

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2012**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger

Stephen Algeo

Florence Frei

Barbara Krantz

Suzanne Kravitz

Steve Pizzollo

Jim Purcell

Jim Ryder

Justin Stottlar

Amanda Brooks

John Hollenbach

Daniel P. Olpere

Andrea Coaxum

Joe Berardi

Joe Gura

Josh Aniskevich

Ann Weiss

News Herald

Daily Intelligencer

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Finance Director:

Police Chief:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

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

No one from the public requested an opportunity to speak.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Aigeldinger stated that for agenda item 9E, Solicitor Proposals, that Borough Council would be going into executive session to discuss that matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved the following meeting minutes: Committee meeting of December 5, 2011, Council meeting of December 19, 2011, Council Reorganization meeting of January 3, 2012, and Committees meeting of January 3, 2012.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor stated that the current Solicitor Ann Weiss of Timoney Knox decided not to submit a proposal for the solicitor position. He wanted to thank her for her service to the Borough.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

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

Planning Commission Report

There was no meeting to report on.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Approve the PA DEP 904 Recycling Performance Grant Application

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously approved the use of Hough Associates to assist the Borough in gathering appropriate information and assist the Borough in filing the PA DEP 904 Recycling Performance Grant for the year 2012.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

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

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Planning and Zoning Committee.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Approve Use of Skate Park Pavilion-Perkasie DOG Owners Group

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the use of the skate park pavilion on April 29, 2012 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM by the Perkasie Dog Owners Group.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Solicitor Proposals

Borough Council heard brief presentations for a new Borough Solicitor from two law firms. Present was Attorney Jonathan Reiss of Grim, Biehn and Thatcher and Attorney Nathan Fox of Begley, Carlin and Mandio.

Executive Session

At 7:12 PM, Borough Council went into executive session to meet with the solicitor candidates and conduct private interviews. Council continued its executive session to discuss personnel and litigation matters. Executive session adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Meeting Reconvenes

Solicitor Proposals Continues

Jim Purcell stated that he concurred with the Mayor that Solicitor Ann Weiss has done a wonderful job as the Borough's solicitor over the past 8 years. Barbara Krantz stated that Council considered 10 firms before narrowing it down to 2.

A roll call vote was taken for a new Borough Solicitor. Councilmembers Ryder, Krantz, Frei, Kravitz, Pizzollo voted for the law firms Begley, Carlin and Mandio. Councilmembers Algeo, Purcell, Aigeldinger and Stottlar voted for Grim, Biehn and Thatcher. By a 5-4 vote, the law firm Begley, Carlin and Mandio was selected. The firm will begin as Perkasio's new solicitor February 1, 2012.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Request for Tuition Reimbursement

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council considered approving the tuition reimbursement request by employee Jason Heft for the years 2012 and 2011 not to exceed \$1,800 per year in accordance with the terms of the Borough Work Rules. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Algeo and Stottlar who voted no. Motion carried 7-2.

Police Pension

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2012-2 which would return pension fund money to the Perkasio Police Officers for the month of September 2011.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

PUBLIC FORUM

Andrew Rumbold of 502 South 8th Street said he was disappointed Council didn't choose a solicitor from within the town.

PRESS FORUM

There were no questions from the press.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary