

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 6, 2011**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger
Stephen Algeo
Florence Frei
Martin Gahman
Barbara Krantz (absent)
Suzanne Kravitz (absent)
Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik (arrived 7:15 PM)
John Hollenbach
Daniel P. Olpere
Andrea Coaxum
Joe Gura
Harold Stone
Josh Aniskevich
Ann Weiss
Joe Nolan
Daily Intelligencer
Bucks County Herald

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Police Chief:

Electric Superintendent:

Park and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

Press Representatives:

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Matt Lezoche of 624 East Walnut Street, Apartment #304. Mr. Lezoche stated he was dissatisfied with the Menlo Aquatic Center stating he was unaware the big pool would not be open to the public during certain dates or times of the day due to swim team practice.

Amy Nees of 512 Spring Court spoke against Council considering using the Fremont Energy Center to purchase electric power.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

No current meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Stream Bank Restoration Project Update

Assistant Borough Manager Andrea Coaxum updated Council on the streambank restoration project scheduled to begin in the summer.

Award Bid for Roadway Reconstruction

The Committee reviewed the only bid received for the 2011 road reconstruction program from Blooming Glen Contractors. Upon motion by Algeo, seconded by Nicolosi, Council considered rebidding the 2011 roadway reconstruction project. Councilmembers Aigeldinger, Gahman, and Purcell voted against rebidding. Councilmembers Algeo, Frei, Nicolosi, and Slowik voted in favor of rebidding. By a 4-3 motion, it was agreed to rebid the 2011 road reconstruction project.

Other Business

Jim Purcell updated Councilmembers on the trolley tunnel project.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for May 2011. The Public Utility Committee held a public meeting on May 24, 2011 to discuss the EDI Electric Project and the Fremont Energy Center Project.

EDI Electric Project

This was discussed at the Public Utility Committee meeting and the Committee, with guidance of Mr. Cole, agreed that the project was not a good fit for the Borough. The majority of the savings are in the beginning of the contract, and because the Borough has 100 of its power needs until 2005, this option is not appealing. No motions were made to move on this project.

Market-Based Electric Contract

At the last Public Utility Committee meeting, Mr. Cole obtained an informal quote for the purchase of market-based power. He got the quote so that the Borough would have something to compare to when looking at the EDI Gas Landfill project. Because the informal quotes for market-based power looked favorable, the Public Utility Committee asked Mr. Cole to get formal quotes for Council's consideration.

As soon as the information is available, it was be forwarded to Council for discussion at a future Council meeting.

Fremont Energy Center Project

This project was discussed at the Public Utility Committee meeting. The history of the site, changes in ownership, physical assets, operations, and maintenance, market price projections and a lot more were discussed, according to committee members in attendance.

Several members of Council expressed their concern for the length of the project and the uncertainty since construction is not completed. There was also concern about how the Borough would be responsible to pay for the power even if the project did not meet its expectations. No motions were made to move forward on this project.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

8th Street Development

Manager Olpere reviewed the comments from the Perkasio Borough Authority, the Perkasio Planning Commission, Perkasio Fire Chief, and Public Works Director on the 8th Street Development resolution to rescind Resolution #2004-14. Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Algeo, Council considered approving Resolution #2011-11 rescinding Resolution #2004-40 which required property owners to take access from 8th Street in the future. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the Resolution with the exception of Aigeldinger who voted against.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Penridge Little League

Present was Joe Suder representing the Penridge Little League. Mr. Suder handed out a computer generated picture of the relocated entrance road to the parking lot. Borough engineer Joe Nolan was present to review cost estimates for the project. It was asked what kind of manpower the Borough could provide. Mr. Suder stated the Little League plans to help out with the cost of the project through fundraising events and volunteers.

Mr. Nolan stated he would come back to Council with a new price quote for the project.

Perkasio Olde Towne Association-Under the Stars Car Show Request

The Committee reviewed a request from the Perkasio Olde Towne Association for their annual "Under the Stars Car Show Request" on August 20, 2011. Committee members agreed to put the matter on the June 20, 2011 Council meeting agenda.

Request from Girl Scouts to Use Menlo Park

The Committee reviewed a request from Wendy Carr of a Girl Scout unit serving in the Bucks County area and Penridge School District. The Girl Scouts are requesting the use of Menlo Park on Saturday, August 20, 2011 to host a Girl Scout Day in the Park, which will be open to the entire Penridge Community. Committee members agreed to place the matter on the agenda for the June 20, 2011 Council agenda.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Other Business

It was asked that a budget meeting schedule be available for the next meeting of Council.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Train Station Status Report

Manager Olpere reported that there were not any grant funds available at this time for fixing up the train station. He further stated he was hoping to use some of the money from the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority/Stainless project.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Request for Fire Police Assistance-Milford Township

Request for Fire Police Assistance-Plumstead Police Department

Request for Fire Police Assistance-Dublin Borough

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Perkasio Fire Police to assist at the following events:

1. Dublin Arts Festival September 11, 2011
2. Plumstead Circus June 10 and 11, 2011
3. Milford Township Fire Company Carnival June 7-11, 2011

Perkasie Borough Authority-Articles of Incorporation

The Committee reviewed an ordinance amending the Articles of Incorporation of the Perkasio Borough Authority (PBA) by changing the name of the PBA to Perkasio Regional Authority, by increasing the term of the Authority and by prohibiting employees and Authority Board members from holding offices of Councilmembers or Supervisor in any municipality served by the Authority.

Other Business

Chair Maria Slowik introduced three firms for labor counsel services that would be interviewed later in executive session. For the public portion of the meeting, she asked each of the three firms to give brief introduction about their firm, their background and who would be the contact person. The three firms are Reed Smith, Eckert Seamans, and Ballard Spahr.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Amy Nees of 512 Spring Court stated she was pleased that Council was not considering purchasing electrical power through the Fremont Energy Center.

Tom Myers of 66 Fairview Avenue, Apartment B, asked if the Borough estimates its electric billing. He also asked how a candidate for Council can run for two open seats on Borough Council.

Mr. Myers was advised to contact the Bucks County Board of Elections on that issue.

Tom Bancroft of 311 West Market Street was present and thanked Council for its support for the dog park. He asked Council to consider amending the leash law in Borough parks to allow dogs off leash in the dog park.

Present was Andy Rumbold of 502 South 8th Street. He voiced concerns about the policy regarding future development of 8th Street, the litter problem at the skatepark, and pedestrian crossing at 5th Street and Park Avenue.

PRESS FORUM

No questions from the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary