

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 21, 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

Finance Director:

Joe Berardi (absent)

Police Chief:

Joe Gura

Public Works Director:

Dan Gilbert

Electric Superintendent:

Harold Stone

Parks and Recreation Director:

Josh Aniskevich (absent)

Borough Solicitor:

Nathan Fox

Press Representatives:

News Herald

Perkasie Borough President Matt Aigeldinger convened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Hollenbach gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The public hearing convened at 7:03 PM.

Councilman Stottlar expressed concerns about the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

Andrew Rumbold of 502 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street also expressed concerns about the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and encouraged Council to vote against it.

The hearing adjourned at 7:25 PM

**PUBLIC FORUM**

The Borough Council meeting convened.

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

Susan Green of 624 East Walnut Street asked if Council was exploring other electric options than what Garrett Cole, the Borough's electric consultant proposed at the May 14, 2012 Special Public Utility Committee meeting.

Andrew Rumbold, 502 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street asked Council why the Borough is in the business of selling electricity. He thought the customers of the Borough should be able to choose who they want for their electric supplier.

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive was present to report that kids were throwing stones in his development again.

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Aigeldinger informed Council that there was a lot of activity in the Borough the past weekend including Perkasio Olde Towne Springfest and 5K Race, Yard Sale down in Lenape Park, Soap Box Derby Race on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. He thanked all the residents who came out to attend these events.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of April 16, 2012.

The minutes of May 7 and May 14, 2012 were tabled for approval at the June 18, 2012 Council meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

#### Mayor's Report

The Mayor thanked Perkasio Olde Towne for the outstanding job it did at this years Springfest.

#### Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for April 2012.

#### Budget Status

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for April 2012.

#### Engineer's Report

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

Planning Commission Report

No recent meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before Public Works.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Comcast Pole Attachment

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Pizzollo, Council considered a motion to establish a revised schedule of fees, Resolution #2012-6, for pole attachments to accompany the pole attachment agreement by and between the Borough of Perkasio and Suburban Cable (now Comcast Cable). All Councilmembers voted in favor of the Resolution with the exception of Aigeldinger who abstained. The motion carried 8-0-1.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Consider Zoning Ordinance Amendment on Fair Housing

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Frei, Council considered Ordinance #958 to amend Chapter 186 of the Code of Ordinances of Perkasio Borough revising certain provisions for compliance with the Fair Housing Act. Upon a roll call vote, Councilmembers Krantz, Pizzollo, Purcell, Stottlar, and Ryder voted against the Ordinance. Councilmembers Algeo, Aigeldinger, Frei, and Kravitz voted in favor of it. By a 5-4 vote, the motion did not carry and the Ordinance was not passed. It was asked if the Borough could write a letter to the Bucks County Planning Commission requesting that the Planning Commission identify potential violations of the Fair Housing Act specifically within the Borough's ordinance.

Planning Consultant

Manager Olpere explained that he and the Chairman of the Perkasio Planning Commission Rich Hendricks, had narrowed down detailed proposals received for a Comprehensive Plan with Transportation Initiatives for Perkasio Borough to three firms. Interviews will be set up with the Planning and Zoning Committee in the next couple weeks.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Tsunami Karate Belt Ceremony & Party

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the use of the Menlo Park Pavilion by the Tsunami Karate Group for a belt ceremony and party on July 28, 2012 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

#### Healthy Hearts 5K Race Fundraiser

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Healthy Hearts Foundation to hold its 5K Race Fundraiser on September 23, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM and use the Lake Lenape Twin Bridges, the Skate Park Pavilion, Covered Bridge in Lenape Park, and the Rotary's Pavilion located on Constitution Avenue.

#### Last Chance Ranch-Wags and Wiggles Dog Park

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Stottlar, Council unanimously approved the Annual Wags and Wiggles Dog Walk at Perkasio's Dog Park in Lenape Park at the Skate Park Pavilion on Saturday, October 6, 2012 with a raindate of Sunday, October 7, 2012.

#### Fence at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Park

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the expenditure of \$8,950 to Landis Fence to reinstall a new flood resistance chain link fence at Kulp Playground ballfield.

### PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

#### Constituent Outreach

Council President Matt Aigeldinger told Council that he is meeting regularly with Councilman Jim Ryder on developing a constituent outreach committee to more fully address questions and concerns of the public regarding matters pertaining to the Borough.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### Authorization to Pay Bills

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

#### Open Escrow Account-DWK Industrial

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Frei, Council considered authorizing the Finance Director to establish an escrow account with Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust to hold security deposit escrow for a lease with DWK Industrial for an office in Borough Hall. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion, with the exception of Krantz who abstained. The motion passed 8-0-1.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

#### Perkasie Industrial Development Authority

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2012-5 of Perkasio Borough approving the issuance by the Perkasio Borough Industrial Development Authority of its tax exempt note for a facility located in Doylestown Borough, Bucks County and authorizing the taking of all such acts not inconsistent with the proposed resolution.

#### OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before Council.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Andrew Rumbold, 502 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street thanked Council for not voting for the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive reported that the police department is not taking action against kids throwing stones in his development. He stated he will file charges himself.

#### **PRESS FORUM**

None at this time.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Borough Solicitor stated that Council was going into executive session to discuss the Borough recently becoming involved in another property condemnation issue for a property on Tunnel Road. *Under Section 8a(4) of the Sunshine Law this would be an appropriate item for executive session "To consult with its attorney or other professional advisories regarding information or strategy in connection with litigation or with issues in which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed" and (5)" to review and discuss agency business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of information or confidentially protected by law, including matters related to the initiation and conduct of investigation of possible or certain violations of law and quasi-judicial deliberations".*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

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Daniel P. Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary