

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2011**

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 Maria Slowik John Hollenbach
Mayor:	Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager:	Andrea Coaxum
Assistant Manager:	Joe Gura
Police Chief:	Joe Berardi
Finance Director:	Dan Gilbert
Public Works Director:	Harold Stone
Electric Superintendent:	Josh Aniskevich
Parks and Recreation Director:	Ann Weiss
Borough Solicitor:	News Herald
Press Representatives:	Daily Intelligencer Bucks County Herald

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

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Perkasie Dog Owners Group President Tom Bancroft asked Council to schedule time with Borough staff to discuss the lease agreement for the dog park. He stated he would like to plan a groundbreaking ceremony for March 20.

**REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Manager reported that the Perkasie Planning Commission granted preliminary final approval of the Jelski Minor Subdivision with waivers.

Perkasie Planning Commissioners also received the first draft of the zoning ordinance re-write.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for February 2011.

### Consider Truck Purchase

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Borough Manger and recommendation from Public Works Director Dan Gilbert regarding the purchase of a 2012 Refuse Collection truck. After reviewing the details and features of the truck, the Committee agreed to authorize the purchase at a higher amount with the additional costs coming out of the capital fund reserve.

### Bid #2011-3, Large Trash Bags

The Committee reviewed the bid results that were opened on Thursday, March 3, 2011 for large bags. Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously awarded the bid for large trash bags to Fordian Company for \$.1845 per bag for a larger order (100,000) and \$.1875 for a small order of (20,000).

### Bid #2011-2-Public Works Roof

The Committee reviewed the bid results opened on March 3, 2011 for replacing the roof of the Perkasio Public Works building. It was recommended by the Committee to go with Jurin Roofing and placed the matter on the March 21, 2011 Council agenda.

### Other Business

Jim Purcell thanked Public Works Director Dan Gilbert for keeping the snow removal under budget.

## **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for February 2011.

### Consider Analysis of Electric Power Contracts

The Committee considered entering into an agreement regarding a power supply master plan recommendation.

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved a general consulting agreement and a project agreement with GDS Associates in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to prepare an analysis and recommendation on two-gas fired electric generator projects (EDI and Fremont Energy Center).

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

### Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for February 2011.

### Approval and Request for Waivers Jelski Subdivision

Attorney Michael Kracht was present with Mr. & Mrs. Jelski to review their plan for a minor subdivision on Fairview Avenue. Mr. Kracht reviewed the plan and the requested waivers. He acknowledged that the Perkasio Planning Commission granted Preliminary and Final Approval of the Jelski Minor Subdivision with conditions at their last meeting. Committee members agreed to place a resolution, to be prepared by the Solicitor, for consideration to approve the subdivision on the March 21 Council meeting agenda.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

### Review Draft of Lease for DOG Park

Borough Staff and Committee members reviewed an agreement for use of park land in Lenape Park off Constitution Avenue between the Borough and the Perkasio Dog Owners Group. Tom Bancroft, President of the group, asked to schedule time with Borough staff to discuss the lease agreement. It was agreed the Manager would meet with Bancroft and still place the lease agreement on the March 21 Council agenda. It was noted that Council may have to postpone voting if many changes to the lease are required.

### Penridge Little League-Request for Field

The Committee reviewed a request from the Penridge Little League to acquire exclusive right of usage of the softball field located in Lenape Park on the Constitution Avenue street side. Joe Suder, President of the Little League was present to explain the reasoning behind their request. He stated that Little League International may possibly be changing their current regulations to have the league's increase their field size to promote safer play. The Borough's fields would not meet the Little League's new requirements. He further stated that by allowing the Little League to assume use and maintenance of the field, they would be able to construct that field to the specifications Little League International will eventually set forth. Mr. Suder further stated that if the Penridge Little League would not be able to make these revisions, they would have to drop out of Little League play altogether.

After listening to the presentation and brief discussion, several Councilmembers, while stating they do support the Penridge Little League, did not agree with exclusive use of the field by the Little League. Mr. Gahman suggested the Park and Recreation Director look into how much that field is used on average over the past couple years. The matter was tabled pending receipt of additional information.

### Last Chance Ranch Dog Walk

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Last Chance Ranch Dog Inc. Equine Rescue requesting permission to hold an annual "Wags and Wiggles Dog Walk" in Lenape Park on

Saturday, October 29, 2011. Gina Decker of Last Chance Ranch was present to go over the details of the event and answer any questions. The Committee agreed to place the matter on the March 21, 2011 Council meeting agenda.

### Other Business

Chris Nicolosi reported that the Skate Park Committee submitted a check for the balance of its \$6,500 commitment for repairing the dilapidated skateboarding structures in Lenape Park. The funds are a match for the \$6,500 Council budgeted for the park in 2010. Nicolosi said Council will be receiving plans in the next couple months regarding plans for a permanent skate park.

## **PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Manager's Evaluation

Maria Slowik, Chair of the Personnel and Policy Committee, handed out packets to Councilmembers regarding evaluation of the Borough Manager Dan Olpere. She asked that the packets be returned to her and the Personnel Committee would meet to go over them. Council President Gahman would then review the evaluations with the Manager.

### Resolution #2011-2, Authorize Fire Police

The Committee reviewed an annual resolution authorizing Perkasio Fire Police to assist for special events and times of emergencies. It was agreed to place the resolution on the March 21 Council meeting agenda.

### Authorize Fire Police –Plumstead Township

The Committee reviewed a request from Plumstead Township Police Department requesting fire police assistance for a 5K race on March 26, 2011. This event was not on the earlier resolution of approved events. The Committee concurred with the request.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously authorized the Perkasio Fire Police to assist the Plumstead Township Police Department with a 5K race on March 26, 2011.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### Budget Discussion

This matter was tabled until the April 4 Committee meeting pending receipt of additional information.

### Resolution #2011-3, Amend Fee Schedule

The Committee reviewed an amended fee schedule for 2011 removing the \$35 annual trash fee. This fee was not included in the 2011 budget. The Committee agreed to recommend approval of the resolution and placed it on the March 21, 2011 Council meeting agenda.

## Open PLGIT Account for Upper Bucks Regional Consortium

The Manager reported that the Borough had received a check in the amount of \$21,272.41 from the Upper Bucks Regional Consortium for the Live Scan machine that the police department owns and other police departments share. A separate account is needed to track these funds, which will be used to offset the Borough's expenses. Council approval is required to open this account.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously authorized the opening of a PLGIT account to maintain funds for the police Live Scan machine and other Upper Bucks Consortium business.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

### Perkasie Industrial Development Authority Project

The Committee reviewed information regarding Perkasie Borough Industrial Authority holding a public hearing on March 21, 2011 on an application to refinance tax-exempt obligations used to finance the construction of a one-story athletic center, running track, playing field, and one-story maintenance building for Solebury School. A resolution is necessary to approve this action. The resolution will be put on the March 21, 2011 Council agenda.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chris Nicolosi mentioned that five nominations have been received for the Perkasie Pride Awards. Selection of the awards will be placed on the March 21, 2011 Council meeting agenda.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Perkasie Dog Owners Group President Tom Bancroft spoke again inviting Council to the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Dog Park scheduled for March 20, 2011.

## **PRESS FORUM**

No questions from the press.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.

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Daniel Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary