

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 2011**

620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

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

Youth Councilor:

Amanda Brooks (absent)

Mayor:

John Hollenbach

Borough Manager:

Daniel P. Olpere

Assistant Manager:

Andrea Coaxum (absent)

Finance Director:

Joe Berardi

Police Chief:

Joe Gura

Borough Solicitor:

Ann Weiss

Press Representatives:

News Herald  
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**

Present was Nelson Hollenbach of 14 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Justin Stottlar of 4 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street who asked Council to consider Jennifer Leatherman for the vacant position on the Parks and Recreation Board.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Aigeldinger thanked Maria Slowik and Chris Nicolosi for serving on Borough Council for the past 4 years. He also wished everyone a Happy Holiday and prosperous New Year.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of November 21, 2011.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

### Mayor's Report

The Mayor asked for Council's support for the approval of amendments to the employment agreement for the Chief of Police and the Borough Manager's contract. He also thanked Maria Slowik and Chris Nicolosi for serving on the Borough Council.

### Taxes Collected

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

### Budget Status

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

### Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's monthly report.

### Planning Commission Report

There was no meeting to report on.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President Aigeldinger explained that the Borough had received several proposals for a new Borough Solicitor and they were available for members of Council to review at the Borough Office. The Manager would be preparing a summary sheet for Council review at the January 3, 2012 meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council went into an executive session at 7:20 PM to discuss personnel.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:43 PM.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

#### Support Growing Greener Grant-Resolution #2011-17

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2011-17 supporting the Growing Green Grant Program.

### Approval of MS Walk

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved the Multiple Sclerosis Society's annual walk-a-thon event on April 22, 2012 in Lenape Park

#### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Public Utility Committee.

#### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

##### CVS Bond Release

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved the release and return of a Performance Bond that was issued in 2007 for the CVS property on 5<sup>th</sup> Street in the amount of \$612,795.60.

##### Bucks County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Maria, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2011-9 to adopt the Bucks County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

#### PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Park and Recreation Committee

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

##### Authorization to Pay Bills

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

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

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2011-21, appointing Keystone Collections Group as the earned income tax collector beginning with the 2012 fiscal year, in accordance with the decision of the Bucks County Tax Collection Committee.

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

Upon motion by Algeo, seconded by Purcell, Council approved Resolution #2011-22, appointing Keystone Collections Group as the local services tax collector beginning with the 2012 fiscal year.

##### Resolution #2011-25, 2012 Consolidated Fee Schedule

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2011-25, adopting the 2012 consolidated fee schedule which includes a new fee category for the pool which includes a twilight and twilight plus membership, a \$20 discount off senior memberships for members of the Pennridge Senior Community Center, the elimination of a fee for criminal reports for the Police Department, an adjustment to the fees for work by the Public Works or Electric Departments, an increase to the return check charge from \$15.00 to \$25.00; and an adjustment to the fee for the Borough Engineer for 2012 which would be charged to applicants under the subdivision and land development ordinance.

#### Tax Ordinance #955

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously adopted Ordinance #955 establishing the tax rates for 2012 at 5.75 mills—4.75 mills for general fund purposes and 1.00 mill for fire protection services.

#### Audit Proposal

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Slowik, Council unanimously approved the engagement of Styer Associates to conduct the 2011 Perkasio Borough audit for all funds.

#### Resolution #2011-26, Adoption of Final Budget

Upon motion by Algeo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2011-26 adopting the final 2012 budget as presented.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Economic Development Committee.

#### PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

##### Consider Amendment to Chief of Police Contract

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Second Amendment to the employment contract between Joseph Gura and Perkasio Borough effective January 1, 2012. Also approved was the Memorandum of Understanding regarding future goals.

##### Consider Amendment to Borough Manager Contract

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved the employment agreement between Daniel P. Olpere and Perkasio Borough, effective January 1, 2012 and simultaneously to approve a supplemental agreement regarding accrued leave time.

##### Resolution #2011-23, Establish 2012 Meeting Dates

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2011-23, establishing the Borough Council meeting dates for 2012.

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

Upon a motion by Krantz, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2011-24 establishing the wage and salary schedule for Perkasio Borough employees for the fiscal year 2012.

## APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

### Perkasie Parks and Recreation Board

The floor was opened for nominations to the Parks and Recreation Board. Matt Aigeldinger nominated Patricia Kaempf, Brian Turner and Jennifer Leatherman, and Emily Kaempf as the youth delegate. Purcell made a motion to close nominations which was seconded by Nicolosi. Patricia Kaempf was unanimously appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board for a three year term through 2014. Brian Turner was unanimously appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board for an unexpired term through 2013. Jennifer Leatherman was appointed to the Park and Recreation Board as an additional member for a three year term through 2014. Emily Kaempf was unanimously appointed as the youth delegate to the Parks and Recreation Board.

### Civil Service Commission

The floor was opened for nominations to the Civil Service Commission. Purcell made a motion to nominate Dale Haring which was seconded by Barbara Krantz. Dale Haring was unanimously appointed to the Civil Service Commission for a 4 year term through 2015.

### Perkasie Planning Commission

Nominations for the Perkasie Planning Commission were opened. Purcell nominated Ross Gardner which was seconded by Kravitz. Nicolosi nominated Rich Hendricks which was seconded by Algeo. Ross Gardner and Rich Hendricks were unanimously appointed to the Perkasie Planning Commission for 4 year terms through 2015.

### Perkasie Zoning Hearing Board

Nominations were received for the Perkasie Zoning Hearing Board. Pizzollo nominated Dennis Hurchalla which was seconded by Purcell. Algeo nominated Claire Wischusen which was seconded by Kravitz. Nicolosi nominated Joe Gilbert which was seconded by Algeo. Nominations were closed. Upon roll call vote Councilmembers Pizzollo, Frei, Slowik, Aigeldinger, Purcell, and Krantz voted for Dennis Hurchalla. Councilmembers Krantz and Algeo voted for Claire Wischusen. Councilmember Nicolosi voted for Joe Gilbert. By a 6-2-1 vote, Dennis Hurchalla was appointed to the Perkasie Zoning Hearing Board for a five year term through 2016.

### Perkasie Zoning Hearing Board Alternate

Nominations were received for an alternate to the Perkasie Zoning Hearing Board. Purcell nominated Angela Kelly which was seconded by Kravitz. Angela Kelly was unanimously appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate for a three year term through 2014.

Resolution #2011-28, Reduce Pension Contribution for 2012 Non-Uniformed Employees

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2011-28 to allow a zero percent wage contribution to the non-uniformed employees' pension plan for the year 2012.

Police Pension Contribution 2011

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2011-30 to refund the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter pension contribution that was deducted from police paychecks.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Maria Slowik told Council that it was a pleasure working with them over the past couple years.

**PRESS FORUM**

There were no questions from the press.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Daniel P. Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary