

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 20, 2011**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger
Stephen Algeo
Florence Frei
Martin Gahman
Barbara Krantz
Suzanne Kravitz
Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik

Youth Councilor:

Joe Gilbert

Mayor:

John Hollenbach

Borough Manager:

Daniel P. Olpere (absent)

Assistant Manager:

Andrea Coaxum

Finance Director:

Joe Berardi

Police Chief:

Joe Gura

Public Works Director:

Dan Gilbert

Electric Superintendent:

Harold Stone (absent)

Parks and Recreation Director:

Josh Aniskevich

Borough Solicitor:

Ann Weiss

Press Representatives:

News Herald
Daily Intelligencer
Bucks County Herald

Perkasie Borough Council President Matt Aigeldinger convened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Hollenbach gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Joe Ferry, President of the Perkasie Olde Towne Association. Mr. Ferry first reported that the POTA Springfest had a very successful event. Mr. Ferry updated Council members on the activities of the POTA which included the Farmers Market which will be opened on Saturdays and the Façade Grant program available to all businesses.

Bob Wasson of 222 Parkridge Drive was present representing the Facilities Committee at the Upper Bucks YMCA in Quakertown. Mr. Wasson stated the YMCA was expanding its facility and was in need of a telephone pole. He was asking Council to either donate one to the YMCA or let the YMCA purchase one since the Borough has a large inventory of poles. Councilman Jim Purcell asked Mr. Wasson for contact information.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

No remarks at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of May 16, 2011, the Council Committees meeting of June 6, 2011, and the Public Utility Committee minutes of May 24, 2011.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hollenbach encouraged residents of the Borough to support the merchants of the Perkasio Olde Towne Association. He also commended the Perkasio Police Department as well as surrounding departments on a job well done on capturing 5 individuals recently caught burglarizing homes and cars.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for May 2011.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for May 2011.

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's monthly report.

Planning Commission Report

No recent meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Committee.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Committee.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Committee.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Perkasie Olde Towne Association Under the Stars Car Show

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously approved the Perkasie Olde Towne Association Under the Stars Car Show August 20, 2011 from 3:00 PM to 9:30 PM with a raindate of August 21, 2011 from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Request from Girl Scouts to Use Menlo Park

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved the use of Menlo Park on August 20, 2011 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for a Girl Scout Day in the Park.

Dog Park

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously agreed to rename the newly opened dog park to the Perkasie Dog Park at Tom Bancroft Field.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Ordinance #950-Perkasie Borough Authority-Articles of Incorporation

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #950 changing the name of the Perkasie Borough Authority to the Perkasie Regional Authority, adding a statement to the Articles of Incorporation to prohibit Borough Councilmembers or Township Supervisors from serving as Authority members and increasing the term of the Authority.

Update on Labor Council

Due to the absence of the Borough Manager, this matter was tabled until the July 5 Committee meeting when the Borough Manager would be available.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Trolley Tunnel

Councilman Jim Purcell gave Councilmembers an update on the status of the proposed repairs and renovations for the Trolley tunnel on 7th Street to help a local Girl Scout improve the

trolley tunnel as a way to win her Silver Award. Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Kravitz, Council approved an expenditure of \$2,000 to have some of the concrete repaired in the tunnel. The money to repair the concrete will come from the \$134,000 Perkasio was given recently by the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority which were funds left over after the purchase and redevelopment of the Stainless and Wispesse properties on South 9th Street.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Jim Purcell asked the police department to look into installing a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of 4th and Chestnut Street due to an increase in traffic activity.

Jim Purcell also asked staff to look into the electric security deposit policy. He had concerns about the owner of the rental property being responsible for delinquent electric bills should a renter vacate the property and owing a delinquent amount. He further asked that both these issues be placed on the July 5 Committees meeting.

Chris Nicolosi had questions regarding the light timers at 2nd Street tennis courts.

PRESS FORUM

There were no questions from the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary