

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 4, 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
Daniel P. Olpere
Joe Berardi
Harold Stone
Ann Weiss
News Herald
Intelligencer

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Electric Superintendent:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Borough Council Vice-President Jim Purcell convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Mr. Hollenbach gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Tom Bancroft and Sara Reiker, Perkasie DOG, asked Borough Council to consider their request to add language to their lease about reimbursing the group if the Borough were to terminate for no cause in the first five years. They also requested that the language requiring the group to purchase liability insurance be removed from the contract.

Todd Alderfer with the Healthy Hearts Foundation spoke to Council about his request to reserve the pavilion in Lenape Park near the skate park. He is requesting use of the park on a date that has already been reserved by another group.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

None.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for March. Barbara Krantz said that there was a huge pothole at Walnut and Main. Borough Public Works Director Dan Gilbert stated that the pothole is on a PennDOT road and PennDOT has been contacted twice about the pothole.

Request for Fire Police Assistance from Trumbauersville Borough

The Committee agreed that this matter should be placed on the April 18 agenda.

Trolley Tunnel – Consider Paving

Councilmember Jim Purcell asked that this issue be moved from the Public Utility Committee to the Public Works Committee portion of the meeting. Manager Dan Olpere explained that the Public Works Director expects paving for this area to cost around \$1,500. Councilmember Barbara Krantz asked if this was a budgeted expense and Manager Olpere explained that it was not. The money could come out of the general paving line item.

Councilmember Suzanne Kravitz asked if the tunnel was paved, then would the Borough also have to pave an ingress and egress. Manager Olpere stated that the end goal would be to have an entrance paved as well.

The Mayor asked if Perkasio Olde Towne, the Rotary Club or Lions had been contacted to help pay for the project. Councilmember FloAnn Frei was concerned that the project might be moving forward without the Girl Scout.

8th Street Reconstruction

Manager Dan Olpere described the current situation and history of a prior resolution from the Borough Council requiring future access to be taken from 8th Street. A new two lot subdivision is proposed and the Borough Council has been requested to reevaluate the prior resolution to allow access from the unnamed alley.

Other Business

None.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

Other Business

None.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Request from "MOMS" Club of Harleysville

The Committee agreed that this matter should be placed on the April 18 agenda.

Guth Elementary Request for Family Fun Night

The Committee agreed that this matter should be placed on the April 18 agenda.

Request from Healthy Hearts Foundation

The Committee discussed this matter with the staff. The Committee asked the staff to try to mediate between the two parties to resolve the issue. If an agreement is reached, then the Committee agreed that this matter should be placed on the April 18 agenda.

Request from St. Stephen's UCC

The Committee agreed that this matter should be placed on the April 18 agenda.

Request for Springfest 5K Run – Perkasio Olde Towne Association

The Committee agreed that this matter should be placed on the April 18 agenda.

Dog Park

The DOG representatives are asking to add a clause to their lease of land in Lenape Park. They are asking for language that would allow the group to be reimbursed a prorated amount if the Borough cancels the lease within the first 5-years for no cause. The Borough's solicitor, Ann Weiss, said that she understands the request, but no refund should be given if they mismanage the park and the lease is cancelled.

The DOG representatives are also asking the Borough to waive the insurance requirement since the Borough already has insurance on the property that would cover their proposed use. Solicitor Ann Weiss explained that by requiring the group to buy insurance on top of the Borough's insurance, it adds an extra layer of protection. She recommends that Council not waive the insurance requirement.

Councilmember Marty Gahman asked where the Borough got the \$1,000,000 policy limit from. Manager Olpere stated that this was a standard amount that the Borough asks other groups, such as the Little League, to obtain.

There were more discussions related to the insurance requirement. The Committee agreed to place the item on the agenda for a vote at the April 18th meeting.

Other Business

None.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Emergency Management Plan Re-Approval for 2011

Manager Dan Olpere explained that every year the emergency contact phone numbers are updated along with the list of high risk residents. Borough Council must re-approve the plan every two years. The Committee agreed to place the item on the agenda for a vote at the April 18th meeting.

Resolution to Revise Fee Schedule – Copy Fees

Borough Manager Dan Olpere explained that they have had requests for copies of documents larger than an 11" by 17" sheet of paper. These copies must be made by a professional copy center, which requires additional costs along with staff time and mileage. The proposed addition to the fee schedule allows the

Borough to recoup that expense. The Committee agreed to place the item on the agenda for a vote at the April 18th meeting.

Commercial Vehicle Parking

The Borough's Chief of Police Joe Gura explained that the current ordinance in place preventing commercial vehicles over 10,000 pounds to be parked on Borough streets was put in place in 1998. However, he admitted that the Department had not been enforcing this ordinance regularly. On one evening recently, the Borough ticketed 21 vehicles that were in violation and so far, the Borough has only heard a complaint from one person who got a ticket.

Councilmember Maria Slowik commented that the Borough streets are narrow and cannot accommodate larger vehicles parked on the side of the street. She also asked why this was up for discussion.

Councilmember Jim Purcell stated that he had been approached by a man who had been parking his work truck on the side of his street for 15 years and was ticketed for the first time recently.

Councilmember Marty Gahman suggested that the police department continue enforcing the ordinance and wait to see if anyone else complains. He did not think that the ordinance should be changed because one person complained. Councilmember Suzanne Kravitz suggested that the Department give warnings for a period of time before ticketing again. The Chief agreed to give warnings for the next two weeks before ticketing anymore vehicles for this specific violation.

Other Business

Councilmember Maria Slowik stated that she was still waiting to get a few of the Borough Manager evaluations back from certain members of Council. She asked that they be returned promptly so that the Personnel Committee could meet to finish the Borough Manager's evaluation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Other Business

None.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Perkasie Pride Awards

The Committee agreed to put the Perkasie Pride Award nominees on the April 18th agenda listed separately so that each one would be voted on separately.

Other Business

None.

PUBLIC FORUM

Susan Green, 624 E. Walnut Street, asked for an update on the Little League's request to lease the softball field in Lenape Park. Manager Olpere explained that the Park and Recreation Director had given him and members of Council a schedule showing the current usage of that field. The Mayor stated that to his knowledge, the Little League group is considering fields in E. Rockhill and Sellersville, and are not ready to address the Perkasie Council again yet.

Ms. Green stated her support of the group, to which many members of Council and the Mayor all agreed.

PRESS FORUM

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel

Council met in executive session to discuss matters of personnel for approximately 15 minutes. After executive session, members of Council voted on the personnel matter, with 7 members voting in favor of the matter. Councilmembers FloAnn Frei and Chris Nicolosi voted against the matter stating that they felt the punishment was too severe.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary