

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
JANUARY 18, 2010**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Marty Gahman
Matt Aigeldinger
Steve Algeo
Florence Frei
Richard Hendricks
Barbara Krantz
Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik

Youth Councilor:

Joe Gilbert

Mayor:

John Hollenbach

Borough Manager:

Daniel P. Olpere

Police Chief:

Joe Gura

Assistant Manager:

Andrea Coaxum (absent)

Finance Director:

Shannon Drosnock

Parks and Recreation Director:

Josh Aniskevich

Borough Solicitor:

Ann Weiss

Press Representatives:

News Herald
Bucks County Herald

Perkasie Borough Council President Marty Gahman convened the public hearing at 7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nelson Hollenbach of 14 South 8th Street was present stating he supports setting up a dog park in the Borough.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS

Announce Appointments of Borough Council Committees and Council Liaisons to Boards and Committees

President Gahman made the following appointments:

BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2010

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Rich Hendricks - Chair
Steve Algeo
Barbara Krantz
Jim Purcell

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Jim Purcell - Chair
Steve Algeo
Marty Gahman
Florence Frei

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Marty Gahman - Chair
Florence Frei
Rich Hendricks
Barbara Krantz

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Maria Slowik - Chair
Rich Hendricks
Jim Purcell
Chris Nicolosi

BOROUGH COUNCIL LIASONS

PBA: Steve Algeo
Zoning Hearing Board: Barbara Krantz
Perkasie Planning Commission: Rich Hendricks
Park and Recreation: Matt Aigeldinger

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chris Nicolosi- Chair
Maria Slowik
Matt Aigeldinger
Steve Algeo

PLANNING AND ZONING

Rich Hendricks - Chair
Barbara Krantz
Steve Algeo
Florence Frei

PARK AND RECREATION

Chris Nicolosi - Chair
Florence Frei
Marty Gahman
Matt Aigeldinger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved the Public Hearing minutes of December 21, 2009.

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of December 21, 2009.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the Reorganization meeting minutes as well as the Council Committees minutes for January 4, 2010.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor commended the fire company volunteers for all the work that they do.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously accepted the taxes collected report for December 2009.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for December 2009.

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously accepted the engineers' monthly report.

Planning Commission Report

No meeting since last Council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Committee Items

Approve Easements for Walnut Street Bridge

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved

temporary construction easements and permanent easements to Bucks County to accommodate the Walnut Street bridge reconstruction.

Authorize Preparation of Recycling Grant (904)

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved a one year contract with Hough Associates to prepare the Borough's 904 Recycling Grant Application for the year 2009 at a price of \$3,800.00.

Announce Trash and Recycling Presentation and Discussion on February 1

Borough Manager Olpere announced that a trash and recycling presentation will be given at the February 1, 2010 Council Committee meeting to explain the history of the program, review financial and usage data, define the current problems and offer solutions. The public is invited to give their input so that an informed choice can be made on future program services.

Public Utility Committee Items

Authorization to Sell Electric Truck

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously agreed to sell the Borough's 1999 GMC Bucket Truck through J.J. Kane Auctioneers at an auction to be held on February 6, 2010.

Approve Reliability Pricing Model (RPM)

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Manager to send letters to local Perkasio businesses with information on a proposed RPM (Pricing Model Program) to allow businesses the opportunity to receive electric charge credit for generation of electricity or curtailment of heavy use during demand periods. This motion would also authorize the Manager to enter into an appropriate contract with its electric supplier, AMP of Ohio to initiate this program and would authorize the Manager to enter into a similar contract with interested Borough electric customers who may wish to participate in this program.

Planning and Zoning Committee Items

Ordinance #939 Road Dedication for 12th Street and Easements

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #939 accepting dedication of right-of-way of a portion of 12th Street in the Hillside Estates subdivision as a public road. Further, motion to accept the offer of dedication of appropriate easements in this development.

Waiver of Land Development Frye Body Arts

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council authorized the Borough

Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Julia Grow for review of a sketch plan for the expansion of the Frye Body Arts Shop in lieu of filing a formal land development plan at this time. Council will consider the formal waiver of land development at a later time after the Borough Engineers' report is received.

Parks and Recreation Committee Items

Request from MS Society to Use Park for "Walk MS"

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously approved the 2010 MS Walk scheduled for Sunday, April 25, 2010 and to authorize the use of a small pavilion in Lenape Park.

Resolution of Support--#2010-2 Dog Park

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2010-2, supporting the proposed dog park plan proposed for Kulp Park and becoming a fiscal sponsor for the development of the project.

Other Business

Marty Gahman announced that a funeral service will be held January 20, 2010 at the Penridge Little League field for Ken Trauger who was very involved for many years and extremely dedicated to the Penridge Little League.

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council authorized the use of the ballfield on Walnut Street, the Penridge Little League field, for a funeral service for the family of Ken Trauger.

Personnel and Policy Committee Items

Appointment to Boards and Committees

1-One Year Term to the Vacancy Board

The floor was opened for a one year term to the Vacancy Board. Purcell nominated Ray Conville which was seconded by Nicolosi. Hendricks voted to close nominations which were seconded by Frei. Ray Conville was appointed to the Vacancy Board for a one year term by acclimation.

1-Five Year Term to the Perkasio Borough Authority

The floor was then opened for one five year term to the Perkasio Borough Authority Board. Nicolosi nominated Dave Watt which was seconded by Hendricks. Purcell made a motion to close nominations which was seconded by Krantz. Dave Watt was appointed to the Perkasio Borough Authority Board for a five year term through January 2015 by acclimation.

3-Five Years Terms to the Perkasio Industrial Development Authority

The floor was opened for nominations to the Perkasio Industrial Development Authority. Jim Purcell nominated Paul McColgan, Pat Egan, and Dave Caro which was seconded by Aigeldinger. Nicolosi voted to close nominations which were seconded by Algeo. McColgan, Egan, and Caro were all appointed for five year terms through January 2015 by acclamation.

Resolution #2010-1, Adopt Consolidated Fee Schedule

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2010-1, establishing the fee schedule for 2010 and shall remain in effect until further amended.

Finance Committee Items

Letter to Commissioners-Radio System

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved a letter to the Bucks County Commissioners requesting financial support through "Gaming Funds" to fund the radio system required by the FCC for all fire, law enforcement and EMS Services.

Authorization to Pay Bills

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously agreed to approve the bills as presented.

Vote to Reopen 2010 Budget

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously agreed to reopen the 2010 budget.

Set Date for Budget Meeting

It was the consensus of all Councilmembers present to hold the reopening of the 2010 budget meeting on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 1:30 PM.

Re-Affirm 2010 Real Estate Tax Rate

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously agreed to reaffirm the real estate tax rate for 2010 as established by Ordinance #938 approved by Borough Council on December 18, 2009.

Economic Development Committee Items

There was no business to discuss.

Other Business

Maria Slowik reported that the Personnel and Policy Committee did meet to review the Borough Manager's evaluations done by Councilmembers. She stated that a completed document summarizing the evaluations was available to the Personnel and Policy Committee for their review.

Jim Purcell thanked the Borough Manager and staff for a job well done even during difficult times.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the audience requested an opportunity to speak.

PRESS FORUM

There were no questions from the Press.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary