

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2011**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger
Stephen Algeo
Florence Frei
Barbara Krantz (arrived 7:05 pm)
Suzanne Kravitz
Chris Nicolosi
Steve Pizzollo
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik (arrived 7:05 pm)
Amanda Brooks
John Hollenbach
Daniel P. Olpere
Andrea Coaxum
Joe Gura
Joe Berardi
Dan Gilbert
Harold Stone
Josh Aniskevich
Ann Weiss
Joe Nolan
News Herald

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Police Chief:

Finance Director:

Public Works Director:

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. Matt Aigeldinger gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Tom Myers of 66 Fairview Avenue asked Council to hold off on giving Borough employees a 3% pay increase.

Roger Styles, the renter of the Perkasie Train Station on 7th Street was present. Mr. Styles questioned Perkasie's intentions for the train station in the future after the Borough had expressed some interest in leasing it from SEPTA. Mr. Styles stated he was thinking of starting a Perkasie Train Station Foundation for future contributions to restore the building.

Present was Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive who was not pleased with the company doing the milling and paving work in his development stating they had damaged his property.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

No report from Planning Commission.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION FOR STREAM BANK PROJECT

All the people who volunteered in the streambank restoration project were invited to the meeting to receive a certificate of appreciation from the Borough. Several people showed up as well as volunteer organizations. Mayor Hollenbach thanked all those who participated in the program. All present we asked to come to the front of the room to be recognized. Assistant Manager Coaxum then took the group aside and handed out certificates to all those that could attend.

VOLUNTEER FOR TROLLEY TUNNEL DONATIONS

This matter was put off until later in order to complete the list of volunteers who helped contribute to the trolley tunnel restoration and beautification.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Support Growing Greener Grant-Resolution #2011-27

The Committee was notified that the Growing Greener program which has provided funding to Perkasi Borough for the streambank restoration is about to expire. A group called the Renew Growing Greener Coalition asked Council for its consideration to support an additional grant and funding in the future by approving this resolution. It was agreed to put the resolution on the December 19 Council meeting agenda.

Approval of MS Walk Event

The Committee reviewed a request from the MS Society asking permission to schedule a MS 5K Walk and reserve the small pavilion in Lenape Park near the Twin Bridges as a rest stop on April 22, 2012. The Committee agreed to place the matter on the December 19 Council agenda for approval.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for November 2011.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

CVS Bond Release

Manager Olpere asked Council to approve an escrow release for a large performance bond for the CVS Pharmacy on 5th Street. He further stated all the work has been completed and certified by the Borough

Engineer. The CVS applicant is requesting release and return of their bond. The Committee concurred with

the request and agreed to place the matter on the December 19 Council meeting agenda for approval.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Approve Easement Agreement for Trail

Borough Manager reiterated the fact that Blooming Glen Contractors had agreed to construct a trail from the end of the trolley tunnel to a point at the end of 8th Street as part of the Trolley Tunnel project. A portion of the property is owned by Central Bucks Associates. In order to pave that part of the trail owned by Central Bucks Associates a “trail easement agreement” would need to be signed by the property owner and the Borough. Council members reviewed the easement. Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the easement agreement between Central Bucks Associates and Perkasio Borough.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Resolution #2011-23, Establish 2012 Council Meeting Dates

The Committee reviewed a resolution that would establish all the official Council meeting dates for the year, taking into account holidays, and other conflicting dates. The Committee agreed to place the resolution on the December 19 Council agenda.

Resolution #2011-24, Wage and Salary Schedule for 2012

The Committee reviewed Resolution #2011-24 setting the 2012 wage schedule for Borough employees. It was agreed to put the resolution on the December 19 Council meeting agenda.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

The Committee reviewed the list of names to appointments to boards and commissions. It was agreed to put those appointments on the December 19 Council agenda. It was noted that appointments to the Vacancy Board and all Authorities must be done at the January 2012 meeting.

Police Pension Contribution

This matter will be discussed in executive session.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Resolution #2011-21, Appointing Keystone Collection Group as the Earned Income Tax Collector

The Committee reviewed a memo from Borough Manager Olpere in which Perkasio Borough Council formally appointed the Keystone Collections Group as the earned income tax collector effective the 2012 fiscal year. The Committee further reviewed Resolution #2011-21, appointing Keystone Collections Group as the Earned Income Tax Collector beginning with the 2012 fiscal year. It was noted the resolution was requested by the Keystone Collections Group. After careful review of the resolution, the Committee agreed to place the resolution on the December 19 Council meeting agenda.

Resolution #2011-22, Appointing Keystone Collection Group as the Local Services Tax Collector

The Committee again looked at the Manager’s memo regarding the benefit of having Keystone collect the Local Services Tax in addition to the earned income tax. Committee members reviewed Resolution #2011-22 appointing Keystone Collections Group as the Local Services Tax Collector beginning with the 2012 fiscal year. It was agreed to place this resolution on the December 19 agenda as well.

Resolution #2011-25, 2012 Consolidated Fee Schedule

The Committee reviewed several changes in the annual fee schedule which were highlighted in bold print. The Committee agreed to place the fee schedule resolution with amendments on the December 19 Council meeting agenda.

Tax Ordinance #955

The Committee reviewed and agreed to place Ordinance #955, establishing the tax rates at 5.75% for 2011 on the December 19 Council agenda.

Audit Proposal

The Committee reviewed an audit proposal from Styer Associates to conduct the 2011 audit for an approximate cost of \$11,825. Committee members asked what the cost of last years' audit was. Finance Director Berardi stated he would get that information before the next Council meeting. This item would be put on the December 19 Council meeting agenda.

Resolution #2011-26, Adoption of Final Budget

The Committee reviewed a resolution recommending adoption of the final 2012 budget. The resolution will be put on the December 19 Council meeting agenda.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chris Nicolosi reported that the Perkasio Olde Towne Tree Lighting ceremony over the past weekend was a very successful event.

PUBLIC FORUM

None at this time.

PRESS FORUM

None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary