

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 5, 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
Youth Councilor:	Amanda Brooks
Mayor:	John Hollenbach
Borough Manager:	Daniel P. Olpere
Assistant Manager:	Andrea Coaxum
Police Chief:	Joe Gura
Finance Director:	Joe Berardi
Public Works Director:	Dan Gilbert
Electric Superintendent:	Harold Stone
Park and Recreation Director:	Josh Aniskevich
Borough Solicitor:	Nathan Fox
Borough Engineer:	Joe Nolan
Press Representatives:	News Herald Daily Intelligencer

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

Solicitor Fox made a statement reminding all present the policy on public forum that is on the back of the Council agenda.

Bill Delaney of 250 N. 3rd Street commended the Electric Department on a job well done during a recent power outage and an electric line down on Constitution Avenue.

Amy Nees of 512 Spring Court addressed Council with concerns about lack of respect and professionalism at the February 20 Council meeting.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no report from the Planning Commission.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for February 2012.

Leaf Machine

This matter will be discussed at a special meeting of the Public Works Committee on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Borough Council meeting room.

Wastewater Collection Treatment Ordinance

The Committee reviewed an ordinance that had been proposed and reviewed by the Perkasio Regional Authority (PRA) dealing with Wastewater Collection and Treatment. This ordinance has also been reviewed by the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority and all the participating members except Hilltown and Perkasio. The PRA is asking the Borough to get the process started for adoption of the ordinance at the March 19, 2012 Council meeting.

Sump Pump Discharge

This matter will be discussed at the special meeting of the Public Works Committee on March 14, 2012.

Sidewalk Standards

The Committee reviewed a recommended change to Chapter 160 that addresses the standards for sidewalk repair. Since 2006, the sidewalk standards have allowed sidewalk or slab to be out of vertical alignment up to 2 inches and have allowed cracks to exist in sidewalks up to 2 inches. The standards established by the Americans with Disabilities Act state that changes in level should not exceed half an inch and holes or gaps shall not exceed a half an inch. Committee members concurred with the change in the ordinance and agreed to place the matter on the March 19, 2012 agenda for approval.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for February 2012.

Other Business

Committee members thanked the electric department crew for a job well done also on a recent electric line down and power outage in February.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for February 2012.

American Heritage Credit Union

Representatives of American Heritage Credit Union were present to review the land development plan for its new building at Walnut and Constitution. The Committee reviewed a resolution approving the land development plan with conditions and agreed to put it on the March 19 Council agenda for approval.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Carrousel Agreement Amendment

The Perkasio Historical Society provided Council with a draft amendment to the original Carrousel gift agreement with the Borough. This amendment would allow expenditure of some of the Society funds when approved by Council for "valuable and worthy public purposes". The Committee agreed to place the matter on the March 19 Council agenda for approval.

Perkasie Day in the Park

Parks and Recreation Director Josh Aniskevich along with Harold Brummett, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board gave a brief presentation for a new event called "Perkasie Parks Day" that would take place this year in Kulp Park. The event would be a way to show off the park system and show what great things the Borough has to offer. It would be centered around the health and fitness theme and will include vendors and exhibits. Committee members thought it was a great idea and put the event on the March 19, 2012 Council agenda for approval.

Perkasie D.O.G.-First Anniversary Amended Plan

The Committee reviewed a request from the Perkasie D.O.G. Group for permission to close Lenape Park for the part of the day (approximately 8 hrs) to accommodate the 1st Anniversary Celebration for Perkasie Dog Park on April 29, 2012.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Resolution #2012-2, Fire Police Event Approval

The Committee reviewed a resolution authorizing fire police assistance for special events and times of emergencies. Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Aigeldinger the event scheduled

for March 17, 2012, a Plumstead Township 5K race was approved unanimously. Barbara Krantz stated Council would approve the rest of the resolution at the March 19, 2012 meeting.

Ratify/Approval of Perkasio Fire Police Assistance for February 24, 2012

The Committee reviewed a request from Plumstead Township for Perkasio Fire Police assistance for traffic control duties on February 24, 2012 for a funeral for resident of Plumstead Township who was the wife of a long time member of the Plumsteadville Fire Company. Since the funeral has already occurred, Council would need to sanction the request. The item will be placed on the March 19, 2012 Council agenda.

Youth Delegate Comments

Youth Delegate Amanda Brooks commented that she thought it was a good idea to fix the sidewalk to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards. She also liked the idea of using 2nd Street Park for the "Perkasio Day in the Park" event.

Other Business

Jim Purcell asked Fire Chief Dave Worthington how was the Perkasio Fire Company February 4, 2012 banquet turnout. It was noted that the Fire Company has already raised \$40,000 this year in fundraising. Barbara Krantz stated she appreciates all the volunteers that serve on the fire company. The Mayor also commended Chief Worthington for his service to the community. He asked everyone to keep the fire company in mind during fundraising events stating where we would be if we did not have a volunteer fire company in Perkasio.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Sell Used Vehicles

The Committee reviewed a list of vehicles and pieces of equipment to be considered to dispose of by on-site website auction. It was agreed to place the matter on the March 19 Council agenda for approval.

Contribution to Pennridge Community Day

The Committee reviewed a letter from Pennridge Community Inc. requesting a donation to the annual Pennridge Community Day Event. The Committee agreed to place the request on the March 19, 2012 Council agenda for approval.

Contribution to Perkasio Olde Towne Association Springfest

Committee members reviewed a request for a donation from Perkasio Olde Towne Association for their annual Springfest event May 19, 2012. It was agreed to place the matter on the March 19 Council agenda for approval.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Borough Solicitor Nate Fox stated that at the last meeting, Council voted on an amendment to the February 20, 2012 meeting minutes. The Solicitor told Councilmember Justin Stottlar the motion to amend the minutes was not properly carried through and voted on so the issue needs to be revisited. Justin was asked to remake the motion. Justin Stottlar made a motion to amend the minutes of February 20, 2012 in regards to Mr. Rumbold's comments in public forum to state that Mr. Rumbold came to Council with an incident between him and Councilwoman Frei. He believed he was slandered and asked for an apology, censuring and/or resignation. There was no second to the motion. The motion failed.

Solicitor Fox made another statement regarding this incident. Council leadership chose not to address this incident because the conversation did not take place at a Borough meeting. It was at an event that was not sanctioned or governed by any Borough ordinance or any order of Borough business. Mr. Fox stated for the record that Councilwoman Frei did leave the individual in question a voice mail to try to resolve the issue which went unreturned. Any further questions or comments should be directed to Solicitor Fox.

PUBLIC FORUM

None at this time.

PRESS FORUM

No questions from the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary