

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2011**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger

Stephen Algeo

Florence Frei

Barbara Krantz

Suzanne Kravitz

Chris Nicolosi

Jim Purcell

Maria Slowik

Joe Gilbert

Youth Councilor:

John Hollenbach

Mayor:

Daniel P. Olpere

Borough Manager:

Andrea Coaxum

Assistant Manager:

Joe Berardi

Finance Director:

Joe Gura

Police Chief:

Josh Aniskevich

Parks and Recreation Director:

Ann Weiss

Borough Solicitor:

News Herald

Press Representatives:

Daily Intelligencer

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

There were no questions from the public.

INTERVIEW OF COUNCIL CANDIDATES

President Aigeldinger asked all 4 Council candidates; Mary Antczak, Lillian Benner, Steve Pizzollo, and Claire Wischusen to sit in the first row of the audience area. Each applicant was asked several questions by various Council members.

Mr. Aigeldinger opened the floor for nominations for the vacant position on Borough Council in the first ward. Jim Purcell nominated Steve Pizzollo, which was seconded by Suzanne Kravitz. Chris Nicolosi nominated Lillian Benner which was seconded by Steve Algeo. Steve Algeo nominated Mary Antczak which was seconded by Barb Krantz. Jim Purcell made a motion to close nominations. Upon a roll call vote, Council members Krantz, Purcell, Aigeldinger, Slowik, Frei, and Kravitz voted for Steve Pizzollo. Council member Algeo voted for Mary Antczak. Chris Nicolosi voted for Lillian Benner. By a 6-1-1 vote, Steve Pizzollo was appointed as the new Council member through the end of the year 2011.

Civil Service Commission Appointment

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Charles Brooks was unanimously appointed to the Civil Service Commission to fill an unexpired term through 2014.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Hollenbach administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Council member Steve Pizzollo and Civil Service Commissioner Charles Brooks.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Aigeldinger turned the floor over to the youth delegate Joe Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert wanted to thank Council for giving him the opportunity to serve on the Borough Council as a youth representative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of July 18, 2011 as well as the Public Utility Committee meeting minutes of July 28, 2011.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor commended the applicant's that applied for the vacant Council member position. He encouraged them all to get involved in the community.

The Mayor also thanked youth delegate Joe Gilbert for his time served on Borough Council for the past 2 years

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's monthly report.

Planning Commission Report

There was no current meeting to report on.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Ordinance #952-Stop Sign for 4th & Chestnut Streets

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #952 which will create a 4-way stop intersection at 4th & Chestnut Streets.

Ordinance #953-Prohibiting Parking Portion of West Chestnut Street

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #953 which would create a no parking zone in the 800 block of West Chestnut Street.

Disposal of Surplus Equipment

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Slowik, this matter was tabled pending receipt of additional information.

Resolution #2011-15, ARLE Grant Approval for Traffic Signal Pre-Emption

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2011-15 to authorize Council President Matthew Aigeldinger to sign the Automated Light Enforcement Program Funding Agreement on behalf of Borough Council.

Request for Fire Police Assistance from Bridgeton Township and Fire Police Assistance-Gallery of the Arts-Sellersville Borough

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Slowik, Council unanimously approved Perkasio Fire Police assistance to Bridgeton Township for traffic/crowd control for their carnival on Wednesday, August 31 through Sunday, September 4, 2011 as well as approve Perkasio Fire Police assistance to Sellersville Borough for Sellersville's Annual Gallery of the Arts Show on September 18, 2011.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

TCDI Grant Application

Upon a motion by Krantz, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved a grant application under the Transportation and Community Development Initiative Program sponsored by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. The grant application would be to contract for a comprehensive development plan with a major transportation element and community development element included with the plan. The manager is authorized to file a grant application with DVRPC.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Pennridge Little League –Entrance Road

Joe Suder of the Pennridge Little League was present and handed out a new plan to expand the existing baseball field along Walnut Street. Mr. Suder was asked how much of the work could be done by the Pennridge Little League itself and to get back to Council as to the amount the Pennridge Little League could contribute to the project. The matter was tabled until the September 6, 2011 meeting.

Request from West Rockhill Township for Septemberfest

Upon motion by Slowik, seconded by Frei, Council approved the donation of 4 daily pool passes for the 2012 season to West Rockhill Townships Park and Recreation Board's annual Septemberfest.

Request for Park Use-Compassionate Friends-Quakertown Chapter

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved a request from the Compassionate Friends of Quakertown Chapter on June 9, 2012 and reserve the Lake Lenape and Skate Park Pavilions on that date from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM for a butterfly release. The motion further approves that the organization would like to reserve June 10, 2012 as a rain date.

Perkasie Garden Club Request-Bench Donation

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved a request from the Perkasie Garden Club and the Legion to donate two benches in the Cannon Gardens in Menlo Park.

Request from Perkasie Fire Company to Hold Carnival in 2012

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved a request from the Perkasie Fire Company to hold their annual carnival from June 26 through June 30, 2012 from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM, and further reserve the skate park pavilion.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Donation for Raffle for Guth Elementary Home School Association

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Slowik, Council unanimously approved the

donation of 8 free daily passes to the Menlo Aquatic Center for the 2012 season for the Guth Elementary Home School Association Race for Education.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was nothing to come before the Economic Development Committee.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Jim Purcell updated everyone on the progress on the trolley tunnel project.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no questions from the public

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 8:30PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary