

MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2010

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin Gahman
Matt Aigeldinger
Stephen 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

Assistant Manager:

Andrea Coaxum (absent)

Finance Director:

Shannon Drosnock (absent)

Police Chief:

Joe Gura

Parks and Recreation Director:

Josh Aniskevich

Borough Solicitor:

Ann Weiss

Press Representatives:

News Herald

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

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the public requested an opportunity to speak.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Gahman commented on the job well done by Borough staff in clearing up the snow from a storm a couple days ago.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Slowik, Council unanimously approved the January 18, 2010 Council meeting minutes as amended.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the Special Finance Committee meeting minutes of January 30, 2010.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Slowik, Council unanimously approved the

Council Committee meeting minutes of February 1, 2010.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor also complimented Borough staff on the job well done on the clean up of the snow during the last snow storm.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's monthly report.

Planning Commission Report

No recent meeting to report on.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Household Hazardous Waste

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously agreed to participate in a household hazardous waste collection program and commit \$1,295.40 toward the program which is sponsored by Bucks County.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this committee.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this committee.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Perkasie Fire Company Annual Carnival

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved a request from the Perkasie Fire Company to use the Lenape Park to hold their annual fire company carnival. The dates of this event would be Tuesday, June 29 through Saturday, July 3, 2010 from 5:00 PM to close.

Good Time Motorvators Car Show

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved a request from the Good Time Motorvators Car Club to hold the Lake Lenape Jamboree Annual Car Show in Lenape Park on May 30, 2010 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Further approved was the motion to use the skate park pavilion during the event.

Approve Use of Lenape Park for Pennridge Community Day

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved a request from Pennridge Community Day Inc. requesting permission to hold the 38th Annual Pennridge Community Day celebration on July 11, 2010 in Lenape Park. The rain date would be July 18, 2010.

Approval Liberty Bell Wanderers Walk Club Event

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously approved a request from the Liberty Bell Wanderers Walking Club asking permission to hold 5K and 10K walks on October 3, 2010 during the Borough's Fall Festival. The event will be held from 8:00AM to 5:00 PM.

Deactivate Skate Park Committee

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2010-3, formally dissolving the Skate Park Committee originally established in April 20, 2009 and thank them for their efforts. Further Perkasie Borough Council pledges a commitment of staff to the new committee for grant writing and research.

Other Business

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously agreed to accept the donation of a bench from a Jacalyn Andersen in memory of her father John McStravick. She requested that the bench be placed in Lenape Park. It was agreed the location of the bench should be discussed at the March Committee meeting. The Borough Manager was asked to send a thank you letter to Jacalyn Andersen.

Jim Purcell brought up the idea to pursue grant money to put cameras up in Borough parks. Manager Olpere also suggested putting them at the skatepark and the pool.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Donation Request-Pennridge Community Day Inc.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved a request from Pennridge Community Day Inc. for a donation to the annual Pennridge Community Day event on July 11, 2010 in the amount of \$500.00.

Re-Adopt 2010 Budget

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously adopted Resolution #2010-4, re-adopting the 2010 budget as originally presented.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business to come before the committee.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Councilmembers reviewed two memos from Assistant Manager Andrea Coaxum; Cost figures for the disposal of yard waste and cost figures for the refuse and recycling budget gap. President Gahman asked all present to review the memos for discussion at the March committee meeting.

Chris Nicolosi suggested educating the public on composting yard waste and getting the public to compost on their own.

Jim Purcell mentioned a letter from the Treasure Trove who asked if the demand charge for small businesses be adjusted to a lower rate or totally done away with. President Gahman asked that the matter be placed on the March committee agenda for additional discussion.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chad Davis of 426 N. 7th Street part owner of Davis Feed Mill stated he agreed that requiring at least one borough bag to be set out with yard waste or any bulky item was a good idea.

Mr. Davis thought the Treasure Trove just needed to adjust their business practice to accommodate the increase in their electric bill.

PRESS FORUM

No questions from the press.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary