011 Budget

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2010-26, adopting the 2011 final budget as presented.

Ordinance #948, Establishing Tax Rate for 2011

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #948 establishing the tax rate for 2011 at 5.75 mills—4.75 mills for general fund purposes and 1.00 mill for fire protection services.

Consider 2010 Audit Proposal

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously approved the engagement of Styer Associates to conduct the 2010 Perkasio Borough audit for all funds and to further authorize a special audit for the period from November 30, 2010 to December 31, 2010 to comply with the Borough Code requirements to conduct an audit following a change in Borough Treasurer.

Sellersville Police Contract

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved the Second Amendment to the Joint Municipal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services to allow for an extension of the police services contract with Sellersville Borough for an additional four years from January 1, 2011 and ending on December 31, 2014. The contribution from Sellersville to Perkasio shall be increased from 25% of the police budget to 30% of the budget beginning in 2011.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business at this time.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Gahman announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss Personnel and would not reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary