

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 18, 2011**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger (absent)
Stephen Algeo
Florence Frei
Martin Gahman (absent)
Barbara Krantz
Suzanne Kravitz
Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik (arrived 7:05PM)
Joe Gilbert
John Hollenbach
Daniel P. Olpere
Andrea Coaxum
Joe Berardi
Joe Gura
Dan Gilbert
Harold Stone
Josh Aniskevich
Ann Weiss
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Finance Director:

Police Chief:

Public Works Director:

Electric Superintendent:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Dan Gring of 5 Rose Drive, Hatfield was present asking Council to consider reviving the Glass-Seagall legislation.

Nelson Hollenbach of 14 South 8th Street encouraged Council to pursue the revitalization of the trolley tunnel project.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The President was absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of June 20, 2011.

Upon motion by Algeo, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved the Council Committee meeting minutes of July 5, 2011.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hollenbach presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Perkasio Pizza and Pasta business owner John Manto for his commitment to the youth of the Pennridge area through the schools, sports, and various youth organizations.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for June 2011.

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

The engineers report was reviewed and accepted.

Planning Commission Report

No current meeting to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Maria Slowik questioned why the trolley tunnel improvement authorization for engineering was on this agenda for consideration when it was decided at the last Committee meeting that the item would be discussed at the next Committee meeting. She asked that the engineering study be tabled until August 1 which was done so without objections.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Bid for Roadway Reconstruction

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Maria, Council unanimously approved the 2011 roadway construction bids from Blooming Glen Construction in the amount of \$471,782.25 which amount will include alternates 1, 2 and 3. Approval will be contingent on receipt of proper bonds and insurance. This approval is also contingent on utilizing economic development funds for the trolley tunnel paving for the amount exceeds the road budget.

Trolley Tunnel Improvement Authorization

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously authorized the installation of lights at the trolley tunnel at a cost not to exceed \$3,322.24.

Stop Sign Request for 4th & Chestnut Street

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Solicitor to prepare an ordinance for a 4-way stop sign at 4th & Chestnut Streets and also authorize advertising the ordinance for approval at the August 15 Council meeting.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Electric Security Deposit Policy

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2011-14, changing the method in which electric security deposits are handled by the Borough.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this Committee.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Ordinance #951-Leash Law in Dog Park

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #951, allowing dogs to run free in the area of the dog park only within Lenape Park.

Request for Park Use-Trinity Lutheran Church and Perkasio Mennonite Church

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved a request from Trinity Lutheran Church and Perkasio Mennonite Church for a worship service and breakfast in Menlo Park Pavilion on Sunday, August 28, 2011 from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Police Contract

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Slowik, Council unanimously authorized Borough Council to sign the Perkasio Police Officers Association contract retroactive back to January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2013.

Labor Counsel Selection

Upon motion by Slowik, seconded by Nicolosi, Council considered appointing the firm of Ballard Spahr as labor counsel for the Borough for special projects. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Kravitz, who voted against it. Motion approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Extend Parking Lot Lease with Quakertown National Bank

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved a 10 year lease with Quakertown National Bank for 9 parking spaces for the Borough owned parking lot at 6th and Chestnut Street.

Train Station Feasibility Study

Upon motion by Slowik, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously authorized George J. Donovan Associates, AIA to perform a feasibility study of the SEPTA owned train station and related buildings for the purpose of determining structural and building related issues.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Barbara Krantz stated she attended the concert in the park held the previous week and thought it was well attended.

Flo Frei asked if the Borough streets could be cleaned up of tumbling tumbleweeds and the weeds along the curblines.

Jim Purcell reported that he had checked with the Borough Solicitor that since he was a landlord, would there be a conflict of interest when voting on the electric disconnect policy since it involves landlords. The Solicitor cited that it would not.

PUBLIC FORUM

Dan Gring of 5 Rose Drive, Hatfield stated he would leave information for Council to review regarding the Glass-Seagall legislation.

Donna Patterson of 114 South 4th Street thanked the police for conducting a traffic study in the area of 4th and Chestnut Street.

PRESS FORUM

No questions from the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary